



**St. George's**  
Episcopal  
Church

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# Holy Eucharist

**10:00 am**

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 10, 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!

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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:

- Nurture faith and community among college students and young adults through The House FXBG, a shared ministry of St. George's, Trinity Episcopal, and Christ Lutheran Churches.
- Sustain our ministries of pastoral care by clergy and lay persons, offering spiritual and emotional support as a sign of God's grace.

You can make a financial gift:

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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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# The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 10, 2026

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from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

*We are delighted that you have come to St. George's. This bulletin will guide you through the worship service, including times when you need to open one of the books in the pew rack.*

*Take a breath and know that this is a friendly community. Ask for help or directions if you need it. In preparation for the service, we try to observe silence and take time for prayer. Please take a moment to silence cell phones and alarms. We hope this worship service is a time of joy and wonder for all.*

*The congregation is encouraged, as able, to turn in the blue Hymnal 1982 or green Wonder Love and Praise (WLP) for musical notation to aid in singing.*

**Prelude:** *St. George's Children's Chimes*

Holy, Holy, Holy/When the Saints Go Marchin' In Medley

*African Spiritual*  
Reginald Herber

**Welcome and Prayerful Breath**

**Opening Hymn LEVAS 217:**

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hand"

*Traditional Spiritual,*  
arr. Hezekiah Brinson, Jr.

**He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand,  
He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.**

**He's got you and me sister in His hand, He's got you and me sister in His hand,  
He's got you and me sister in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.**

**He's got you and me brother in His hand, He's got you and me brother in His hand,  
He's got you and me brother in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.**

**He's got the pretty little baby in His hand, He's got the pretty little baby in His hand,  
He's got the pretty little baby in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.**

**He got everybody here in His hand, He got everybody here in His hand,  
He got everybody here in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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*The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity*

**BCP 355**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Song of Praise:**

"Glory Be to God on High" *sung to the tune of "Michael Row Your Boat Ashore"*

**Glory Be to God on High, Alleluia!**

arr. John D. Horman

**Glory Be to God on High, Alleluia!**

*repeat 2x*

**The Word of God**

Celebrant: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect (Prayer) of the Day*

**BCP 225**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**1 Peter 3:13-22** *New Revised Standard Version*

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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**Psalm 66: 7-18**

**BCP 674**

*Please stand as able and face the aisle. The Psalm is said antiphonally<sup>1</sup> (alternating sides of the church) by whole verse beginning on the left (Eagle lectern) side.*

**7 Bless our God, you peoples; \***  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

**8 Who holds our souls in life, \***  
and will not allow our feet to slip.

**9 For you, O God, have proved us; \***  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**10 You brought us into the snare; \***  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

**11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; \***  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, \***  
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

**13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; \***  
I will give you oxen and goats.

**14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \***  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

**15 I called out to him with my mouth, \***  
and his praise was on my tongue.

**16 If I had found evil in my heart, \***  
the Lord would not have heard me;

**17 But in truth God has heard me; \***  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

**18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \***  
nor withheld his love from me.

**Sequence Hymn LEVAS 214: "God is So Good"**

*Traditional Negro Spiritual*

**God is so good, God is so good,  
God is so good, He's so good to me.**

**He cares for me, He cares for me,  
He cares for me, He's so good to me.**

**He's all I need, He's all I need,  
He's all I need, He's so good to me.**

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<sup>1</sup> This method reminds us of the monastic roots of psalm recitation, allows us to listen as well as speak in prayer, and gives us another opportunity to look for the face of Christ in one another.

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**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 14:15-21 NRSV**

**People: Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

Ryan Garcia  
The Rev. Rock Higgins

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

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<sup>2</sup> The Nicene Creed, written in 325 C.E. and updated in 381, is a shared statement of faith that connects us with Christians across time and around the world. We speak of God as “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit” to reflect the deep relationship within the Trinity. These words come from Scripture and tradition, but they’re symbolic—not literal. God goes beyond all human categories, including gender. While we honor traditional language, we also affirm that God is beyond male or female—embracing all, limited by none.

