



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Liturgy for
Holy Saturday
8:30 am

March 30, 2024

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

Holy Saturday

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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

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 1 - 2. 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 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.

For the latest news and events, sign-up to receive our weekly e-newsletter, The St. Georgian: StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/enews.

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 given to our Haiti Mission Partners in Port-au-Prince.



You can make a financial gift:

- **In-person:** place gift in collection plate in the aisle.
- **Online - one-time or recurring:** 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!*

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer

March 30, 2024

from the red Book of Common Prayer
(BCP)

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

Celebrant: 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.

- 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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Silence

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.**

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 and depart in silence.

Worship and Formation

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
- **11:15 am:** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with organ and choir.
- **5:30 pm:** Holy Eucharist with Celtic Evensong, with Celtic ensemble

Summer Worship Schedule Begins May 25:

- **7:45 am:** Holy Eucharist (Communion), Rite I, spoken
- **10 am:** Holy Eucharist with diverse music offerings. This service is also livestreamed via YouTube Live.
- **5:30 pm:** Holy Eucharist with Celtic Evensong, with Celtic ensemble

Wednesdays:

12 pm: Rite II Eucharist with prayers for healing

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 7 Adults

10 am every Sunday in Sydnor Hall: Our next series is all about **Relationships**, including sessions on Friendship, Parenting, and what Scripture says about it all, with a mix of small group discussion, guided reflection, and teaching. Runs April 14 – May 12.

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.

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) 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.

Mark Your Calendars

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

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.

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.

YogaVoice returns April 26-28

The YogaVoice Weekend is a wonderful opportunity to improve your breathing, singing, and relaxation techniques. Instrumentalists and non-musicians can benefit as well. Created by opera singer and yoga teacher Mark Moliterno, the YogaVoice program helps people discover their authentic voice for singing, public speaking, and more. Plan to join us for this 3 day session in a relaxing and supportive environment. Contact john.vreeland@stgeorgesepiscopal.net for more information.

Concert Series Continues: April 21

Our monthly concert series continues on Sunday, April 21 at 3 pm with The Portland Guitar Duo. Don't miss this afternoon of classical guitar music. The concert is free with donations accepted at the door.

Save the Date: Youth Service Week: June 17-21

The St. George's Youth Group (rising grade 8-12) are participating in a week of fun, formation, and service June 17-21! This is a time to grow stronger in our connections with one another and the wider community through activities like serving at our food ministries, floating on the Rappahanock, beautifying our green spaces, and catching some rays at the pool. More information to come, but please contact Jake DeNap with questions: jake.denap@stgeorgesepiscopal.net

Shrine Mont Sunday - April 28

Join us at the Adult Forum on Sunday, April 30 at 10:15 am as we unveil the theme for this year's Parish Weekend Oct. 11 -13 at Shrine Mont! Registrations open that day. Any questions, please contact Danielle Davis danielle@stgeorgesepiscopal.net.

Ascension Day Service May 9, 7 pm

Join us at 7 pm on Thursday, May 9 for a regional celebration of Christ's Ascension with worship and Holy Eucharist.

Outdoor Worship and Parish Picnic

We will hold our 10 am service and parish picnic on June 2 outside, weather permitting, at Hurkamp Park. More information to come.

Get Involved

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

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 services: in-front and behind-the-scenes roles
- Music ministries - singers and instrumentalists
- Feeding our neighbors at Monday night Community Dinner and at The Table - our market-style food pantry
- Media and technical support for livestream services
- Extending care and prayer for church members
- Volunteering with our children and youth ministries
- Hospitality and fellowship ministries that bring us together for fun, food, and making friends.

Want to learn more?

Contact the church office

(540.373.4133,

office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net), visit:

www.stgeorgesepiscopal.net/share, or

scan the QR code below.



Pastoral Care

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, the love of Christ is revealed.

If you need support or encouragement, please consider reaching out to our church office (540.373.4133; office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net). You may also contact clergy directly to make an appointment.

Prayer Ministers are available to pray with you during our worship services and outside of worship times on the phone. Our Prayer Group provides intercessory prayer weekly. Our One Body Response Team (OBRT) offers prayers, sends cards, and responds to other needs as able, such as meals or rides.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs) are available to bring Holy Communion to the homebound.

Our Wednesday Noon Eucharist service in the nave includes prayers for healing and anointing.

Prayer Shawls are available upon request for those going through a difficult time. These mantles of healing and comfort are prayerfully made by our parishioners who knit or crochet.

To join one of these ministries, contact the church office or speak to a member of clergy.



Serving Today

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

Clergy:

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

The Rev. William S. Dickinson

Preacher:

the Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

Reader:

Katie Green

Contact Our Vestry:

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

The Vestry welcomes your questions, concerns, and feedback. Email them at: vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net

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