



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Celtic Evensong
with
Holy Communion

Trinity Sunday
May 31, 2026

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

Welcome to St. George's!

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

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 worshippers for when to stand or sit, and please only do what is comfortable for you. We'd love to get to know you and help get you connected with our parish ministries, formation, and fellowship groups.

Visit StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/connect or scan the QR code and we'll be in touch.



You can also fill out the Newcomer Card in your pew and drop it in the offering plate. Our rector (senior pastor), Rev. Joe Hensley, would welcome the chance to meet you, either after the worship service or via email: 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:

- **In-person:** place gift in collection plate in the aisle.
 - **Online - one-time or recurring:**
StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/giving. Or scan the QR code.
 - **Text:** Send a text message with the dollar amount [e.g. \$50] to: 540.701.4133)
 - **Automated bank withdrawal** (contact our parish finance manager, Kevin Carey, to arrange this)
 - **Paypal:** www.paypal.com/paypalme/stgeorgesfxbg
 - **Mail:** P.O. Box 7127, Fredericksburg, VA 22404
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Walking Together

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). 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.

Trinity Sunday

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

We invite you to prepare for worship by observing silence or taking time for private prayer. 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: The Flowers in the Valley
An Crann-Tara

Irish Aire
Scottish Melody

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

Opening Poem: As we journey
As we journey together today,
may we tread gently and reverently,
mindful that we walk on sacred ground.

Ruth Flatman

May the rhythm of our footsteps
create a harmony within us
that is in tune with our surroundings.

May we be drawn into the landscape that greets us
and experience the blessing of belonging.

May we be aware of all those
who have walked this way before us,
and may we feel deep gratitude for the gift of our lives
at this time and in this place.

As we cross stiles and pass through gates,
may we be aware of crossing thresholds and boundaries,
and as new landscapes and views unfold before us,
may we be open to fresh thoughts
and the openings to which you may be leading us. Amen.

Opening Hymn 488: "Be Thou My Vision"

Slane

Gather in God's Name

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A Prayer for the Evening

Officiant: Spirit Divine, attend our prayers,

All: And make this house your home.

Officiant: Descend with all your gracious powers,

All: O come, great Spirit, come!

Officiant: Almighty and most merciful God, grant that by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit, we may be enlightened and strengthened for your service; 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.

Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The Reading from the Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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. Rock Higgins

Two minutes of silence will follow.

Music for Meditation: MacPherson's Lament or Rant

By Himself, 1700

Pray for the World and the Church

Officiant: We pray for God to fill us with the Holy Spirit.

Leader 1: Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

Officiant: Holy One, come to bless us

People: and fill us with your Spirit.

Leader 2: We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bless your Church, and make us wise to understand your will.

Officiant: Holy One, come to bless us

People: and fill us with your Spirit.

Leader 1: We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to keep us confident to work for peace in the world.

Officiant: Holy One, come to bless us

People: and fill us with your Spirit.

Leader 2: We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow.

Officiant: Holy One, come to bless us

People: and fill us with your Spirit.

Leader 1: We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us in Fredericksburg and beyond.

Officiant: Holy One, come to bless us

People: and fill us with your Spirit.

Leader 2: We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus, and we bring to you our own prayers:

The people offer their prayers and thanksgivings.

Officiant: Holy One, come to bless us

People: and fill us with your Spirit.

Leader 1: We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit, given us by the risen Christ. We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life.

Officiant: Holy One, come to bless us

People: and fill us with your Spirit.

Officiant: Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room: in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,

People: hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy 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:

The Banks of the Suir
Mo rùn geal òg

F. O'Neill
Scottish Melody

"The Lord is my song"

Taizé

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of 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.

Officiant: Living God, long ago, your Holy Spirit descended upon the followers of Jesus, and they shared the Good News in powerful and surprising ways. May the Holy Spirit, your Wild Goose, inspire us as we share your love with all.
Amen.¹

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.

¹ Celtic Christian tradition embraces the image of the Holy Spirit as a wild, rambunctious goose, symbolizing the Spirit's powerful and unpredictable nature.

Prepare the Table

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

It is a joy to gather together this evening, and we especially welcome anyone who is visiting or here for the first time. Please see more information in the bulletin notes and feel free to introduce yourself after the service. There are also printed instructions about receiving communion or a blessing. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. As the table is prepared, we invite you to consider a gift in support of our ministry within and beyond our congregation. Make your offering online (<http://bit.ly/stggive>), in the alms basin provided in the aisle, or by mail to the church. Please note the announcements at the rear of this bulletin. For the latest updates and messages of encouragement, check our website (StGeorgesEpiscopal.net) and subscribe to our email newsletter (<http://bit.ly/stgenews>).

Offertory Music: The Banks of the Shannon

O'Brien

A Celtic Service Communion Prayer² *Please stand.*

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the holy ruler of all creation.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the work of creation and the revelation of God to God's people.

