



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Celtic Evensong
with
Holy Communion

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024 at 5:30 pm

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

Welcome to St. George's!

View Our Complete Weekly
Worship Schedule on our Website:
StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/worship

Whether you are worshiping online or in person, we are glad you are here. We hope you will find comfort in the beauty of the worship and encouragement in your personal faith journey.

New to St. George's?

Thank you for joining us today!

You can use this bulletin to follow along with the worship service. We use liturgies based in the red *Book of Common Prayer*. Hymns are from the blue *Hymnal 1982* and green *Wonder, Love, and Praise*. All are located in your pew. Watch fellow worshippers for when to stand or sit, and please only do what is comfortable for you.

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.

Our rector (lead priest), Rev. Joe Hensley, would welcome the chance to speak with you. Please introduce yourself after the worship service. You can also contact him at: joe.hensley@stgeorgesepiscopal.net

Thank You for Your Generous Gifts!

Your financial gifts fund our ministries so we may show the Love of God to all. This month your gifts have helped:

- the St. George's Youth Group craft and send care packages to St. Georgians who are away at college.
- sustain our partners in ministry at Notre Dame Parish and School in Port-au-Prince, Haiti with over \$5000 collected through our Easter outreach offering.

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!



Formation for All Ages:

View staff directory on our website:
StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/staff
Or call the church office: 540.373.4133

One way we explore our spirituality is through learning - be it presentations, reading, or even talking with one another during coffee hour.

Nursery

Nursery care is available for little ones ages 0 - 4 years old during the 9 am and 11:15 am worship services and the 10 am formation hour. Please see an usher for directions to the nursery.

Children

Montessori-based faith exploration

- Age 3 - 2nd Grade: Godly Play, a Montessori-based program of stories, wondering, and expressive art or play. In the Godly Play room of the Preschool floor.
- Grades 3 - 5: SPLASH (Spirit, Play, Love All Spoken Here) using a curriculum designed by the Episcopal Church. In the Youth area of the 3rd floor.

Youth

An inclusive, welcoming community

- Youth Café is back! Youth will gather in the small side of Sydnor and head to a local coffee shop for fellowship.

*Youth Group meets for fellowship
5 - 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of
the month, on the Youth Floor*

Adults

Forum Presentation (Sydnor Hall):

This Sunday is the next session in our series, *Life Together*, exploring friendship, led by Jennifer Vaughan and fellow parishioners.

Questions about formation offerings?

General inquiries:

Church Office - 540.373.4133

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Children: age 3 - 5th grade

Rev. Joe Hensley

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Youth: 6th - 12th grade

Adults

Rev. Will Dickinson

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Young Adults: age 18 - 45

Rev. Ethan Lowery

missioner@thehousefxbg.org

The Fourth Sunday of Easter from the red Book of Common Prayer
April 21, 2024 (BCP), *Enriching Our Worship*, and forms
of prayer from around the world.

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

We welcome you to this service, whether you have been here often or if this is your first time. Please use this bulletin as your guide to participate. Please note the announcements about ways to connect and upcoming events. May this time of worship and prayer be a blessing to you.

Prelude

One minute of silence follows the prelude. Please rise or rise in spirit at the ringing of the bell.

Opening Reading: "Psalm 23: The Lord's My Shepherd"

Celtic Psalms

The Lord's my shepherd I'll not want
He lets me rest in pastures green
He leadeth me by waters still
He restores my soul; restores my soul
Even though I walk through the darkest vale
I will fear no evil, for you're with me
Your rod and staff, protect and guide
You comfort me; you comfort me
You prepare a table, a feast for me
In the presence of my enemies
You anoint my head with holy oil
My cup overflows; it overflows
Surely goodness and God's mercy great
Shall follow me all my days of life
And I'll dwell within the house of God
My whole life long; my whole life long.

