



**St. George's**  
Episcopal  
Church

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# Celtic Evensong with Holy Communion

**Easter Sunday**  
**April 20, 2025 at 5:30 pm**

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

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April 20, 2025

**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 21 - 22. 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.

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

## Thank You for Your Generous Gifts!

Your financial gifts fund our ministries so we may show the Love of God to all.



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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# Walking Together

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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.

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.

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. These mantles of healing and comfort are made by our ministry teams.

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

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

## Land and Labor Acknowledgment

We give thanks for the land which God created as a precious gift. We honor the Indigenous peoples who long knew the land of our parish more than 10,000 years before it was established over 300 years ago, including the Patowomeck and Rappahannock Tribes who still live here. Please see our website for the full text of our land acknowledgment.

We also honor the people of African descent whose enslaved labor supported the parish for the first half of its history. Rooted in the Gospel, repentant of sin, we are nurturing faith and seeking justice, healing, and repair of relationships amid the complexity of our times.

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# Easter Sunday

## April 20, 2025

from the red Book of Common Prayer  
(BCP), *Enriching Our Worship*, and forms  
of prayer from around the world.

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*We invite you to prepare for worship by observing silence or taking time for private prayer. Please take a moment to silence cell phones and alarms. 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:** Eriskay Lullaby  
Flow Gently, Sweet Afton

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

### **Opening Poem:**

*For all who have never seen the Easter light*

Stephen Charleston

Let us hold high a single candle,

a beacon of invitation.

Remember, the light came not for those in dawn  
but shadow.

We have walked this way before, but for others  
it is a detour uncertain.

How many have no idea of what it is we do

or why? Can we count them? Before I step

into the warmth, I will recall the cold,

for I once knew how precious a thing

a single candle could be.

**Hymn 178:** "Alleluia, alleluia"

*Alleluia No. 1*

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## Gather in God's Name

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### **A Prayer for the Evening**

Officiant: Christ is alive

**All: Let the whole earth sing**

Officiant: The cross stands empty to the sky

**All: Let streets and homes with praises ring**

Officiant: Christ's love in death shall never die.

**All: Alleluia!**

Officiant: Almighty God, who through your Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Christ's resurrection, may be raised by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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## Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

### The Reading from the Gospel

**John 20: 1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

*Two minutes of silence will follow.*

**Music for Meditation:** The Brown Thorn

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## Pray for the World and the Church

### Prayers of the People

Christ is risen indeed, O God. We join together in prayer and praise in this joyful season, saying

Hear us, risen Christ: Alleluia, hear our prayer.<sup>1</sup>

We tell out the Good News with joyful voice! Bless the whole Church throughout the world, especially our Diocese and St. George's Church.

Hear us, risen Christ:

**Alleluia, hear our prayer.**

You have opened heaven's gate! Inspire all ministers who witness to your glory on earth, especially our lay and clergy leaders.

Hear us, risen Christ:

**Alleluia, hear our prayer.**

Jesus burst his three days' prison! Help us proclaim release to all in captivity, freedom to all oppressed, food for those who hunger, and safety to those who fear.

Hear us, risen Christ:

**Alleluia, hear our prayer.**

Death's long shadows have departed! Bring peace to places ravaged by violence, especially to Ukraine, Haiti, Sudan, Congo, the Holy Land, and to this land, and bring peace to the fear and anger in our own hearts.

Hear us, risen Christ:

**Alleluia, hear our prayer.**

We are risen to a holier state! Help us to live out the grace we have been given, and hear the prayers we bring with us today, silently or aloud:

*The people offer their prayers silently or aloud.*

Hear us, risen Christ:

**Alleluia, hear our prayer.**

Death is conquered and we are free! Let your will for all who have died be fulfilled, and may we rise with them in glory.

Hear us, risen Christ:

**Alleluia, hear our prayer.**

*The Confession is omitted as we celebrate Christ's triumph over sin and death in the Easter Resurrection.*

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<sup>1</sup> These prayers are inspired by lines from the classic Easter hymn, "He is risen" (Hymnal 180).