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**Prayers of the People** *written by the St. George's Youth Group*

Loving God, we pray for your Church around the world, Christ's body here on earth. We pray for its members and their growth in Christ. We pray for their mission to be of service to those in need sharing the light and love of Christ. We lift up those persecuted for their faith in you. May they have courage to proclaim the Gospel and the strength to endure hardship.

In your mercy, Loving God

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our nation and its leaders. May they have clarity of mind, and the resolve to be compassionate to all, especially those in most need. May they make wise decisions and have good intentions.

In your mercy, Loving God

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the welfare of the world, remembering the environment that you put into our care. We pray for those affected by war directly and indirectly, particularly the economic and agrarian impacts. We pray especially for Ukraine, Palestine, Lebanon, Israel, Venezuela, Sudan, and anywhere in conflict.

In your mercy, Loving God

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for greater Fredericksburg. The local shootings and the school lockdowns caused by them. For robberies and those affected, we pray. For the pollution of the streams and rivers, Lord, forgive us. Help us make this area more like heaven each day.

In your mercy, Loving God

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are grieving or hurting. Be with them, loving God, and help us make a difference where we can. We pray for the departed and entrust them to you.

In your mercy, Loving God

**Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Loving God, who loves us like our mothers, and even more. We pray for the children and youth leading us today, and for the mothers and mother figures who impact them so much. We pray for our mothers and thank you for the good they did in our lives. Gather us all like a mother hen under your wings and let us abide in that love all our days. In the name of the Risen Lord, Jesus, and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. **Amen**

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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 Confession**

**BCP 360**

**Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.**

*Silence may be kept.*

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

**Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.**

**People: And also with you.**

*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, and the invitation to pray with the personal prayer minister. 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!**

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**Offertory Anthem: "God is Here with Me"**

Christopher D. Hogan

*The St. George's Children's Choir dedicates this song to all the mothers, grandmothers, and caregivers out there. Happy Mother's Day. Thank you for showing us the way.*

God is in my voice when I am singing.  
God is in my voice, right here in my song.  
God is in my voice when I am singing.  
God is in my voice, right here in my song.

God is here with me, Alleluia!  
God is here with me, Alleluia!

God is in my mind when I am praying.  
God is in my mind, right here in my prayer.  
God is in my mind when I am praying.  
God is in my mind, right here in my prayer.

God is here with me, Alleluia!  
God is here with me, Alleluia!

God is in my heart when I am sleeping,  
God is in my heart, right here in my sleep.  
God is in my heart when I am sleeping,  
God is in my heart, right here in my sleep.

God is here with me, Alleluia!  
God is here with me, Alleluia!

**Presentation Hymn LEVAS 143 (vs 1-2): "Wade in the Water"** *Traditional Negro Spiritual*  
arr. Carl Haywood

**Refrain: Wade in the water, wade in the water, children**  
**Wade in the water, God's a-gonna trouble the water.**

**See that host all dressed in white, God's a-gonna trouble the water.**  
**The leader looks like the Israelite, God's a-gonna trouble the water.**  
**Refrain**

**See that band all dressed in red, God's a-gonna trouble the water.**  
**Looks like the band that Moses led, God's a-gonna trouble the water.**  
**Refrain**

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**Eucharistic Prayer A***Expansive Language Version*

Celebrant: The Lord 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The Celebrant proceeds using a Proper Preface for Easter*

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus: WLP 858**

Annabel Morris Buchanan

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

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker and of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Fraction Anthem: WLP 877**

Mark Sedio

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.**

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**The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.**

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.**

**One body are we, alleluia, though many we share one bread.**

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.**

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### **Invitation to Communion<sup>3</sup>**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. *and may add*

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.*

### **Personal Prayer Ministers During Communion**

*The Celebrant prays for the Personal Prayer Minister in front of the altar. Those desiring to ask for prayers of healing (with the option of laying on of hands and anointing), thanksgiving, or for other concerns are invited to come to the prayer minister in the corner to the left. If you would like to receive prayer, please receive Communion from the left line. Those waiting for prayer are asked to stand to the side or may be seated in the nearby reserved front pew.*

