St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Children's Bulletin

For all God's children of any age

Holy Eucharist
10:00 am

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
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From the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and *The Sunday Paper: Lectionary Cartoons*

Prelude

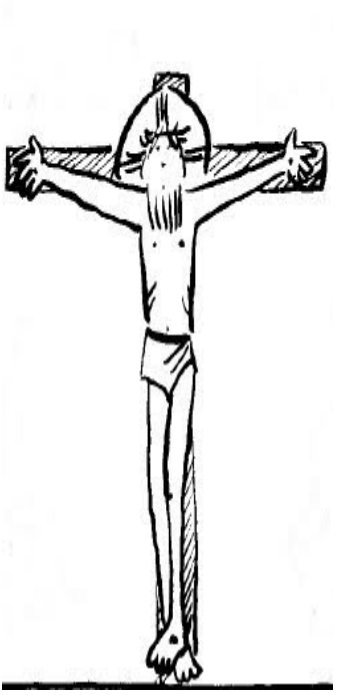
Opening Hymn: "Lift high the cross"
Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred Name.

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
Refrain**

**Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
Refrain**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou has promised, draw the world to thee.
Refrain**

**So shall our son of triumph ever be;
praise to the Crucified for victory.
Refrain**



Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity
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 385:
"Many and great, O God, are thy works" *Dakota Indian Chant*
Many and great, O God, are thy works, maker of earth and sky;
thy hands have set the heavens with stars;
thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at thy word the water were formed;
deep seas obey thy voice.
Great unto us communion with thee, thou star abiding one;
come unto us and dwell with us;
with thee are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with thee.

Celebrant: God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.



The Celebrant says the Collect (Prayer) of the Day
O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The First Reading

A reading from The Book of Joshua

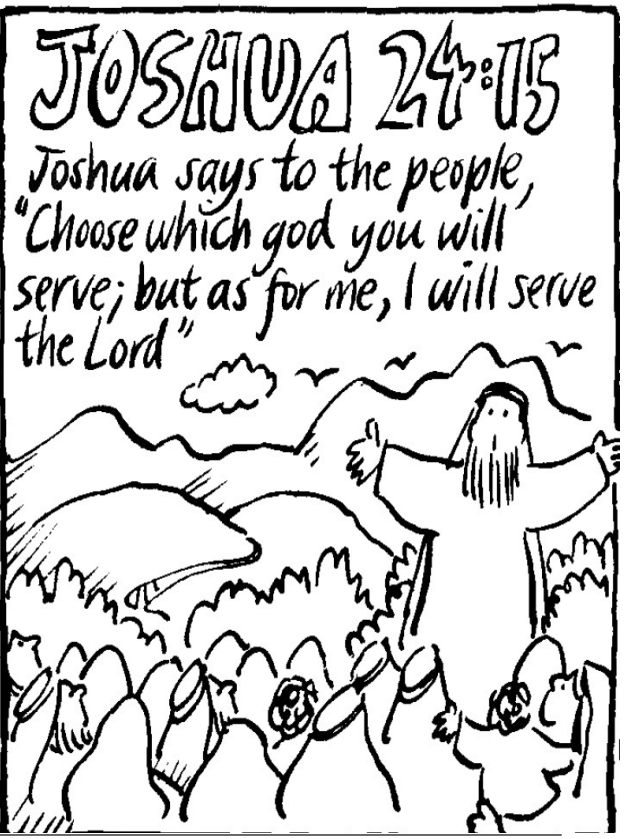
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 *New Revised Standard Version*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors-- Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor-- lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt,

out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD; for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

People: Thanks be to God.



The Psalm (Psalm 78:1-7)

**1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**

**2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

**3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.**

**4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.**

**5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;**

**6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**

**7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments**



Sequence Hymn: "Jesu, Jesu"

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.



Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.
Refrain

Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are nearby and far away.
Refrain

These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love.
All are neighbors to us and you.
Refrain

Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we were slaves:
this is the way we should live with you.
Refrain

The Gospel Reading (Matthew 25:1-13)

All children are invited to leave their pews and join the Gospel procession to gather around the Deacon as the Gospel is proclaimed.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

New Revised Standard Version

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, `Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, `Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, `No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, `Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, `Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

First NationsVersion

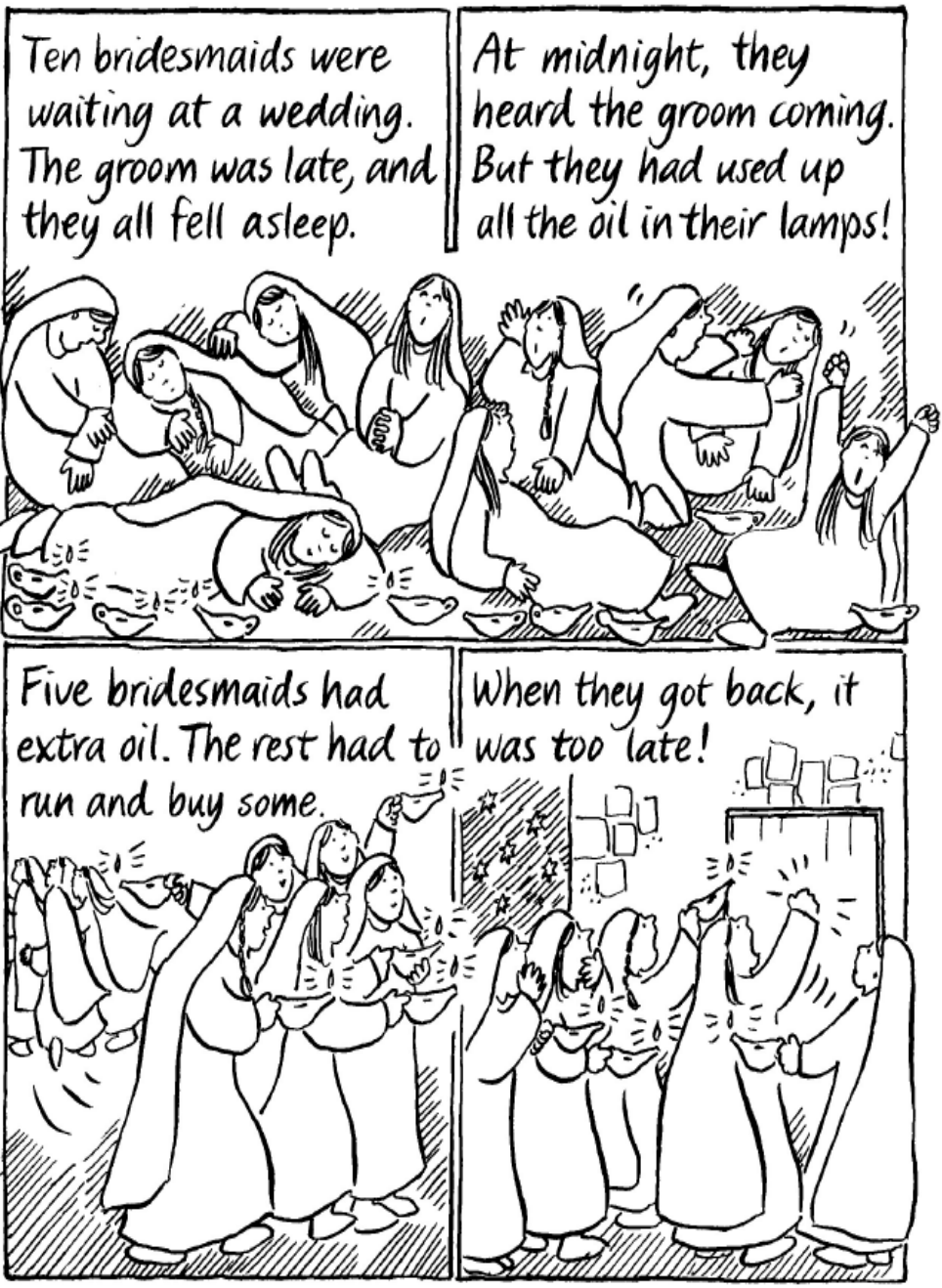
When that time comes, the ones who are walking Creator's good road from above will be like ten young, unmarried women who took their ceremonial torches and went out to welcome the groom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The wise women took an extra clay pot of oil along for their torches, but the foolish ones did not bother to bring any. The groom did not come when expected, and they all fell asleep as they waited. Then suddenly, in the dark of the night, someone cried out, "Look! The groom is coming, let us go welcome him!" All the women woke up to prepare their torches, but the oil in the torches had run out. The foolish ones said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil so our torches will not go out." The wise ones answered back, "There is not enough for all of us. Hurry, go to the village and trade for some more." They hurried away to get more oil. But while they were gone, the groom came and all the guests went into the lodge for the wedding feast, and the gate was closed. A while later the other women came to the gate and said to the gatekeeper, "Honored one, O honored one, open the door and let us come in." But he said to them, "I truly do not even know who you are - why should I let you in?" Creator Sets Free (Jesus) finished the tory with these words of wisdom. "Here is what I am saying to you: be prepared like the wise women in this story and always be ready, for you do not know the time of day or night that the True Human Being will appear."

