



**St. George's**  
Episcopal  
Church

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Liturgy for  
Holy Saturday  
8:30 am

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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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.**

## **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)

*We invite you to prepare for worship by observing silence or taking time for private prayer.*

**Greeting and Welcome**

Let us pray

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**Lamentations 3:1 - 9, 19 - 24**

*New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

I am one who has seen affliction under the rod of God's wrath; he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light; against me alone he turns his hand, again and again, all day long. He has made my flesh and my skin waste away, and broken my bones; he has besieged and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; he has made me sit in darkness like the dead of long ago. He has walled me about so that I cannot escape; he has put heavy chains on me; though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer; he has blocked my ways with hewn stones, he has made my paths crooked. The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."

**I Peter 4:1 - 8***New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

Since Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention (for whoever has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin), so as to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God. You have already spent enough time in doing what the Gentiles like to do, living in licentiousness, passions, drunkenness, revels, carousing, and lawless idolatry. They are surprised that you no longer join them in the same excesses of dissipation, and so they blaspheme. But they will have to give an accounting to him who stands ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is the reason the gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does. The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.

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**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Silence*

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**The conclusion of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 19:38 - 42**  
*New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

**The Homily**

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

**Anthem**

**BCP 492**

In the midst of life we are in death;  
from whom can we seek help?  
From you alone, O Lord,  
who by our sins are justly angered.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy and merciful Savior,  
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts;  
shut not your ears to our prayers,  
but spare us, O Lord.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy and merciful Savior,  
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

O worthy and eternal Judge,  
do not let the pains of death  
turn us away from you at our last hour.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy and merciful Savior,  
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

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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.**

### **Concluding Grace**

The Grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*At the conclusion of the service, all are invited to bow in body or spirit before the altar or wherever you are, and depart in silence.*



# 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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learn more





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# Mark Your Calendars

For the latest news and events,  
sign up for our weekly e-newsletter,  
**The St. Georgian:**  
[StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/enews](http://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/enews)

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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?

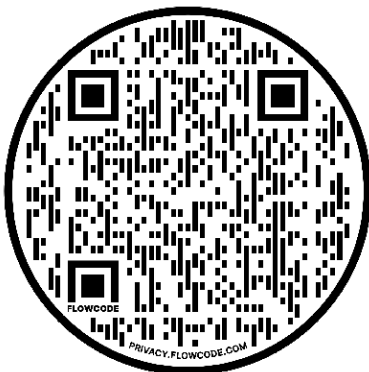
Serving builds our parish and local community as we give thanks to God and follow Christ's example.

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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