

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

JANUARY 17, 2021 10:30 AM

The Rev. Ann McLemore, Interim Rector

Ms. Mi-Young Kim, Music Director

The mission of St. George's Episcopal Church is to worship God and share our faith through word, action, and service.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE WITH US. In this difficult and uncertain time, our commitment to one another as the Body of Christ is more important than ever. We are blessed to be able to join together in prayer, even as we are unable to be together in person as we would wish. Our online services are all available from the <u>Online Worship</u> page of our website.

THE WORD "EPIPHANY" comes from the Greek word epiphaneia, which means, "appearing" or "revealing." The season of Epiphany focuses on God's self-revelation in Christ. Christian tradition pays special attention to the gradual revelation of Christ's nature as shown in three events: the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and the wedding at Cana where he performed his first miracle, changing water into wine. With each of these events, the circle of those who see and recognize Jesus for who he is – God with us – grows larger. And with this revelation, the promise of Christmas begins to be fulfilled, as the light of Christ enters the world: "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you" (Isaiah 60:1). God is always making God's-self known to us.

GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

H – 1982 Hymnal G – Gather Hymnal BCP – Book of Common Prayer Because Austin has moved into Stage 5 of the CDC's COVID-19 risk-based guidelines, in which all gatherings of any size are discouraged, today's worship service will be led from the homes of the worship leaders, rather than from the church.

Twelve Short Preludes, No.1 in E minor PRELUDE **MI-YOUNG KIM** Alan Gray **WELCOME** THE LITURGY OF THE WORD Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies **OPENING HYMN** H₇ Christ, whose glo fills the skies, Christ the the 1 ry true. Light, on ly 2 Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pan ied by thee; 3 Vis - it then this of mine! Pierce the gloom of and grief! soul sin Sun of Right-eous _ ness, a - rise! Tri - umph o'er the shades of night: the day's till cy's Ι joy less is re - turn, thy mer beams see, _ _ dian Fill ra cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief; me, _ Day-spring from high, be near; Day - star, on in my heart ap - pear. light till thy in ward im part, glad my eyes and warm my heart. thy self more and dis play, shin - ing to the per - fect day. more

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: Ratisbon, melody from Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524; harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt. OfficiantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.Amen.

Officiant 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.

People Amen.

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Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.; para. of *Gloria in excelsis*. Music: *Allein Gott in der Höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

- Officiant The Lord be with you.
- People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Reader A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again, "So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Reader	The Word of the Lord
People	Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17

Domine, probasti

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

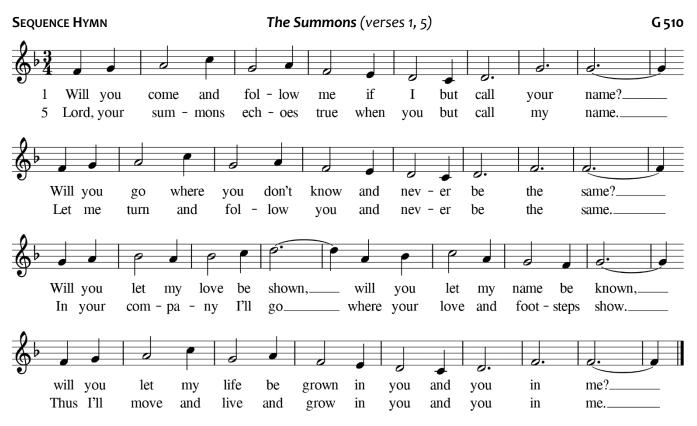
- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; * you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; * your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, * while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; * they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! * how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; * to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

SECOND READING

Reader A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.



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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Officiant	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Officiant	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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THE REV. ANN MCLEMORE

- 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.

THE PRAYERS

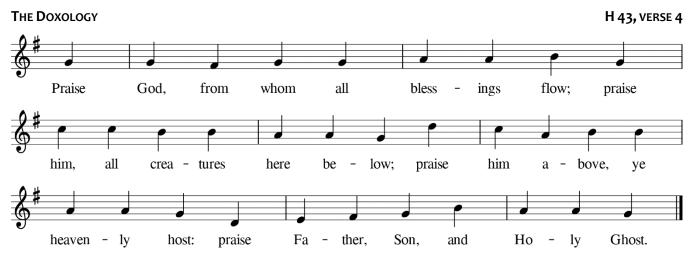
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Intercessor People	For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
Intercessor People	For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
Intercessor People	For the just and proper use of your creation; For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
Intercessor People	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
Intercessor People	For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the Gospel and all who seek the Truth.
Intercessor People	For the Anglican Church of Australia, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers; For all who serve God in his Church.
Intercessor	For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Raynelle, August Gladys, Charles, the Gil Family, Eva, Ralph, Kirk, Divesh, Rosie, Iris, Casey, Mary, Heather Nancy, Ben, David, Rochelle, Jon, Tom, and all those suffering from COVID-19. (Silence; the People may add their own petitions)
People	Hear us Lord, For your mercy is great.
Intercessor	We thank you, Lord, for Hye Na, Lisa, Cyrus, Nora, Vanamala, and Periwinkle, as they celebrate their birthdays; and for all the blessings of this life. (Silence; the People may add their own thanksgivings)
People	We will exalt you, O God our King; And praise your Name for ever and ever.
Intercessor	We pray for all who have died, especially those who have died from COVID-19, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. (Silence; the People may add their own petitions)
People	Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; Who put their trust in you.
Officiant	And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People	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.

