

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

OCTOBER 4, 2020 10:30 AM

The Rev. Merrill Wade, Interim Priest
The Rev. Jim Enelow, Deacon

Melissa Brackin, Senior Warden 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.

Today we welcome our new Interim Priest, the Rev. Merrill Wade! Merrill will be with us approximately half-time for the next three months. He was the long-term rector of St. Matthew's here in Austin until his retirement a year ago. He is looking forward to this new challenge of working with St. George's in our time of transition.

The Church is now in the long season known as the SEASON AFTER PENTECOST or ORDINARY TIME. Most holidays and seasons of the church year focus on the events of the earthly life of Jesus, but the Season after Pentecost shifts to a focus on how we, following the example of the first disciples, will take what we have learned from Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, into the world and our everyday lives. May we all take this opportunity to settle into our ordinary lives, being exactly where we are, and finding ways to live our faith in each of those ordinary moments.

GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

H – 1982 Hymnal

G – Gather Hymnal

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: Westminster Abbey, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt.

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.



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 234

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

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

FIRST READING ISAIAH 5:1-7

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;

I will also command the clouds

that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

PSALM 80:7-14 QUI REGIS ISRAEL

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; * you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; * it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow * and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea * and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, * so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, * and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; * preserve what your right hand has planted.

SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

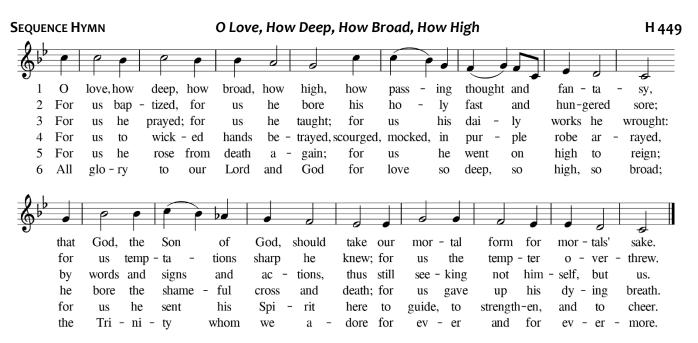
Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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



Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.

Music: Deo gracias, English ballad melody, Trinity College MS., 15th cent.

THE HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 21:33-46

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to

them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

THE SERMON THE REV. MERRILL WADE

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 I BCP 383	
Deacon	With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."
People	For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
Deacon People	For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
Deacon People	For the Anglican Church of Tanzania; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our Bishops; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
Deacon People	For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
Deacon	For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Deacon People	For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
Deacon People	For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
Deacon People	For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
Deacon People	For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Edna, Brandon, August, Gladys, Charles, Matias, Ralph, Kirk, Nicole, Rosa, Polly, Carol, Divesh, Paul, IxChel, Janette, Mary, Anita, Martha, Pam, Ben, Colleen, Aaron, Rudy, Linda, Rochelle, Jon, Tom, those suffering from COVID-19, and those affected by Hurricane Sally, Tropical Storm Beta, and the wildfires on the West Coast, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
Deacon	For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and
People	captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
Deacon People	For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Patricia Neher, James Paull, and those who have died from COVID-19, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
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Deacon	For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People

Lord, have mercy.

Deacon In thanksgiving for Matthew, as he celebrate his birthday, and for all the blessings of this

life, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. People

Deacon That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us

pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. George and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one Deacon

another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People To you, O Lord our God.

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.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Deacon

People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM **Glorious in Majesty** (arr. Jeff Cothran) THE CHOIR

1. Glorious in majesty, holy in his praises,

Jesus, our Savior and our King.

Born a man, yet God of old, let us all adore him: filled with his Spirit, let us sing. [REFRAIN]

2. Victory he won for us, freeing us from darkness, Dying and rising from the dead.

Living with the Father now, yet he is among us: we are the body, he the head. [REFRAIN] **REFRAIN:** Living is to love him,

serving him to know his freedom.

Come along with us to join the praise of Jesus. Come to Jesus now, go to live his word rejoicing.

3. One in love, as family, living with each other,

Gladly we share each other's pain.

Yet he will not leave us so, soon he is returning, Taking us back with him to reign. [REFRAIN] THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

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.

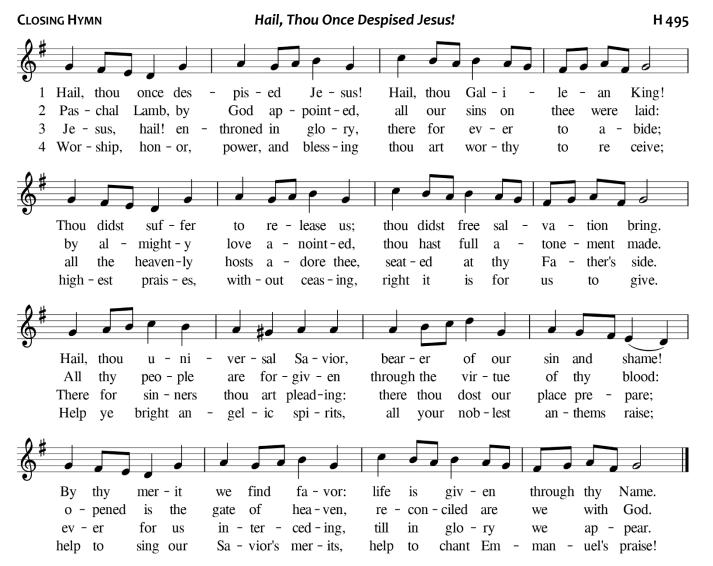
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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.