It is right and good to give you thanks O Most High, Mother, Father, Author of all Creation. With Holy Sophia, your Wisdom, in the beginning you founded the heavens and the earth. You planted a garden and placed your human children there, made from the mud, and breathed your Spirit into them. Through your chosen prophets, you revealed your will, the best ways for your people to live in covenant with you and one another. When they wandered in the wilderness and missed the mark, your mercy eclipsed your wrath. After they sojourned in exile, you prepared a way to come home. And so we join with the angels and the holy ones through the ages, resounding with rivers clapping their hands and hills in joyful song, all proclaiming your glory, as we sing:

² Source: adapted from the Order for Eucharist Form 2, Book of Common Prayer p. 404

**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 in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant now praises God for the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ our Savior.

O God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, your only Son, to be our Savior, fully human and fully divine. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, he was born of your servant, Mary, and lived as one of us. To those in poverty, he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

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 he 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."

Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption.

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

The Celebrant then prays that all may receive the benefits of Christ's work, and the renewal of the Holy Spirit.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us to renew us, that we may receive the benefits of Christ's work in heart, mind, body, and soul.

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

Celebrant: As Jesus taught his disciples, we now pray,
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 treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score is divided into parts for 'CANTOR OR CHOIR' and 'ALL'.

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. ___

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, 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.

Music during Communion: Pastheen Fionn

Traditional Celtic

Prayer After Communion *Please stand.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Savior 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.

Go into the World

Blessing for Trinity Sunday

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Three in One, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 376: "Joyful Joyful We adore thee"

Hymn to Joy

The Dismissal

Officiant: "Alleluia, alleluia, let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Wild Goose, the Holy Spirit!

All: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude: A Trip to the Cottage

F. O'Neill

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Announcements

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

Joint Youth Group End of Year Pizza Party - Today, 12 pm

All youth are invited to attend an end of the year youth group pizza party on Sunday, May 31st from 12:00-1:30pm at the CCC building (1213 Dandridge St.) Our church is in conversation to start a shared youth group between Trinity, St. George's and Christ Lutheran and this party will be an occasion to meet youth from the other churches. For more information, be in touch with Ethan at missioner@thehousefxbg.org.

Now Hiring

We are now hiring for a part time Mission and Outreach Coordinator. This position is 20 hours a week and will have coordinate outreach ministries including Community Dinner and The Table. See our website to learn more and apply.

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 for more info.

Today's Altar Arrangement:

The altar arrangement is given in memory of Bob O'Neill and Jack with love Mary Jane, arranged by Flower Guild member Kathy Wirtala.

Shrine Mont Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for our 2026 Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont. We will travel to the mountains October 9-11. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Danielle Davis.

You can find more information and the registration link by scanning the Q code.



Youth Summer Service Week - June 15-19, 2026

Youth Summer Service Days are coming up soon! All rising 6th - 12th graders are invited to join in the fun from June 15-19. We will meet each



morning at 9 am at St. George's before going offsite for various service projects. Scan the QR Code to register.

Vacation Bible School Music Camp - July 20-24, 2026

VBS and Music Camp will be back again this summer! Join us July 20-24 for what will be a splendid week of fun, fellowship, crafts, and music! Any children, rising K-6, are welcome to join us. Scan the QR code to register.



St. George's Prayer List

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

Regarding the Prayer List:

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

Those needing God's grace:

Rev. Aaron Dobyne, Paul Sungenis, Helen Soheili, Soheili Family, Emily Croner, Chris and Cynthia McRae, Jillian Pabalan, John Danello, Ellen Sharp, Makenna M

Those in convalescence:

Barry Krause, Rev. Carey Connors, Annie Redmond, Maureen Aylward, Ella (daughter of former parishioner Jill Brown)

Those expecting children:

Maren Cadwallender and Em Slezak

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, Claire Simpson, Paula Mullins, Logan Vaaler, Russ Carter, Ron Tebbutt, Janis Hales, Scott Fray, Makai Kingston Bernardi Brown, Elizabeth Martel, Frank Rowe, Barbara Atkins

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Holy Comforter, Vienna; Christ Church, Alexandria

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

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

Vestry

If you have questions or concerns,
please reach out to our Vestry
(elected lay leaders).

To reach the Vestry, please email: vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net. To reach an individual vestry member, please contact the church office at office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net or 540.373.4133.

Kit Burns, 2027

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Linda Wickersham, 2027

Caleb Cherry, 2028

Joseph Lyttle, 2028

Kathy Maxfield, 2028

Elvin Rivera-Orellano 2028

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Laurel Loch

Register

Serving This Sunday

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

Clergy:

The Rev. Rock Higgins

Preacher:

The Rev. Rock Higgins

Officiant:

Christi Carver

Chalice:

Gina Moriarty

Candle Setup:

Gina Moriarty

Reader:

Sherry Newman

Prayers:

Mary Miller

Chris Forzano

Altar Guild:

Barbara Blöse

Julie Lang

Jemma Judd

Flower Guild:

Kathy Wirtala

Musicians:

Meredith Walburn, cello

Mike Grinnan, guitar

Achim Loch, piano

Laurel Loch, voice

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

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