



**St. George's**  
Episcopal  
Church

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# Holy Eucharist

## Rite I - 8:00 am

The Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2026

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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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# Welcome to St. George's!

View Our Complete Weekly  
Worship Schedule on our Website:  
[StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/worship](http://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/worship)

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Whether you are worshipping 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 worshipers 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.

**Families with children: Nursery services are available during the 10 am service. Our nursery room (in the office hallway, one level below the main church) is now ready after a period of construction! Please see an usher or greeter for directions.**



Visit [StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/connect](http://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 (senior pastor), Rev. Joe Hensley, would welcome the chance to meet you, either after the worship service or via email: [joe.hensley@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto: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:

- Offer a holy and inspiring Holy Week and Easter with fifteen liturgies, baptisms of new members, and faithful welcome for numerous visitors and guests.
- Support neighbors who are facing increased financial stress as they receive food and fellowship at the Community Dinner and The Table at St. George's

You can make a financial gift:

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

[StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/giving](http://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/giving). Or scan the QR code.

- **Text:** Send a text message with the dollar amount [e.g. \$50] to: 540.701.4133)

- **Automated bank withdrawal** (contact our parish finance manager, Kevin Carey, to arrange this)

- **Paypal:** [www.paypal.com/paypalme/stgeorgesfxbg](http://www.paypal.com/paypalme/stgeorgesfxbg)

- **Mail:** P.O. Box 7127, Fredericksburg, VA 22404

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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 acknowledgement.

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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from the red Book of Common Prayer  
(BCP)

*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!*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

**Collect for Purity**

**BCP 323**

**Summary of the Law**

**BCP 324**

**Christ Our Passover**

**BCP 46**

**The Word of God**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day*

**BCP 173**

O God, whose blessed Son manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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**Acts 2:14a, 36-41** *New Revised Standard Version*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the multitude, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17**

**BCP 759**

**1 Peter 1:17-23** *New Revised Standard Version*

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 24:13-35 NRSV**

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

That very day, the first day of the week, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Rock Higgins

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 326**

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*A special "peace" candle is lit and this prayer is offered*

**Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People**

**BCP 328**

**The Confession**

**BCP 330**

**The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

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

**Offertory and Announcements**

Celebrant: As we prepare the altar to receive the offering of Christ in the sacrament, we make our offerings in gratitude for God's abundant grace. Please see the instructions later in the bulletin about participating in Communion or receiving a blessing. Know that you are most welcome. Thank you for sharing your gifts in commitment to God and to our ministry together. As we give thanks for God's abundant grace, "Since you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." Colossians 3:1. *You can make your offering in the plate as you come forward for communion or send your offering electronically, by mail, or by automated bank withdrawal. See details on the inside cover of this bulletin for an easy to use QR code. Thank you!*

**The Great Thanksgiving Prayer I**

**BCP 333**

**Sanctus + Benedictus**

**BCP 341**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 336**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**BCP 337**

**Prayer of Humble Access**

**BCP 337**

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## Invitation to Communion<sup>1</sup>

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome to participate in Communion, either by receiving the Sacrament or receiving a blessing. Communion is the sacramental body and blood of Jesus Christ received in bread and wine blessed by the Holy Spirit.*

- *Proceed forward toward the communion ministers when prompted (notify an usher if you need to receive at your seat).*
- *To receive the bread, hold your hands out, palms up.*
- *To receive the wine, sip from the cup (a.k.a. chalice) or point to the cup for the bread to be dipped by the minister.*
- *Gluten-free? Hold your hands palms down, then take the wafer from the separate container when offered. Ask for the gluten-free cup if preferred.*
- *To receive a blessing (prayed by the minister), cross your arms over your chest.*

*Receiving just the bread or just the wine is a full and valid participation.*

*For more information about participation in the sacraments of Holy Communion or Holy Baptism, contact the clergy.*

## The Prayer After Communion

**BCP 339**

### A Blessing for Easter

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Savior Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do the will of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### The Dismissal

**Alleluia, Alleluia, let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ.**

*The congregation responds Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!*

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<sup>1</sup> 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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# Formation for All Ages at 9 am:

View staff directory on our website:  
[StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/staff](http://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/staff)  
Or call the church office: 540.373.4133

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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 formation hour and the 10 am worship service. 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. Located 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. We will meet in the Library behind Sydnor Hall.

## Youth

### *An inclusive, welcoming community*

- Youth in grades 6-12 gather on the Youth Floor for some interesting conversation and explorations of topics related to our faith and how we practice it in the world.
- Youth Group: Meets first and third Sunday evenings from 5 - 7 pm on the youth floor. To be added to our text and/or email list, contact Youth Group Coordinator, Amy Bogardus at [bogardae@yahoo.com](mailto:bogardae@yahoo.com) or 540-226-5183.

## Adults:

*Coffee and Fellowship in Sydnor Hall*

- **Adult Forum:**  
**Stepping into Pilgrimage**  
Father Rock will discuss his experiences leading pilgrimages around the Commonwealth of Virginia, and various places around the world.