THE BLESSING



Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt.

 ${\it Music: In Babilone, melody from Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu, 1710.}$

DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

(Charles Gounod)

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The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Ada Pewitt.

The altar candles are given by James & Gayle Wall,
in thanksgiving for Sydney, Alet, Tori, and Astrid on their birthdays.

After the service, please join us for our **Zoom Coffee Hour** (password: Christ), 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:

Edna BludauPolly LittrellBen SearsBrandon CarpenterCarol LongoriaColleen StarkAugust Dolan-HendersonDivesh ManoharAaron StrongGladys DykesPaul MorrisRudy VillalazCharles FosterIxChel MorrisonLinda Wallace

Matias Gil Janette Overfelt Rochelle & Jon Winkle

Ralph Hausser Mary Parker Tom Wooten

Kirk Hoffman Anita Rodman Those suffering from

Nicole Hohensee Martha Sahs COVID-19

Rosa Limon Pam Schubert

For those who have died and their families, especially:

Ruth Bader Ginsburg James Paull

Patricia Neher Those who have died from COVID-19

For those facing difficult circumstances, especially:

Those affected by Hurricane Sally

Those affected by the wildfires on the West Coast

Those affected by Tropical Storm Beta

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

Maddison Worcester

Those who celebrate birthdays, especially: Those who celebrate anniversaries

Matthew Jones (Oct 5)

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

Anglican Church of Tanzania, St. Mark's, Beaumont
The Most Reverend Doctor Maimbo Mndolwa,
Archishop St. Paul's, Orange
St. Paul's, Woodville

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

Names can be added to this list by emailing Jennifer at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com.

THE SUNDAY BANNER - October 4, 2020

- VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR Immediately after the service each Sunday, you are invited to join our Zoom Coffee Hour (password: Christ) to share a brief time of fellowship with other parishioners. You are particularly invited today to welcome our new Interim Priest, the Rev. Merrill Wade!
- * WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP Please join us for our next meeting on Saturday, October 10th, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, via Zoom. We will discuss *The Nickel Boys*, by Colson Whitehead. All St. George's women are welcome to attend even if you haven't read the book! We hope you can join us for interesting conversation and our book discussion. The Zoom invitation will be sent out to the group's email list prior to the meeting. To be added to the list, or with any questions, please contact Sandra Villalaz at 512-762-8349 or sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com. Happy reading!
- * REACH OUT TO YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS The Vestry invites you to join us in a St. George's "telephone tree" to reach out to members of our congregation while we are not able to meet in person. Specifically, we encourage you to make a phone call to the people (or families) listed above and below you in the St. George's Parish Directory and just check in with each other for a brief chat. (If you do not have a copy of the current directory, please email the church office at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com to request one.) We believe that these types of contacts are important in maintaining our wonderful St. George's parish community.
- ❖ VIRTUAL PARISH GET-TOGETHERS Many thanks to those of you who participated in our parish gettogethers in September. The Vestry has decided to continue to host them on a monthly basis. These meetings are designed to give parishioners a chance to gather, receive and share information, and give feedback. The focus of the October meetings will be getting to know our new Interim Priest, the Rev. Merrill Wade. Once again, we are planning three such get-togethers; please choose the date and time that best fits your schedule:
 - Saturday, October 17, 10:00 am
 - Tuesday, October 20, 1:00 pm
 - Thursday, October 22, 7:00 pm

All three meetings will be available at this **Zoom link** (password: parish). Contact Melissa Brackin at **MelissaAEason@gmail.com** or **512-415-7721** with any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

- ❖ PARENT EDUCATION EVENT Our Head of School, Jerri Thompson, will be hosting a Toilet Training Parent Education Event this Wednesday, October 7th, from 12:30-1:30 pm on Zoom. Join Jerri and other parents to discuss the steps to successful toilet training that is stress- and worry-free. Please contact Jerri at jerri@stgeorges-austin.com for the Zoom link or with any questions.
- PHOTO SESSIONS Support the school by booking a photo session! Our own Madeleine Landry will use her photography skills to take family and individual photos in the Butterfly Garden in Mueller. Social distancing guidelines will be followed, and if necessary, masks will be worn. Slots are available all day on Saturdays, October 10th and October 17th. (Use the links to sign up or get more information.) This is a great opportunity to raise a little money for the school and get a great family photo!

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, October 5

Tuesday, October 6

Wednesday, October 7 12:30 pm Parent Education Event Birgitta of Sweden, Mystic and Prophetic Witness, 1373

Thursday, October 8

Friday, October 9 Vida Dutton Scudder, Educator, 1954

Saturday, October 10 3:00 pm Women's Book Group

Sunday, October 11 Philip, Deacon and Evangelist

THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant/Preacher – The Rev. Merrill Wade
Deacon – The Rev. Jim Enelow
Organist/Pianist – Mi-Young Kim
Vestry Person of the Day – Bridgette Beinecke
Flower Guild – Alice Nelson
Singers – Jan Phillips, Stephanie Craven
Media Coordinator – Brad Dieringer
Reader – Melissa Brackin

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