Hymn 645 (st, 1, 2, 5, 6): "That King of love my shepherd is"

St. Columba

Gather in God's Name

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A Prayer for the Evening

Officiant: We light a candle in the name of the Maker,

People: who lit the world and breathed the breath of life for us.

Officiant: We light a candle in the name of the Son,

People: who saved the world and stretched out his hand to us.

Officiant: We light a candle in the name of the Spirit,

People: who encompasses the world.

Officiant: Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the Breaking of Bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The Reading from the Gospel

John 10:11 - 18

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away-- and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Silence is observed after the reading

Meditation

the Rev. William S. Dickinson

Two minutes of silence will follow.

Music for Meditation

Pray for the World and the Church

Please stand as able

Officiant: Almighty God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church and for all who serve you in it.

Leader 1: Loving God, enliven the Church for its mission.

People: That we may be salt to the earth and light to the world.

Leader 2: Breathe fresh life into your people.

People: Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

Leader 1: Creator of all, lead us and every people into the ways of justice and peace.

People: That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Leader 2: Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

People: Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

Leader 1: God of Truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

People: That all may act with integrity and courage.

Leader 2: Give grace to all those whose lives are linked with ours.

People: May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Leader 1: Let us pray now, together, for the whole human family.

All: Open our hearts to see your Spirit moving among us.

Leader 2: Let us now name before God those for whom we offer our personal prayers, either silently or aloud.

The people add their intentions silently or aloud.

Officiant: Lord, you have called us to serve you.

All: Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills, until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ Our Savior. Amen

If you like, please come forward during the music and light a candle as an embodied symbol of your prayer. Please help us to keep a bit of distance between one another.

Music for Meditation

"O Lord, hear my prayer"

Taizé

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me.

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,

Come and listen to me.

please stand and say in unison

Eternal Spirit Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven, the hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

The Grace

Officiant: Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection and the world was changed forever: Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. **Amen.**

Exchange the Peace

Officiant: Christ, the Good Shepherd, binds us with a bond of love that cannot be broken. My sisters and brothers, the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

All are now invited to exchange a sign of peace.

Prepare the Table

As we prepare to make Eucharist, the holy feast of thanksgiving and grace, we present ourselves and our gifts to God and remember that Jesus said, "Abide in my love...I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete."

It is a joy to gather together this evening, and we especially welcome anyone who is visiting or here for the first time. Please see more information in the bulletin notes and feel free to introduce yourself after the service. There are also printed instructions about receiving communion or a blessing.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. As the table is prepared, we invite you to consider a gift in support of our ministry within and beyond our congregation. Make your offering online (<http://bit.ly/stggive>), in the alms basin provided in the aisle, or by mail to the church. Please note the announcements at the rear of this bulletin. For the latest updates and messages of encouragement, check our website (StGeorgesEpiscopal.net) and subscribe to our email newsletter (<http://bit.ly/stgenews>).

Music for Meditation

Make Eucharist

Please stand.

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:

O God of mystery and promise, you invite us to discover you in the intimate places of ourselves and our lives.

You invite us to discover you within the complexities of our humanity, in passionate and tender loving,

in struggle and pain,

in confusion and unknowing,

in flashes of insight and wisdom.

You also call us beyond ourselves to places of imagination,

beyond the silent stars,

in the deep rhythms of the ocean,

in the unending cycles of day and night, seasons of life and death.

With saints and ancestors,

with the seas and earth and sky, with animals and birds,

with our friends and those unknown to us,

with all creation we join in the song of your unending glory:

Sanctus WLP 850

Jonathan Dimmock

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest, the highest.

The Celebrant proceeds:

We praise you that in Jesus Christ you make known to us the wonder and richness of our humanity. We give thanks for his life-giving love, for his healing touch, for his vulnerability and for his gentleness.

Before he gave up his life, he shared his humanity, his flesh and blood with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and gave it to them saying:

“This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me.”

So too after they had eaten, he took wine, gave thanks for it and gave it to them saying:

“This is my blood, poured out in love for you. Do this to remember me.”

