



**St. George's**  
Episcopal  
Church

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# The Great Vigil of Easter

**8:00 pm**  
**April 8, 2023**

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You are welcome at  
St. George's Church:  
Regardless of race,  
nationality,  
sexual orientation,  
gender expression,  
or tradition.

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# Great Vigil

## April 8, 2023

The mission of the Church is to  
restore all people to unity with God  
and each other in Christ.  
- Book of Common Prayer, pg. 855

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### Welcome to St. George's!



Whether you are worshiping online or in person, we are glad you are here.

#### Office Hours

Please note our office is closed April 10 -11. If you have a pastoral emergency and need to speak with clergy, please call or text 540.361.8573.

#### Connect with Us

We'd love to get to know you and help get you connected with our parish ministries, formation, and fellowship groups.



Visit [StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/connect](https://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/connect) or scan the QR code and we'll be in touch. You can also fill out the Newcomer Card in your pew and drop it in the offering plate.

### Giving

We believe in a generous, loving, and giving God. We invite our church family to embrace generosity as a lifelong, joyful, transforming, and liberating response to God's call to us. Thank you for your generous support.

Note that cash or offerings designated "Good Friday Offering" will be given to the four dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Loose and offerings designated "Easter Offering" will be split between our Haiti Mission Partners and LUCHA Ministries.



You can make a financial gift:

- **In-person:** place gift in collection plate in the aisle.
- **Online - one-time or recurring:** [StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/giving](https://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/giving). Or scan the QR code.
- **Text:** Send a text message with the dollar amount [e.g. \$50] to: 540.701.4133)

You can also mail a check to the church office:

P.O. Box 7127

Fredericksburg, VA 22404 *Thank you!*

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# Worship and Formation

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**No matter where you are on your faith journey, there's a place for you here.**

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## **Regular Worship Schedule (Sept - May) Sundays:**

- **7:45 am:** Holy Eucharist (Communion), Rite I, spoken
- **9:00 am:** Holy Eucharist with Jazz Band and Choir. This service is also livestreamed via YouTube Live and posted to Facebook after the service ends.
- **11:15 am:** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with organ and choir.
- **5:30 pm:** Holy Eucharist with Celtic Evensong, with Celtic ensemble
- **8:00 pm:** Sung Compline also live streamed on our Compline Facebook page.

## **Wednesdays:**

12 pm: Rite II Eucharist with healing prayer

## **Daily Office:**

The Daily office (Morning and Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer) is offered on Zoom and led by a group of lay persons on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8 am and 5:30 pm. All are welcome.  
Meeting ID: 890 4918 9545  
Passcode: 638538  
Dial in: +1 301 715 8592

## **Formation for All Ages Resumes Apr 16 Adults**

Throughout the year, we have a number of different ways for adults to deepen their understanding of scripture, faith, and more. Sundays at 10 am, we offer adult forums on contemporary topics, featuring guest speakers. Additionally, we have Bible studies and other discussion groups on special topics.

## **Young Adults (18 - 45)**

Our Young Adult Missioner, Rev. Ethan Lowery leads a range of activities - both spiritual and social for college age students and older. To get involved, contact Rev. Ethan at: [missioner@thehousefxbg.org](mailto:missioner@thehousefxbg.org).

## **Youth (6th - 12th Grade)**

Youth group meets on 1st and 3rd Sundays from 5 - 7 pm for dinner, community and fun. Contact Fr. Will ([will.dickinson@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:will.dickinson@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)) to learn more.

## **Youth Café**

Sunday mornings at 10 am, youth in grades 6-8 and grades 9-12 meet with adult leaders and head to a nearby café or a room at church for conversation and treats.

## **Children (pre-K - 5th grade)**

Sundays at 10 am, children gather to learn about our story as the people of God.

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from the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and *Enriching Our Worship*, supplemental liturgical materials approved by the Episcopal Church.

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## Greeting and Welcome

*The congregation gathers on the church steps.*

*The Celebrant addresses the people and offers prayer.*

## The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

*The new fire is kindled. The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire. The people follow the Candle into the church as their own candles are lit.*

Cantor: The light of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.*

*The person appointed, standing near the Candle, sings the Exsultet (BCP 286), an ancient chant of praise inspired by the Paschal light.*

Cantor: Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Cantor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Cantor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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*The Cantor continues*

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant introduces the Scripture readings*

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, the salvation of God's people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring us to the fullness of redemption.