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*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Celebrant: Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys. Accept the prayers of your people and breathe new life into us as we seek to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*If you like, please come forward during the music and light a candle as an embodied symbol of your prayer. The clergy is available to pray with you, or to take special prayer requests during this time.*

**Instrumental Music:** Mo ghrá-sa mo dhia  
Donull Nan Donull

"Bless the Lord, my soul"

Taizé

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy Name.**

**Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

*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**

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.  
**And also with you.**

*All are now invited to exchange a sign of peace.*

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## 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](http://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net)) and subscribe to our email newsletter (<http://bit.ly/stgenews>).*

**Offertory Music:** All Sehlig

**The Great Thanksgiving<sup>2</sup>** *Please stand.*

Celebrant: Christ is risen.

**People: He is risen indeed.**

Celebrant: Lift your hearts to heaven

**People: Where Christ in glory reigns.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

**People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds:*

It is the joy of our salvation,

God of the universe,

to give you thanks

through Jesus Christ.

You said, 'Let there be light';

there was light.

Your light shines on in our darkness.

For you the earth has brought forth life

in all its forms.

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<sup>2</sup> Source: A New Zealand Prayerbook, from the Anglican Church of New Zealand/Aotearoa

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You have created us  
to hear your Word.  
to do your will  
and to be fulfilled in your love.  
It is right to thank you.

You sent your Son to be for us  
the way we need to follow  
and the truth we need to know.

You raised him to life triumphant over death;  
you exalted him in glory.  
By his victory over death,  
the reign of sin has ended,  
a new age has dawned,  
a broken world is restored  
and we are made whole once more.

You send your Holy Spirit  
to strengthen and to guide,  
to warn and to revive your Church.  
Therefore, with all your witnesses  
who surround us on every side,  
countless as heaven's stars,  
we praise you for our creation  
and our calling,  
with loving and with joyful hearts:

**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.**

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son,  
who washed his disciples' feet.  
'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.'

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On that night before he died  
he took bread and gave you thanks.  
He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
Take, eat, this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup  
and gave you thanks.  
He gave it to them and said:  
Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant,  
shed for you, shed for all,  
to forgive sin;  
do this to remember me.

Therefore with this bread and wine  
we recall your goodness to us.

**God of the past and present,  
we your people remember your Son.  
we thank you for his cross and and rising again,  
we take courage from his ascension;  
we look for his coming in glory  
and in him we give ourselves to you.**

Send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who receive Christ's body  
may indeed be the body of Christ,  
and we who share his cup  
draw strength from the one true vine.

**Called to follow Christ,  
help us to reconcile and unite.  
Called to suffer,  
give us hope in our calling.**

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new;  
you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

**Praise, glory and love be yours,  
this and every day,  
from us and all people,  
here and everywhere. Amen.**

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Celebrant: As Christ teaches us we 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

Fraction Anthem: WLP 877

Mark Sedio

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The first staff is for the Cantor or Choir, and the subsequent staves are for the All congregation. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The score includes a key signature change from G major to D major (two sharps) for the final section.

**CANTOR OR CHOIR**  
The dis - ci-ples knew the Lord Je-sus in the break-ing of the bread.

**ALL**  
The dis - ci-ples knew the Lord Je-sus in the break-ing of the bread.

**CANTOR OR CHOIR**  
The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia\_\_\_\_ is the com -

**ALL**  
mun-ion of the bo - dy of Christ. The dis - ci-ples knew the Lord

**CANTOR OR CHOIR**  
Je - sus in the break-ing of the bread. One bo-dy are we, al-le -

**ALL**  
lu - ia, though ma - ny, we share one bread. The dis -

**CANTOR OR CHOIR**  
ci-ples knew the Lord Je-sus in the break-ing of the bread.\_\_\_\_

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Celebrant: This is the table, not simply of the church, but of Christ our savior. It is made ready for those who love Christ 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 Christ who invites you. It is God's will that those who wish should meet the love of Christ here.