**Communion Hymn LEVAS 218: "Jesus loves me this I know"**

*Bradbury*

**Jesus loves me! This I know, For the bible tells me so;**

**Little ones to Him belong; They are weak but He is strong.**

**Refrain: Yes Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! The bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.**

***Refrain***

**Jesus take this heart of mine, Make it pure and wholly thine;  
on the cross you died for me, I will try to live for thee.**

***Refrain***

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<sup>3</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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## Music During Communion

### Instrumental Music

"Kum Ba Yah"

*African American spiritual*

**Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya, Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya**

**Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya, Oh Lord, kumbaya**

**Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya, Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya**

**Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya, Oh Lord, kumbayah**

**Someone's crying Lord, kumbaya, Someone's crying Lord, kumbaya**

**Someone's crying Lord, kumbaya, Oh Lord, kumbaya**

**Someone's praying Lord, kumbaya, Someone's praying Lord, kumbaya**

**Someone's praying Lord, kumbaya, Oh Lord, kumbaya**

**Oh Lord, kumbaya, Oh Lord, kumbaya**

**Oh Lord, kumbaya, Oh Lord, kumbaya**

**Lay Eucharistic Minister Sending** *Said on Sundays when a LEV visit occurs.*

Celebrant: [Name of LEV], in the name of this congregation of St. George's, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that [name of parishioner] may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**People: We who are many are truly one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.**

### The Prayer After Communion

*Enriching Our Worship*

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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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**Closing Hymn LEVAS 117:**

"I'm Goin'-a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

*Traditional African Spiritual;*  
adapt. William Farley Smith

I'm goin'-a sing when the Spirit says sing  
I'm goin'-a sing when the Spirit says sing  
I'm goin'-a sing when the Spirit says sing  
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I'm goin'-a pray when the Spirit says pray  
I'm goin'-a pray when the Spirit says pray  
I'm goin'-a pray when the Spirit says pray  
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I'm goin'-a moan when the Spirit says moan  
I'm goin'-a moan when the Spirit says moan  
I'm goin'-a moan when the Spirit says moan  
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I'm goin'-a shout when the Spirit says shout  
I'm goin'-a shout when the Spirit says shout  
I'm goin'-a shout when the Spirit says shout  
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

**The Dismissal**

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

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Postlude**

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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: *The Seven Forms of Prayer from our Catechism - Sydnor Hall, 9 am***

This Sunday we will be looking at the seven Forms of Prayer from our Catechism. Prayer may just be a single thing to you, but there are differences in what we say and do from our prayers. You may already be doing most of them; you just have not named the differences. Come out and explore with us the differences for your prayer life.

### 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

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Youth: 6th - 12th grade

Rev. Rock Higgins

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Young Adults: age 18 - 45

Rev. Ethan Lowery

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Adults

Rev. Joe Hensley

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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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### Shrine Mont Registration is now open!

Registration is now open for our 2026 Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont. We will travel to the mountains October 9-11. Our theme of the weekend is "Live as Children of the Light."

Any questions, please contact Danielle Davis ([danielle@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:danielle@stgeorgesepiscopal.net).) Scan the QR code to register.



### Calling for Graduates

St. George's would like to honor our parish members who are graduating from high school, college, or graduate study at services on May 17. Please notify the church office by May 12 with name and level of education. ([office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net) or 540.373.4133)

### Feast of the Ascension with Trinity- May 14 at 6:30 pm

St. George's will celebrate the feast of the Ascension with our Episcopal siblings at Trinity, Fredericksburg on Thursday, May 14 at 6:30 pm. The service will be hosted by Trinity Episcopal Church located at 825 College Ave, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. We will be outside in the labyrinth. Please bring your own chair if you would like one.

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### Today's Altar Arrangement:

The altar arrangement is given In loving memory of Anna and Edna Claire, by Earl and Pat Baughman, arranged by Flower Guild member Jeanette Cadwallender

### Outdoor Worship and Parish Picnic - May 31, 10 am

You are invited to our annual Parish Picnic at Hurkamp Park on Sunday, May 31. Our 10 am worship service will take place outdoors at Hurkamp Park, followed by our annual Parish Picnic. We are relying on most people to bring their own chairs or blankets to sit on! Our Fellowship commission will provide a few canopies for shade and a few chairs if you forget. If you are able, please bring a potluck dish to share at the picnic and your own utensils/plates/napkins. Please note this service will not be livestreamed.