*The people are seated*

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Hymn 385: "Many and great, O God, are thy works" *Dakota Indian Chant*



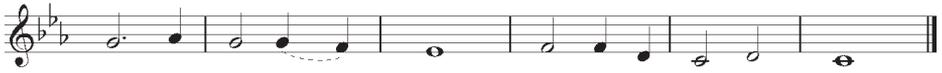
1 Man - y and great, O God, are thy works, mak - er of  
 2 Grant un - to us com - mun - ion with thee, thou star - a -



earth and sky; thy hands have set the hea - vens with stars;  
 bid - ing one; come un - to us and dwell with us;



thy fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at thy  
 with thee are found the gifts of life. Bless us with



word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey thy voice.  
 life that has no end, e - ter - nal life with thee.

Words: American folk hymn; rev. Philip Frazier (1892-1964), alt. Music: *Dakota Indian Chant [Lacquiparle]*, Native American melody

Hymn 648: "When Israel was in Egypt's land"

*Go Down, Moses*

When Is - rael was in E-gypt's land, let my peo-ple go,  
The Lord told Mo-ses what to do, let my peo-ple go,

op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo-ple go.  
to lead the chil-dren of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.

9  
Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;

13  
tell old Pha-raoh to let my peo-ple go.

## S217: The Second Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 55:6-11

1. Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; call upon him when he draws near.

2. Let the wicked for - sake their ways and the e - vil ones their thoughts;

3. And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have com - pas - sion,  
and to our God, for he will rich - ly par - don. 4. For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord. 5. For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

6. For as rain and snow fall from the hea - vens and return not again, but wa - ter the earth,  
7. Bringing forth life and giv - ing growth, seed for sowing and bread for eat - ing,  
8. So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; it will not return to me emp - ty;  
9. But it will accomplish that which I have pur - posed, and prosper in that for which  
*(Gloria Patri may be omitted)*  
I sent it. 10. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:  
11. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

## Hymn 508: "Breathe on me, Breath of God"

*Nova Vita*

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The second system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The third system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The fourth system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the vocal lines.

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## Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

BCP 292

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**People: I do.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

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## The Blessing of the Water

### The Asperges

*The people are sprinkled with the blessed holy water from the font as a reminder of their own baptisms.*

### Romans 6:3-11

*New Revised Standard Version*

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

### Proclamation of Easter

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The Candles at the Altar are lighted from the Paschal Candle. Bells and chimes are struck.*

### Gloria in excelsis: S278

William Mathias

**Glorify God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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Celebrant: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*The celebrant continues*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving of the People**

In the light of your resurrection, O Christ, all darkness falls away. In the light of your resurrection, O Christ, the ills of the world are overcome. In the light of your resurrection, O Christ, we bless you for our hope.

For the gift of the Spirit

**blessed be Christ.**

For the whole Christian Church

**blessed be Christ.**

For all those who serve God

**blessed be Christ**

For the means of grace

**blessed be Christ.**

For the hope of glory

**blessed be Christ.**

For the love of the lonely

**blessed be Christ.**

For the feeding of the hungry

**blessed be Christ**

For the triumphs of the Gospel

**blessed be Christ.**

For the lives of the saints

**blessed be Christ.**

In joy and in sorrow

**blessed be Christ.**

In life and in death

**blessed be Christ.**

Now and to the end of the ages:

**blessed be Christ.**

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*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*All are now invited to exchange a sign of peace with a wave or bow.*

**Announcements**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. We invite you to share your gifts in support of our ministry within and beyond our congregation. You may place your gift in the offering plate. You can also give online ([bit.ly/stggive](http://bit.ly/stggive)) or text to give (send a text message with the dollar amount [e.g. \$50] to: 540.701.4133).*

**Anthem:** Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Faure

*Translation: Word of God, one with the Most High, in Whom alone we have our hope, Eternal Day of heaven and earth, We break the silence of the peaceful night; Saviour Divine, cast your eyes upon us!*

*Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace, That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice; Banish the slumber of a weary soul, That brings forgetfulness of your laws!*

*O Christ, look with favour upon your faithful people Now gathered here to praise you; Receive their hymns offered to your immortal glory; May they go forth filled with your gifts.*