*All are welcome to participate in Communion<sup>3</sup>, either by receiving the Sacrament or receiving a blessing. If an usher is present, they will invite you forward. For those receiving the Body of Christ (in a wafer of bread or "host") extend your hands over each other, palms up. To receive the Blood of Christ (in the wine), sip lightly from the cup (chalice). You may consume the host before or after receiving the wine. To receive the Body and Blood of Christ simultaneously, simply point to the nearby cup of wine and then extend your hands. The minister will slightly dip the host in the wine and place it in your hand. For those sensitive to gluten, extend your hands over one another, palms facing down. The minister will offer a container for you to take a host. A separate cup is provided for sipping or for the minister to dip for you. For those receiving a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Reception of the Sacrament in one kind only (body or blood) is considered a full and sufficient participation. Please return to your seat by the side aisle. Please notify an usher if you cannot come forward and would like communion or a blessing at your seat.*

**Music during Communion:** Mòr, nighean a' ghiobarlain

### **Prayer After Communion**

*Please stand.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**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.**

### **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 through the power of your Holy Spirit; 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.**

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3 The communion rails are removed during the Easter season as a sign of Christ's victory which has opened for us the way of freedom and peace.

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## Go into the World

**Hymn 193:** "That Easter day with joy was bright"

*Puer nobis*

### **The Dismissal**

*Clare of Assisi*

Officiant: "Alleluia, alleluia, let us go forth sharing the Good News that we are an Easter people, risen to new life, for death is conquered and we are free.

**All: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Postlude:** The Banks of Ahasnagh

### **Acknowledgments**

The Opening Reading by Stephen Charleston. Worship materials gratefully reproduced from *Iona Community Worship Book* (2001), *Book of Common Prayer* (1979), *A New Zealand Prayer Book* (1997), and *Enriching Our Worship* (1998).

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## Easter Gratitude Offerings

**Thank you to all who offered  
financial gifts in celebration of God's  
blessings!**

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*Thank you to all those who donated to St. George's in gratitude for blessings or in memory or honor of others. Every gift is a reminder of God's gift of grace.*

### **In Loving Memory of:**

Rose and John Alston

by Michele and Michael Alston

Those who await for me

by Jessica Atkinson

Loved ones of the Aylward and McGirr Families

by Maureen and Matthew Aylward

Curtis and Virginia Backus; Herbert and Sue Miller

by Curtis and Barbara Backus

Loved ones departed

by Jeanette and Nick Cadwallender

Bruce Bahr, Charles V.B. Cushman, Jr.

by Joanne Bahr Cushman

the Rev. Dr. Phebe McPherson

by Rosemary Beales

Jimbee

by Virginia Branscome

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by Aron Golembiewski

Rick Redmond

by Mary Goonan, Sean Redmond and Nancy Redmond

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by Lewis and Susan Graves

Wayne Harman

by Lucy Harman

Charles Hurlock

by Patricia Hurlock

Of our parents Sherman and Ellen Newton; Dorothy and Dick Juergens

by Dick and Marilyn Juergens

Harald Loch and Walter and Daureen Perdue

by Achim and Laurel Loch

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Jim and Barbara McDonald  
by Jane McDonald  
Loved ones  
by Tom and Jan Meredith  
Bob O'Neill  
by Mary Jane O'Neill  
My loved ones, especially Diane Suter Powell  
by Ralph W. Powell  
Carole Coen and Leon Rose  
by Ron Coen and JoAnne Rose  
Dr. John Willhide  
by Debbie Sandstrom  
Dr. Roy Sandstrom  
by Debbie Sandstrom  
Stan (Stash) and Jean Jarosz (Ginger Rose)  
by Sheryl Stroud Bryant  
John and Elfrida Snyder and Marion and F. Spencer Tebbutt  
by Ann and Ron Tebbutt  
The life of Frank and Mary Brooks  
by Marsha Brooks Upshaw  
My mother, Margo Valentine  
by Ian Valentine  
My mother, Virginia Wilkins  
by Suzi Valentine

