

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

# LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

FEBRUARY 7, 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 Online Worship 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.

**P**RELUDE

# **Bagatelles Op.11 No.4 A Major**Ludwig van Beethoven

MI-YOUNG KIM

**W**ELCOME

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

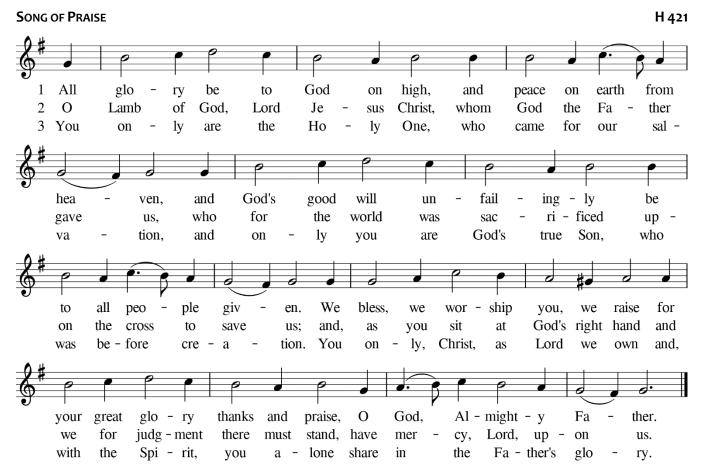
Amen.

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.



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 BCP 216

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

Officiant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

FIRST READING ISAIAH 40:21-31

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

PSALM 147:1-12, 21C LAUDATE DOMINUM

#### Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

- 1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! \* how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \* he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted \* and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars \* and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \* there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, \* but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \* make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds \* and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \* and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds \* and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \* he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \* in those who await his gracious favor.
- 21 Hallelujah!

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

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

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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



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THE HOLY GOSPEL MARK 1:29-39

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON THE REV. ANN MCLEMORE

NICENE CREED BCP 358

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

#### Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP 392

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world; People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessor For the Anglican Church of Burundi, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Jeff,

Hector, and Kai our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Raynelle, Morris,

August, Gladys, Phillip, Charles, the Gil Family, Eva, Ralph, Kirk, Divesh, Rosie, Mark, Iris, Casey, Mary, Metis, Heather, Ruben, Nancy, Ben, David, Preston, Rochelle, Jon, Tom, Anna, Joanne, the McDaniels and Mikkelson families, the patients, family, and friends of Dr.

Lindley Dodson, and all those suffering from COVID-19.

(Silence; the People may add their own petitions)

Hear us Lord,

People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for Joe and Henry, as they celebrate their birthdays; for Grace and Erik,

and Herb and Sandra, as they celebrate their anniversaries; and for all the blessings of this life.

(Silence; the People may add their own thanksgivings)

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, especially Lindley, Dave, Martha Ann, Phyllis and 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)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People 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 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.

People 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

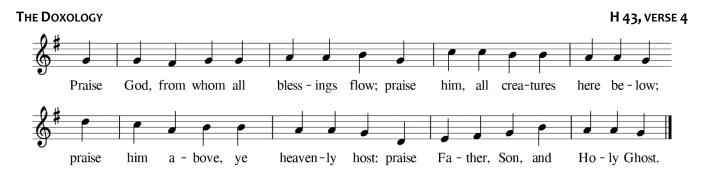
Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### **A**NNOUNCEMENTS

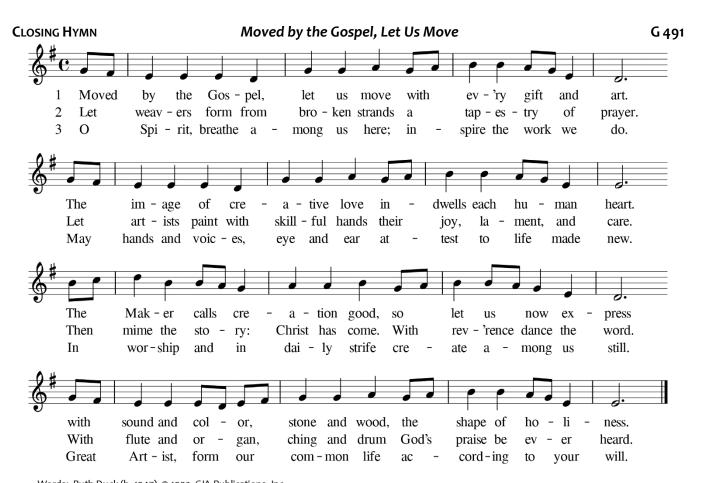
THE OFFERTORY

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



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#### THE BLESSING



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#### DISMISSAL

Officiant Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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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 Kirk Hoffman **Ruben Romero**Morris Calhoun Divesh Manohar Nancy Rushefsky
August Dolan-Henderson Rosie Martinez Ben Sears

Gladys Dykes Mark Mays David Treviño, Jr.
Phillip Farmer Iris McBrayer Preston Tyree

Charles Foster Casey McDonald Rochelle & Jon Winkle

The Gil Family Mary Parker Tom Wooten

Eva Harpst Metis Policano Those suffering from COVID-19

Ralph Hausser Heather Razmus

For those who have died and their families, especially:

Lindley Dodson Martha Ann McGonigle Those who have died from

**Dave McDaniels** Phyllis Pearson COVID-19

For those facing difficult circumstances, especially:

Anna Doty and her colleagues The McDaniels and Mikkelson families

Joanne Mays The patients, family, and friends of Dr. Lindley Dodson

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

**Andrew Hutton** 

For our seminarian:

Joel McAlister and his family

Those who celebrate birthdays, especially: Those who celebrate anniversaries, especially:

Joe Carrera (Feb 7) Grace & Erik Stallman (Feb 11)

Henry Dieringer (Feb 13)

Herb Dickson & Sandra Villalaz-Dickson (Feb 13)

In the Anglican cycle of prayer: In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

The Anglican Church of Burundi St. James', La Grange St. Joan of Arc, Pflugerville

St. James', Taylor

Names newly added to the list of prayer requests are in bold.

Names can be added to this list by emailing Jennifer at <a href="mailto:stepochem:s

# THE SUNDAY BANNER - February 7, 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.
- ★ WEDNESDAY WEAVINGS Join us for St. George's adult discussion group this Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00-8:00 pm, via Zoom. We are currently reading and discussing The Way of Love. All are welcome to join the group for discussion and a closing service of Compline. Frances Rickard will send the reading along with the Zoom link to the group's email list before the meeting. If you are not on the list and would like to receive the email, or if you have any questions, please contact Frances at fajrickard@gmail.com.
- FIRESIDE CHATS Join our Interim Rector for a Fireside Chat in February. These conversations will last for about an hour and be limited to 10 people each. They will be an opportunity to share our stories, current or past, a time to find the threads that bring the community of St. George's together, and a chance to see and connect to one another. The dates and times are:
  - Saturday, February 13, 9:00 am
  - Saturday, February 13, 12:00 pm
  - Thursday, February 18, 7:00 pm
- Monday, February 15, 7:00 pm
- Friday, February 19, 10:00 am
- Monday, February 22, 7:00 pm

Please <u>register online</u> for the date and time that works best for you. If you have difficulty with the registration process, contact Jennifer in the church office at <u>stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com</u>. We look forward to seeing you by the fireside!

- ASH WEDNESDAY Join us via Zoom at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, as we begin our observance of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service. We will not be able to observe Ash Wednesday with the traditional imposition of ashes, but our prayers and scripture readings will still remind us of our mortality and dependence on God and invite us to reflection and repentance.
- FORWARD DAY BY DAY Although we can't put them out in the church entrances right now, we are still getting the Forward Day by Day booklet of meditations. A couple of parishioners have volunteered to deliver them to anyone who would like one, while supplies last. If you're interested in getting a copy, please email Jennifer in the church office at <a href="mailto:stegeorgeaustin@gmail.com">stegeorgeaustin@gmail.com</a> (and specify if you would like a large-print copy).
- ❖ CHRISTOPHER HOUSE BASKETS St. George's has a long-standing ministry of delivering hospitality baskets to the families of patients at Christopher House. As with everything else, the logistics of this have changed with the pandemic, but we continue to deliver baskets, and we need more delivery people! To be a part of this ministry, sign up for one or more weeks between now and June on the Online Christopher House Basket Calendar. A \$10 donation is requested per basket, and you can also add a note and other goodies (nothing perishable). You can make the donation online via the St. George's Donation Page under Outreach, or by mailing a check to the church office, made out to "St. George's Episcopal Church," with "Christopher House Baskets" in the memo line. Then, contact Alice Nelson at mzlsnlsn@gmail.com to make arrangements to get a basket before your delivery week. Delivery includes no patient contact, and only brief outdoor and masked contact with a staff member.

- 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 <a href="mailto:stgeorgesaustinrector@gmail.com">stgeorgesaustinrector@gmail.com</a> or on her cell phone at <a href="mailto:769-257-2377">769-257-2377</a>. 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 St. George's Donation page (also accessible from the Stewardship page of our website at <a href="https://www.sgchurch.org/stewardship">www.sgchurch.org/stewardship</a>), 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.
- \* COVID VACCINE PRE-REGISTRATION The COVID vaccine is currently being made available to people in category 1A (medical first responders) and 1B (age 65 and over) through Austin Public Health. Whether or not you are in one of those categories, you can pre-register at <a href="www.austintexas.gov/aph-vaccine-reg">www.austintexas.gov/aph-vaccine-reg</a> to be notified when the vaccine is available and you are eligible and make an appointment when appropriate.



### **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 BCP 815

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 BCP 260

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.

# THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 8	7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting	Bakhita, Monastic and Prophetic Witness, 1947
Tuesday, February 9			
Wednesday, February 10	7:00 pm	Wednesday Weavings	Scholastica, Monastic, 543
Thursday, February 11			Theodora, Empress, c.867
Friday, February 12			
Saturday, February 13	9:00 am	Fireside Chat	Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818
Sunday, February 14	10:30 am	Liturgy of the Word	Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries, 869 and 885

## **THOSE WHO SERVE**

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

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