**Presentation Hymn 199 (st. 2, 3):**

"'Tis the spring of souls today"

*St. Kevin*

**'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,  
and from three days sleep in death as a sun hath risen;  
all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying  
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.**

**Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,  
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.**

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**The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)**

BCP 361

Celebrant: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.***The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth: But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus S128**

William Mathias

**Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might,****Heaven and earth are full of your glory.****Hosanna in the highest.****Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.****Hosanna in the highest.***The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**Fraction Anthem: S155**

Gerald Near

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;**

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Invitation to Communion**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. *and may add*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome at St. George's to receive communion. Please come forward, as invited by an usher. Approach the priest with your hands over each other, palms up. You may then receive the wine if you wish. If you require a gluten free wafer, please approach with your palms down or make your need known. If you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. After, please return to your pew by the side aisle.*

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**Music During Communion**  
**Instrumental Music**

**"Jesus, the Lord, Is Risen"**

Taize

**Jesus, the Lord, is risen! Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Jesus, the Lord, is risen today! Alleluia, alleluia.**

**The Prayer after Communion**

**BCP 365**

**Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**A Blessing for Easter**

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Savior Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do the will of God; and the blessing of the one, holy and undivided Trinity, the author of creation, the bearer of salvation, and the advocate of life, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Dismissal Hymn 207: "Jesus Christ is risen today"**

*Easter Hymn*

*Found in the blue Hymnal in your pew*

**The Dismissal**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude: Toccata in F, BuxWV 156**

Dietrich Buxtehude

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# Holy Week and Easter Worship

## **Taize Worship – Tuesday, April 4, 7 pm:**

Also livestreamed on Facebook Live

## **Maundy Thursday – April 6 at 7 pm:**

With footwashing and stripping of the altar

## **Good Friday – April 7**

12 pm: Service with sermon (livestreamed on YouTube Live)

2 pm: Micah Ministries Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

7 pm: Sung passion, debuting a new composition by John H. Vreeland (livestreamed on YouTube Live)

## **Holy Saturday – April 8**

8:30 am: Morning Prayer in our Nave (also livestreamed on Facebook Live)

5 pm: Liturgy of the Light in Sydnor Hall – for children, ages 3 and up.

8 pm: The Great Easter Vigil in the Nave.

## **Easter Sunday, April 9**

6:30 am: Micah Sunrise Service at Fredericksburg Fairgrounds

7:45 am, 9 am (also on YouTube Live), 11:15 am, 5:30 pm:

Joyful Easter Eucharist

10:15 am: Our Easter Egg Hunt returns!

1-3 years: Market Square

4-7 years: Renwick Lawn (George Street)

8-11 years: Graveyard

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# Mark Your Calendars

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## **Special Thanks to Our Flower Guild**

The beautiful flowers you see are thanks to the loving artistry and ministry of our flower guild. We hope you enjoy these blooms as a living symbol of resurrection. As a special thank you, those who donated to our Gratitude Offering are invited to take home an Easter Lily following the 11:15 am service on Easter Sunday.

## **Easter Egg Hunt Returns!**

Our beloved Annual Easter Egg Hunt is back Easter Sunday at 10:15 am. A big thank you to all of our volunteers helping stuff and hide the eggs. 1-3 years search in Market Square; 4-7 years search Renwick Courtyard, and 8-11 years search our Graveyard.

## **Youth Confirmation Classes Coming!**

Classes for youth (13 and up) interested in confirmation begin April 16 during the Formation Hour at 10 am and continue for 7 weeks, taught by Fr. Will and some guest stars. We'll explore owning our own faith, what role church might play in our lives as we mature. These classes prepare youth for our bishop visitation on May 7 and continue until the end of the program year. Contact Fr. Will to sign up!

## **Rogation Sunday: May 14**

We will pray for Mother Earth and invite you to bring garden tools, seeds, or plants to be blessed at morning worship services.

## **Concert Series Continues: April 16**

Our monthly concert series continues on Sunday, April 16 at 3 pm with music by Laurie Rose Griffith and Peter Mealy with John and Mary Vreeland. Don't miss this eclectic mix of classics, including Crosby, Stills, and Nash, Paul Simon, and more, plus original music. The concert is free with donations accepted at the door.