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Come now, Spirit of God, come upon us and upon this bread and wine. Make us one body, food for the world, one blood to be poured out for the life of all. Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us with longing for the new age of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus who gave his body that we might be one and his blood that we might find new life. With him, and through him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be to you, O God, all honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: As Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Break the Bread and Share the Gifts of God

"O Risen Lord"

Ralph R. Stewart

O risen Lord, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

O risen Lord, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

**O risen Lord, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

Celebrant: This is the table, not simply of the Church, but of our God. It is made ready for those who love God and those who want to love more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is God who invites you. It is God's will that those who want God should meet Love here.

All are welcome to participate in Communion through receiving the Sacrament in the form of Bread and Wine or receiving a blessing. You may come forward as invited by an usher. For those receiving the Sacrament, hold out your hands over each other, palms up. If you require a gluten-free wafer, hold your hands palms down. You may sip the wine from the chalice or simply touch the base. For those receiving a blessing instead, please cross your arms over your chest. After, please return to your pew by the side aisle.

Music during Communion

After Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please stand.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew us, and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: May God, who shakes the heavens and the earth, whom death could not contain, and who lives to disturb and heal us, bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the Gospel, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Go into the World

Hymn 664: "My shepherd will supply my need"

Resignation

The Dismissal

Officiant: Go into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor everyone, love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Acknowledgments

The Opening Reading from Celtic Psalms. The Opening Sentences from *Common Worship* of the Church of England. The Prayer for the Evening is from Iona. Prayer inspired by The Lord's Prayer from A New Zealand Prayer Book, Harper Collins, 1977.



YogaVoice Workshop with Mark Moliterno

During the month of April, St. George's is offering the YogaVoice wellness program to the St. George's community as a way to grow the voices of our congregation, lectors, singers, and leaders. No experience in Yoga is required, and all techniques are adaptable to insure individual comfort and success.

YogaVoice® is a personal transformation technology founded by opera singer and yoga teacher Mark Moliterno that helps you to find your deep, inner purpose and its clear expression. Time-honored yoga practices, yoga therapy techniques, and a wellness-based voice training method help you remove the obstacles that might be impeding your authentic voice. YogaVoice® training provides essential tools for cultivating an empowered voice in singing, public speaking, teaching, and entrepreneurship.

There will be a final 1-hour introductory sessions led by Director of Music Ministries John Vreeland to provide basic information and practice in breathing, body awareness, and phonation. It will be held at 7 pm in the choir room tomorrow, Monday April 22nd.

The YogaVoice workshop, led by founder Mark Moliterno, will take place on:

Friday, April 26, 7 pm – 9 pm: Introductory Lecture

Saturday, April 27, 9 am – 4 pm: Yoga practice and YogaVoice techniques

Sunday, April 28, 1:30 pm – 4 pm: Yoga review and individual phonation practice with Mark

All sessions are free, thanks to funding provided by the Elizabeth Howard Fund. Scan the QR code to sign up. or visit our website: StGeorgesEpiscopal.net

Scan to
sign up



Announcements

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

Pray For Haiti

In this time of further political instability, our partners at Notre Dame Parish and School in Port Au Prince need our prayers. The school and parish (Pere Geffrard Ricot, rector) remain open by the grace of God, a beacon of hope in one of the poorest neighborhoods in the city as well as for the teachers and staff who remain employed there. St. George's has continued to help fund the operations of the school. As always, if you would like to contribute to our Haiti funds, go to our giving page (and select the Haiti option in the giving menu) or send a check to St. George's designated for Haiti mission.

Seeking Dinner Group Leaders

Do you love to host? Are you willing to give some time and space in your life to help other St. Georgians feel belonging? We're forming a new cohort of leaders for a new season of our Dinner Groups, intentional small groups that meet weekly or every other week for 8 weeks, simply to build community and help each other belong. All groups have two co-hosts, and you get to decide when and where your group meets. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Fr. Will (will.dickinson@stgeorgesepiscopal.net).