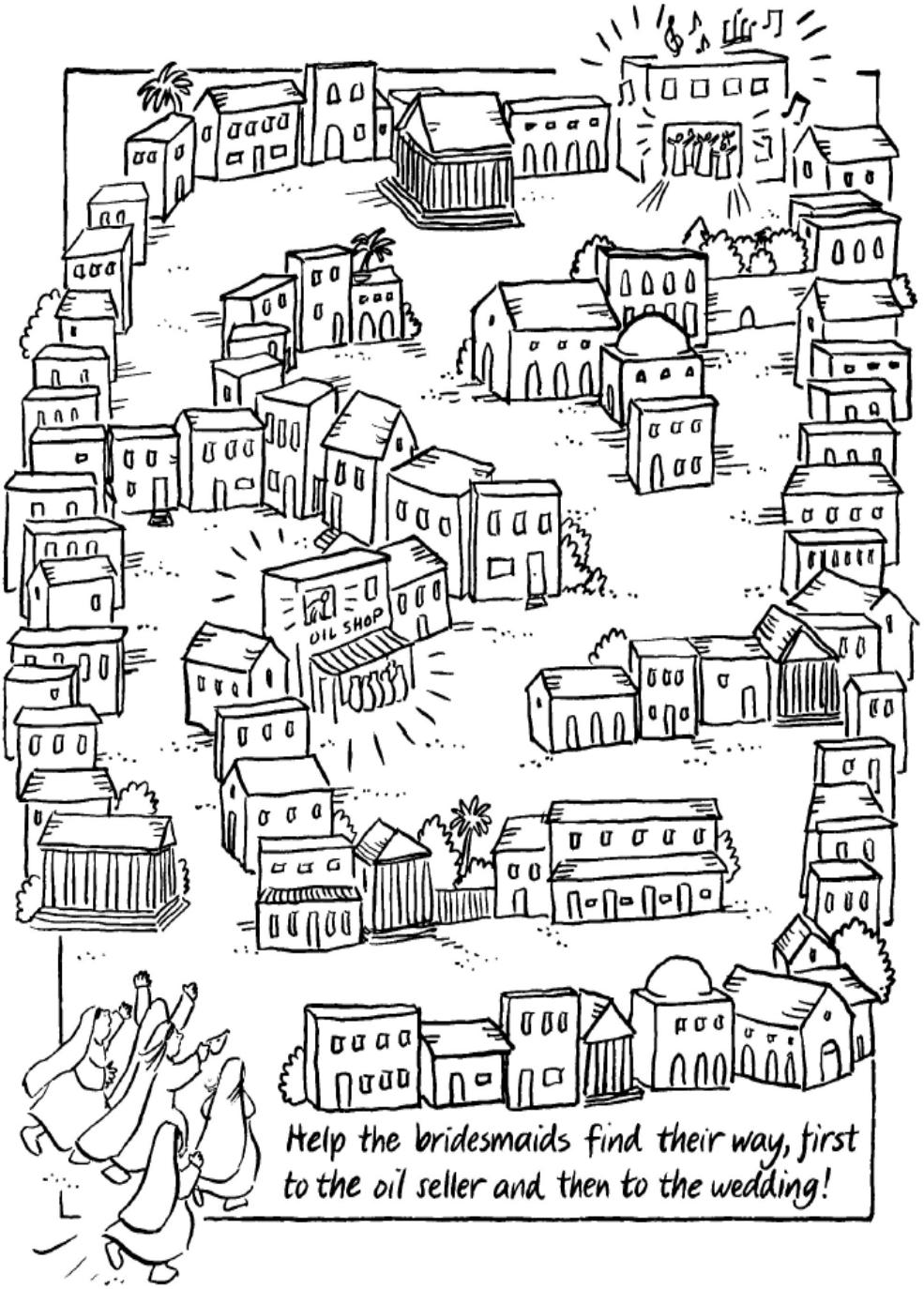
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The Homily Pastor Paige

JESUS TOLD THIS STORY:




OIL SHOP
Help the bridesmaids find their way, first to the oil seller and then to the wedding!