## **Shrine Mont Sunday - April 30**

Join us at the Adult Forum on Sunday, April 30 at 10:15 am (in person or on Zoom) as we unveil the theme for this year's Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont! Registrations open that day, and everyone who registers and pays in full on Sunday will be entered into a drawing for one free registration for our weekend (October 6-8). Any questions, please contact Danielle Davis at [danielle@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:danielle@stgeorgesepiscopal.net).

## **Ascension Day Service May 18, 7 pm**

Join us at 7 pm on Thursday, May 18 for a regional celebration of Christ's Ascension with worship and Holy Eucharist.

## **Summer Schedule Resumes May 28**

On Sunday, May 28 - Pentecost Sunday - we will shift to our "summer schedule" with services at 7:45 am, 10 am, and 5:30 pm. Our Compline service takes a break as well as Sunday school classes.

## **Outdoor Worship and Parish Picnic**

We will hold our 10 am service on June 4 outside, weather permitting, at Hurkamp Park. More information to come.

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# Get Involved

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Questions? Or would you like to get connected with clergy? Please contact the church office: 540.373.4133  
[office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

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## How are you called to serve?

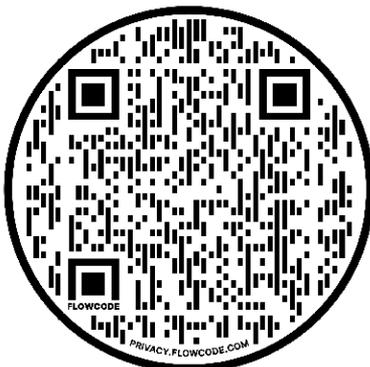
Serving builds our parish and local community as we give thanks to God and follow Christ's example.

There are a number of ways you can get involved at St. George's:

- Worship leaders and support teams
- Music ministries (singers and instrumentalists)
- The Table - our market style food pantry that shares fresh produce with those experiencing food insecurity
- Media and technical support for livestream services
- Extending care and prayer for church members
- Volunteering with our children and youth ministries

## Want to learn more?

Contact the church office (540.373.4133, [office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)), visit: [www.stgeorgesepiscopal.net/share](http://www.stgeorgesepiscopal.net/share), or scan the QR code below.



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## Pastoral Care

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**If you have a pastoral care emergency (death, serious illness, job loss) and need to speak with clergy, please call or text 540.361.8573 to reach clergy on call.**

Pastoral Care at St. George's is a ministry of the clergy and the laity. By walking with each other through times of joy and times of sorrow, we show the love of Christ to all.

Need prayer? We offer an email prayer chain as well as an intercessory prayer group. Our One Body Response Team (OBRT) offers prayers, sends cards, and responds to other needs as able. Request prayers online ([stgeorgesepiscopal.net/prayer](http://stgeorgesepiscopal.net/prayer)) or by contacting the church office.

Prayer Quilts and Prayer Shawls are available upon request. These mantles of healing and comfort are made by our ministry teams and prayers are said for the recipient in the making of each shawl or quilt.

We also offer a "Writing our Way to Wholeness" group on Zoom for anyone experiencing loss. For more information and to enroll contact our church office (540.373.4133; [office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)).

If you need support or encouragement, please consider reaching out to our church office (540.373.4133; [office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)).

Can you pray, knit, quilt, write, or cook? Contact the church office or speak to a member of clergy about sharing your gifts with our pastoral care ministries.

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## Contact Staff

**For pastoral emergencies:  
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# Vestry

If you have questions or concerns,  
please reach out to our Vestry  
(elected lay leaders).

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*To reach the Vestry, please email: [vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net). To reach an individual vestry member, please contact the church office at [office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net) or 540.373.4133.*

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Finance Warden

**Mac Smith, 2024**  
Grounds Warden

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**Brian Davis, 2025**

**Brooke Di Lauro, 2025**

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# Serving This Sunday

Thank you to our worship leaders serving today. If you would like to volunteer, contact the church office: [office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net).

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C.J. Black  
Ethel Helman  
Cindy Helton  
Elearnore Spears  
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**Contact Our Vestry:**

The Vestry is our elected, lay leadership council led by our Senior Warden Jane McDonald and Junior Warden Michele Prout Alston.

The Vestry welcomes your questions, concerns, and feedback. Email them at: [vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

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