## Questions about formation offerings?

General inquiries:  
Church Office - 540.373.4133  
[office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

Children: age 3 - 5th grade  
Stephanie Dolezal  
[stephanie.dolezal@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:stephanie.dolezal@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

Youth: 6th - 12th grade  
Rev. Rock Higgins  
[rock.higgins@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:rock.higgins@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

Young Adults: age 18 - 45  
Rev. Ethan Lowery  
[missioner@thehousefxbg.org](mailto:missioner@thehousefxbg.org)

Adults  
Rev. Joe Hensley  
[joe.hensley@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:joe.hensley@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

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# Announcements

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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## The Peacemakers Concert - Today

Our 2025-2026 Concert Series concludes today at 3 pm with The Peacemakers. The Peacemakers are a musical duo featuring Jackie (guitar and vocals) and Eddie (guitar, violin, and vocals). Together they share their renditions of world music and modern folk tunes with both covers and original songs. The concert is free with donations accepted at the door. As our concert season comes to a close, many thanks to our sponsors for the season and all who attended and donated. Your generosity helps us make beautiful music in a beautiful space welcome to all.

## Parish Prayer Partners in Easter (3P in E)

It is time for another season of praying with and for one another. Sign up to be a prayer partner for another St. Georgian from April 26-May 24. You will receive the name of another person or household to pray for in secret. Someone else will pray for you or your household. The partners will be revealed at the end of the season. You will receive regular reminders to pray and encouragement from clergy. Contact the church office [office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net) to sign up by April 20.

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## Today's Altar Arrangement:

The altar arrangement is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Janet Fray by Mike Fray, arranged by Flower Guild member Anne Carey O'Connor.

## ECW Meeting - April 22

Aging can come with unexpected challenges! Join us on April 22, from 5-7pm in Sydnor Hall for our ECW meeting where we will discuss *Navigating Dementia: What We Know, What We Can Do*. A community Educator with Alzheimer's Association will address your questions and concerns: What is the difference between normal aging and possible signs of dementia? What can I do now to retain my mental sharpness? All are warmly welcome to attend.

## Shrine Mont Sunday - April 26

Join us at the Adult Forum on Sunday, April 26 at 9 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).)

## St. George's Celebrates the Faulkners

Join us May 3, 2-4 pm, to celebrate the legacy of the Rev. Tom and Mary Faulkner who served St. George's for 30+ years. Special guests include Anne Faulkner Ridgeway and the Rev. Charles Sydnor as well as an opportunity for participants to share memories. Includes a reception in newly restored Faulkner Hall, part of our Open to All in Love capital project.

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# St. George's Prayer List

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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:

Sarah (newly installed Archbishop of Canterbury), Sean, Mark, Gayle, and Mark; for Joe, Rock and Ethan, our clergy; for those who are priests and pastors in our community; for our staff—Laurel, Jake, Kevin, Danielle, Barbara, Achim, Riley, Amy, Juliann, and Stephanie; and for our Vestry.

## Those needing God's grace:

Dennis and Cindy Sale, Jim Davis, Teresa Gordon, Stacy Glessner, Abraham Cochin, Alec Benso, Mary Miller, Martha Wilson, Douglas Ferris, Dao Arthur, Sharon Gibson, Marcia Kole, Dan King, Kevin Compton, Mark Steele, Rev. Aaron Dobyne, Zee Sprouse, Sue Hu (Mother of Stephen Hu), Cathy Powers, Paul Sungenis, Helen Soheili, Soheili Family, Emily Croner, Chris and Cynthia McRae, Jillian Pabalan

## Those in convalescence:

Joyce Snead, Gunnar Burns, Ellen Sharp, Vicki Harrison, Barry Krause, Barbara Atkins, Charles Bullock, Stuart Whitford, Rev. Carey Connors, Annie Redmond, *Maureen Aylward*

## Those recently married:

Lt. Avery Endler and Emmy Endler (April 6)

## Those recently born:

Mercer Hinkebein

## Those expecting children:

Emma and Alberto Means; Captain Charles Lewis and Olivia Lewis

## Those who have died:

Dr. Herb Green, Katrina Smith, daughter of Carol Sweeney, *Candace Allshouse*

## Those attending seminary:

Anne-Tillery Melson, John Hager

## Those serving our country overseas:

Jeff Bryant, Travis Weber, Avery Endler

## Those with ongoing concerns:

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

## In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. John's, Centreville; St. Paul's Memorial, Charlottesville; Bishop Harris – Holy Land Pilgrimage

## In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

**Our Partners:** St. George's Episcopal Preschool; 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

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# Serving This Sunday

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

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**Clergy:**

The Rev. Rock Higgins

**Preacher:**

The Rev. Rock Higgins

**Lectors:**

John Coker

**Greeter:**

Trip Wiggins

**Altar Guild:**

Jane Bailey

Ann Tebbutt

Kathy Lober

Marilyn Farrington

**Flowers Guild:**

Anne Carey O'Connor

**Coffee Hour:**

Trip Wiggins

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**Contact Our Vestry:**

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

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