**In Thanksgiving for:**

My family  
by Anonymous  
My Uffs: Marshmallow Fluff, Sir Hugo Duff and Peppermint Frost Truffle  
by Jessica Atkinson  
For all our grandchildren, Margaret and Virginia Bass and Henry Cleland  
by Sarah and Marty Bass  
The generosity of the St. George's family  
by Anne Beals  
My children  
by Virginia Branscome  
Our Loving parents and amazing children; Charlie, Ella, and Eliza  
by Mr. and Mrs. Scott Caple  
All the Blessings of this life  
by Jacqueline DePaulitte  
Our children and grandchildren  
by Lewis and Susan Graves  
Our children and grandchildren  
by Jane and Newton Guerin

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St. George's Clergy and Staff  
by Bill and Cindy Helton  
Isobel and Jacob's confirmation  
by Chris and Katie Hornung  
the Rev. Joseph Hensley, Jr and staff; Lydia Byrd and Perry Vance  
by Patricia Hurlock  
St. George's Vestry  
by Peggy Mathias and Peter Rasmussen  
St. George's Staff  
by Tom and Jan Meredith  
Kate McDonald  
by Jane McDonald  
the Rev. Joe Hensley's Becoming Disciples Series  
by Joanne Rose and Ron Coen  
For my family  
by Connie Smith  
Austin, Abigail, Corbin, and Greer  
by Susan Tyler  
St. George's Church  
by Peggy Verdine  
The birth of our granddaughter, and the 11th birthday of our grandson  
by Karin and Jim Weber  
The House Kids  
by Linda Wickersham  
Diane Young and Wendy Canon  
by Linda Wickersham  
Our beautiful children  
by Chuck and Janet Ziegler

**In Honor of:**

The Flower Guild  
by Jeanette and Nick Cadwallender  
St. George's Clergy  
by Tom and Jan Meredith  
Bill and Cindy Helton  
by Monecia and Tom Shelton  
Bill and Cindy Helton  
by Mollie Taylor

**In Gratitude:**

Robin Marine  
Donna Rifai

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# Worship and Formation

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
- **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 Monday - 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 27 Adults

10 am every Sunday in Sydnor Hall:

April 27: Shrine Mont Sunday

May 4: Writing as Part of Your Spiritual Journey led by St. Georgian Linda Wickersham

May 11: Family Systems - What's a Mother to Do? Led by Dr. Jen Vaughan and Rev. Jamie Samilio

## 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 Rev. Joe ([joe.hensley@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:joe.hensley@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 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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# 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.

## 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 Sydnor Courtyard, 4-7 years search Renwick Courtyard, and 8-11 years search our Graveyard.

## Concert Series – April 27 at 3 pm with The Peacemakers

Our monthly Concert Series continues April 27 at 3 pm with guitar and violin duo The Peacemakers. Concert is free with donations accepted at the door.

*\*Note this month's concert is a week later than usual since Easter falls on the third Sunday of the month*

## Shrine Mont Sunday - April 27

Join us at the Adult Forum on Sunday, April 27 at 10:15 am as we unveil the theme for this year's Parish Weekend Oct. 10 -12 at Shrine Mont! Registrations open that day. Any questions, please contact Danielle Davis  
[danielle@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:danielle@stgeorgesepiscopal.net).

## Outdoor Worship and Parish Picnic

We will hold our 10 am service and parish picnic on June 1 outside, weather permitting, at Hurkamp Park. More information to come.

## Vacation Bible School: Save the Date

VBS and Music Camp return this summer! Save the dates June 16-20 (Juneteenth off) for what will be a splendid week of fun, fellowship, crafts, and music! Any children, rising K-6, are welcome to join us. We are also looking for teenage and parent volunteers to help lead the camper groups and run the stations.

## 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 friendship.

## 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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# 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](mailto:StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/signup)

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## 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](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net). Names remain on the list for 1 month. All new additions listed in italics.