### Docents Needed

Docents needed for summer tours of St. George's. Anyone can be a docent! (Even kids, ages 12 and up.) Call BL Trahos at 804.513.9033 or email at [bltrahos@gmail.com](mailto:bltrahos@gmail.com) for more info.

### Rector's Sabbatical Reminder

As previously announced, our Rector, Joe Hensley, will take a half-sabbatical for rest and renewal from May 8-June 23, 2026. During his time away, Interim Associate Rector, Fr. Rock Higgins, and Senior Warden, Kit Burns, will be overseeing Joe's areas of responsibility. Joe will take the 2nd half of his sabbatical in 2027. If there are matters that need Joe's attention, please reach out prior to May 8, since he will be away from phone and email during the sabbatical period.



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# VBS & Music Camp

July 20-24  
9am - 12pm  
Rising Grades K-6

Games!

Stories!

Music!

Friends!

Theater!

Crafts!

Snacks!

Performing  
"The Lost Boy:  
Young Jesus in the Temple"  
Musical

Scan QR Code to Register  
as a Camper or Volunteer!



Teen Volunteers Wanted!

Community service, leadership, and fun!

Email [juliann.jones@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:juliann.jones@stgeorgesepiscopal.net) for more info



# St. George's Youth Summer Service Days

Join us for a week of service, fun and faith! Open to all rising Middle and High schoolers.

Each day we will meet at St. George's before we travel to different service sites. Transportation will be provided, but parent volunteers appreciated

Dates: June 15-19, 2026  
Time: 9am - 4pm daily

Service and Learning Projects will Support:

- Rappahannock Education Farm
- The Table at St. George's
- Micah Ecumenical Ministries
- Juneteenth Celebration
- Friends of the Rappahannock



Scan the  
QR Code to  
Register:



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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:

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, *John Danello*

## 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, Ella (daughter of former parishioner Jill Brown)

## Those expecting children:

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. Dunstan's, McLean; St. Mary's, Goochland; All Mothers

## In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church of Pakistan (United)

## 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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## Contact Staff

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# Vestry

If you have questions or concerns,  
please reach out to our Vestry  
(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.

**Kit Burns, 2027**

*Senior Warden*

**Wendy Cannon, 2027**

*Junior Warden*

**Robert Powers, 2027**

*Buildings and Grounds Warden*

**Katie Green, 2026**

**Gabi Kelly, 2026**

**Rogers Lawson, 2026**

**Jennifer Vaughan, 2026**

**Linda Wickersham, 2027**

**Caleb Cherry, 2028**

**Joseph Lyttle, 2028**

**Kathy Maxfield, 2028**

**Elvin Rivera-Orellano 2028**

**Peggy Mathias**

*Treasurer*

**Laurel Loch**

*Register*

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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  
The Rev. Dr. Rosemary Beales

## Preacher:

Ryan Garcia  
The Rev. Rock Higgins

## Liturgical Coordinator:

Ann Tebbutt

## Lectors:

Margaret Ford            Sully Kirsch  
Andrew Taft                Neal Kuykendall

## Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

Ann Tebbutt  
Jeanette Cadwallender  
Dick Juergens  
Ralph Powell

## Personal Prayer Minister:

Rev. Deacon Joyce Beschta

## Lay Eucharistic Visitors:

Ann and Ron Tebbutt

## Livestream Tech:

Josh Rollins

## Greeters:

Laurie Carter                George Taft  
Jan Waltonen                Dana Cherry

## Acolytes:

Grace Rollins                Belle DeNap  
Parker Taylor                Nico DeNap

## Ushers:

Tommy Thompson        Nora Kuykendall  
Bob Carter                 Sam Kuykendall  
Jason Hillman             Olivia Kisilia

## Altar Guild:

Jemma Judd                Cindy Helton  
Leslie Pugh                 Gina Moriarity

## Flower Guild:

Jeanette Cadwallender

## Coffee Hour:

St. George's Children's Formation

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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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