Parish Survey Update

Thank you to everyone who responded to our parish survey. We received 130 responses and are in the process of reviewing the results among the staff and vestry. We hope to share a report to the congregation in May.

JaM Concert – Friday, April 26

JaM (Jazz and a Mission) has their next concert Friday, April 26 at 7 pm at Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church. The concert features St. Georgians David Bronston and Malanna Henderson. Proceeds from the concert benefit Loisann's Hope House.

Concert Series Continues Today

Our monthly concert series continues today, 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.

Shrine Mont Sunday - April 28

Join us at the Adult Forum next Sunday, April 28, 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).

Today's Altar Arrangement:

is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jinxie and Warren Forbush by their daughters.

St. George's Prayer List

For the most up-to-date list of prayers and thanksgivings, sign up to receive our email prayer list: StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/signup

Regarding the Prayer List:

We strive to extend the power of the congregation's prayer to those who feel they would benefit from its embrace. Please submit prayer requests in writing to office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net. Names remain on the list for 1 month.

Our leadership:

For our bishops, Justin, Michael, Mark, Gayle, and Bud; for Joe, Will, and Ethan, our clergy; for those who are priests and pastors in our community; for our staff—Laurel, John, Jake, Kevin, Danielle, Barbara, Michael, Achim, Lisa, Riley, Amy, and Juliann; and for our Vestry.

Those needing God's grace:

Lucy, Melanie Goodpasture, Ashley Johnson, Pamela Haley, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Gabe Rodriguez, Jim Towbin, Kathy Braid, Craig Ground, Hannah Cannon, Karen Bigwood, Valerie

Those in convalescence:

Paul Metzger, Ralph Powell, Deborah York, Rosemary Beales, Jan F., Marcia Russell, Jan Waltonen, Joyce Snead (mother of Joyce Steele), Karen Primmer, Trip Wiggins, Eleanore Spears, Jan Fensterer, Linda Dolph, *Liz Myers*

Those expecting children:

Steven Janowiecki and Amanda Fisher; Joseph and Jenna Dzurenda; Michael and Maria Strickland, daughter of Anna and Paul Colopy; Andrea and Cody Bryant

Those serving our country overseas:

Jeff Bryant, Travis Weber

Those attending seminary:

Kris Rose, Anne-Tillery Melson, John Hager

Those who have died:

Karl-Josef Jochem, Roy Bigwood

Those homebound:

Betty Stephens, Cornelia Bryant

Those with ongoing concerns:

Arya Holmes, Dick Roth, Molly Myers, Randy Donaldson, Martha and Sarah Turner, Claire Simpson, Paula Mullins, Mina Sabik, Beryl Harrison, Bill Marshall, Christina Shiel, Annette, Russ Carter, Diane Powell, Ron Tebbutt, Reggie Harrison, Betsy, Linda Baribeau, Isobel Hornung, Janis Hales, Margot VanHorn

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Christ, Alexandria; Good Shepherd, Burke; St. John's, McLean; Varina, Richmond

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Anglican Church of Australia

Our Partners: St. George's Episcopal Pre-school; Notre Dame Parish and School (Port-au-Prince, Haiti), Père Geffrard Ricot; The House college chaplaincy and young adult ministry; SAWs Virginia; Rev. Óshin Jennings, No Barriers Zen Temple; Micah Ecumenical Ministries; Our Little Roses - Honduras

Serving This Sunday

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

Celebrant:

The Rev. William S. Dickinson

Officiant:

David C. Primmer

Chalice Bearers:

David C. Primmer

Mary Jane O'Neill

Candle Set up:

Marilyn Farrington

Reader:

Margaret Synan

Greeter:

Marilyn Farrington

Usher:

Jack Farrington

Prayers:

Mary Miller

Christi Carver

Musicians:

Amanda Fisher, violin

Mike Grinnan, guitar

John Vreeland, piano

Peggy Mathias, voice

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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