The Nicene Creed



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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

Prayers of the People

In this season of giving thanks for God's abundant blessings and for the People, Place, and Pastoral Leadership of St. George's, we offer our prayers to the Holy One from whom all blessings flow.

Lector: For the Universal Church gathered in the churches throughout the world: for our Diocese and for the people, place, pastoral leadership, and ministries of St. George's.

People: Grant us wisdom and grace as your people in this place, Holy One, to work, pray, and give for the coming of your heavenly reign of love.

Lector: For this nation and all in authority: for all nations and leaders and those seeking election, for cooperation across borders, an end to wars, and for just governance.

People: Grant us wisdom and grace, Holy One, to love our neighbors, work for justice and peace, and fulfill our civic duties with courage and humility.

Lector: For the welfare of the world: for the flourishing of all creatures, for the curbing of human greed, and for the healing of the whole creation.



People: Grant us wisdom and grace, Holy One, to seek the peace of the planet that sustains our life.

Lector: For our annual generosity campaign: for the resources we need to do the work we are called to do through Christ, for generous hearts that share abundantly.

People: Grant us wisdom and grace, Holy One, to overcome scarcity through abundance, to confront anxiety through gratitude, and to make every offering a joyful response to you.

Lector: For those who suffer and those in any trouble: we pray for all those on our hearts today, silently or aloud. *(the leader pauses as prayers are offered)*

Lector: Hear your people in this place;

People: Grant us wisdom and grace, Holy One, to continue our prayers for all in need.

Lector: For the departed: for all who have died and all who mourn, for all the saints who inspire us to trust in the dying and rising of Christ.

People: Grant us wisdom and grace, Holy One, to be a resurrection people, in this place, with our pastors and leaders, seeking life in Christ.

Celebrant: Accept the prayers of your people, O Holy One, in and from this holy place. Bless and guide all of us who offer pastoral leadership, that the ministries of St. George's may always be a prayerful offering, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Confession
Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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.**

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 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.



The Offertory and Announcements

Offertory Anthem: "Ubi Caritas"
Translation: Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

The Presentation

Presentation Hymn: "As those of old their first fruits brought"
As those of old their first fruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield;
so we today our first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee
to serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.
O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.



Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 1
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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus: WLP 855 Sanctus (Red Lake)
Holy, holy, holy Lord; All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



Fraction Anthem: S154
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Invitation to Communion
Celebrant: 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. All are also welcome to pray with a Personal Prayer Minister in the corner to the left.

Communion Hymn: "Come, risen Lord"

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
thyself at thine own board make manifest
in thine own Sacrament of Bread and Wine.

We meet, as in that upper room they met;
thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand:
"This is my Body"; so thou givest yet:
faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.

One body we, one Body who partake,
one Church united in communion blest;
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.

One with each other, Lord, for one in thee,

who art one Savior and one living Head;
then open thou our eyes, that we may see;
be known to us in breaking of the Bread.

"Lord Jesus Christ (Jésus le Christ)" *Taize*

Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me.
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let my heart always welcome your love.

The Prayer After Communion
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.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"
Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder lie a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil has entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

In the last few days before he was arrested and killed, Jesus talked a lot about the end of the world. He said that at the end of the world, the Messiah will come back to earth and the whole universe will become God's Kingdom. The end will be a new beginning!

As we get to the end of the church year, we are reading about the end of Jesus's work on earth and the end of the world. So we think about how to get ready for the beginning of God's perfect Kingdom, when Jesus comes again!

Jesus often used the idea of a wedding to stand for God's Kingdom. And he told people to make sure they were ready, because nobody could know when the party would start!



Sunday School

Join us on Sundays at 9 am for Sunday School opportunities for all ages. This year's programs include:

- **Grades PreK - 2: 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. Located in the Library behind Sydnor Hall.
- **Grades 6 - 8: The Dragon's Den** - Join us for some interesting conversation of topics related to our faith, with art as our main reflection tool. Located on the Youth Floor.
- **Grades 9 - 12: Youth Formation** –Youth-led discussions on how Scripture, theology, worship, popular culture, and personal experience all intersect in our high school years. Located in Faulkner Hall.

We're looking forward to a wonderful year of faith, learning, and fellowship as our children and youth grow in their relationship with God. Be sure to register your child by scanning the QR code:

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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