Officiant People	Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Officiant	Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People	Amen.
Officiant	We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
People	Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Officiant	Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
People	Amen.
THE PEACE	
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORYRecognition and thanksgiving for gifts of time, talent, pledges and other donationsOfferings can be given online at the <u>St. George's Donation page</u>.



Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: The Eighth Tune, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585).

THE BLESSING



Words & Music: African-American spiritual; harm by Horace Clarence Boyer.

DISMISSAL

Officiant	Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE O Gott, du frommer Gott (O God, Thou Holiest), Op.122 No. 7 MI-YOUNG KIM Johannes Brahms

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After the service, you are invited to join our **Zoom Coffee Hour** (passcode: Christ), for a brief time of fellowship with other St. George's parishioners.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

For those who are sick or facing medical issues, especially:

Raynelle Blech August Dolan-Henderson Gladys Dykes Charles Foster The Gil Family Eva Harpst Ralph Hausser Kirk Hoffman Divesh Manohar Rosie Martinez Iris McBrayer Casey McDonald Mary Parker Heather Razmus Nancy Rushefsky Ben Sears David Treviño, Jr. Rochelle & Jon Winkle Tom Wooten Those suffering from COVID-19

For those who have died and their families, especially:

Those who have died from COVID-19

For those facing difficult circumstances

For those serving in the armed forces and their families, especially:

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Those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Hye Na Lucy (Jan 17)	Nora Kadas (Jan 20)
Lisa Wagner (Jan 18)	Vanamala Manohar (Jan 22)
Cyrus Cormier (Jan 20)	Periwinkle Schuster (Jan 23)

Those who celebrate anniversaries

In the Anglican cycle of prayer:

The Anglican Church of Australia

In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

Grace, Georgetown Incarnation, Austin Resurrection, Austin

Names newly added to the list of prayer requests are in bold. Names can be added to this list by emailing Jennifer at <u>stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com</u>.



THE SUNDAY BANNER – January 17, 2021

- VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR Immediately after the service each Sunday, you are invited to join our Zoom Coffee Hour (passcode: Christ) to share a brief time of fellowship with other parishioners.
- ANNUAL PARISH MEETING St. George's Annual Parish Meeting will be held NEXT SUNDAY, January 24th, immediately after the 10:30 service, via Zoom. The annual parish meeting is our opportunity to elect members of the Vestry, hear reports on various parish activities, and discuss other church business.
- 2021 PARISH DIRECTORY It's time to prepare our 2021 Parish Directory! In order to make sure that you and your family are listed correctly, please do the following:
 - If you were listed in last year's directory, **CAREFULLY** review your listing. If you need another copy of the 2020 directory, please contact Jennifer at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com.
 - Complete a <u>2021 Directory Information Form</u> **EVEN** if you have no changes from last year's listing (the form includes the option to indicate "no changes").

Contact Jennifer with any questions. Please complete your form no later than Monday, January 25th.

- CONTACTING THE INTERIM RECTOR Ann is working on getting to know the parishioners of St. George's and would love to hear from you! You can reach her at stgeorgesaustinrector@gmail.com or on her cell phone at 769-257-2377. She, like many of us, will mostly be working from home, but she would be happy to make appointments to meet with people (masked and socially distanced) at the church.
- GIVING TO ST. GEORGE'S We are grateful for your financial support in these challenging times. Your gifts enable us to use modern technology to connect to each other, as well as to continue to pay our ongoing expenses. Please consider giving online at the <u>St. George's Donation page</u> (also accessible from the Stewardship page of our website at <u>www.sgchurch.org/stewardship</u>), where you can set up regular weekly or monthly donation using a credit card or a bank account. You can also mail checks to the church office. Thank you for your generosity.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, January 18	7:00 pm	School Board Meeting	The Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle
Tuesday, January 19	7:30 pm	Choir Meet-up Richard Rolle, Walter Hilt	on, and Margery Kempe, Mystics, 1349, 1396, and c. 1440
Wednesday, January 20			
Thursday, January 21			Agnes and Cecilia of Rome, Martyrs, 304 and c.230
Friday, January 22			Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon and Martyr, 304
Saturday, January 23			
Sunday, January 24	10:30 am 11:30 am	Liturgy of the Word Annual Parish Meeting	Ordination of Florence Li Tim-Oi, First Woman Priest in the Anglican Communion, 1944

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMON LIFE

PRAYER IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

God of love, in this interim time, we pray for our parish family, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, open in our search, imaginative about our future, and daring in our faith. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Officiant/Preacher – The Rev. Ann McLemore Organist/Pianist – Mi-Young Kim Media Coordinator – Brad Dieringer Singers – Elaine Hosage, Jan Phillips Reader/Intercessor – Mary Stewart Miller

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