## Our leadership:

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

## Those needing God's grace:

Dennis and Cindy Sale, Debbie Lore, Jim Davis, Barbara Deal, Susan Rex, Jane Wiltshire, Dee Gibson, Teresa Gordon, Alejandro Rios, Stacy Glessner, *Joe Kitzman*

## Those in convalescence:

Joyce Snead (mother of Joyce Steele), Gunnar Burns, Lisa Bogardus, Sherry Newman, Dori Eglevsky

## Those expecting children:

Lucy and Case Thompson, Julia Cadwalender and Franklin Miller, *Paola and David Stever*

## Those homebound:

Betty Stephens

## Those who have died:

Richard "Rick" Redmond (husband of Mary Goonan)

## Those attending seminary:

Anne-Tillery Melson, John Hager

## Those serving our country overseas:

Jeff Bryant, Travis Weber, Liam Black

## Those with ongoing concerns:

Arya Holmes, Dick Roth, Molly Myers, Randy Donaldson, Martha and Sarah Turner, Claire Simpson, Paula Mullins, Logan Vaaler, Beryl Harrison, Bill Marshall, Christina Shiel, Annette, Russ Carter, Ron Tebbutt, Reggie Harrison, Betsy, Isobel Hornung, Janis Hales, Gabe Rodriguez, Helen Taylor, Stephanie Cumming (step-daughter of Vicki Harrison), John Janney and family, Scott Fray, Bill Becker, Makai Kingston Bernardi Brown

## In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Grace, Alexandria; St. Lukes, Wellington, Alexandria

## In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church of England

**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. Ōshin Jennings, No Barriers Zen Temple; Micah Ecumenical Ministries; Our Little Roses - Honduras

## Our search for an Associate Rector

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# Open to All in Love

## Open to All in Love Capital Campaign Update

In November 2024, we began the fundraising portion of our Open to All in Love Capital Campaign. This project addresses four core areas: Maintenance, Endowment, Accessibility, and Columbarium. So far, we have received pledges totaling just over \$3M towards the \$5M anticipated total project cost.

We go back before the Architectural Review Board (ARB) in June for concept and design approvals for the columbarium and railing and design approval for the ADA accessibility ramp in the graveyard (concept for the ramp was previously approved). The archaeological work and construction begin this summer. Interior work (ramp connecting office with Sydnor Hall, office bathrooms, and Faulkner Hall structural repairs) are estimated to be completed at the end of August. The construction work for the ramp in the graveyard, columbarium, and water infiltration repairs will commence once the archaeology work concludes and take approximately 12 months to complete.

This is a big and exciting time in our parish community! St. George's Open to All in Love Capital Campaign emerged from the dreams of parishioners – like you – to make sure our facilities are truly welcoming and accessible to all both today and for generations to come. Thank you to all who have given and have made a financial pledge.



Scan the QR code to learn more about the project and for information on how to make a financial gift to support it. All the information is still available on our website. If you have any additional questions, please contact the church office: 540.373.4133 [office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net).

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# Vestry

If you have questions or concerns,  
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(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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*Senior Warden*

**Kit Burns, 2027**

*Junior Warden*

**Brian Davis, 2025**

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**Brooke Di Lauro, 2025**

**Peggy Verdine, 2025**

**Katie Green, 2026**

**Gabi Kelly, 2026**

**Rogers Lawson, 2026**

**Jennifer Vaughan, 2026**

**Wendy Cannon, 2027**

**Robert Powers, 2027**

**Linda Wickersham, 2027**

**Peggy Mathias**

*Treasurer*

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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:  
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the Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

**Greeter:**

Mary Miller

**Officiant:**

Marilyn Farrington

**Usher:**

Sharon Null

**Chalice Bearer:**

Jack Farrington

**Prayers:**

Mary Miller

Jack Farrington

**Candle Set-up:**

Sharon Null

**Musicians:**

Meredith Walburn, cello

Mike Grinnan, Guitar

Achim Loch, piano

Laurel E. Loch, voice

**Reader:**

Margaret Synan

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**Contact Our Vestry:**

The Vestry is our elected, lay leadership council led by our Senior Warden Pete Kelly and our Junior Warden Kit Burns. The Vestry welcomes your questions, concerns, and feedback. Email them at: [vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

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