



St. George's
Episcopal Church

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

OCTOBER 18, 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.*

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. The term "ordinary" comes from the word "ordinal," which refers to counting, because we number each Sunday of Ordinary Time based on how many Sundays after Pentecost it is. But in some ways, it might be appropriate to think of this time as ordinary in the more common sense – time not marked by a constant stream of high points and low points, but simply the everyday life of the church. 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

OPENING HYMN

I Will Sing, I Will Sing (verses 1,2,6)

G 386

Verses

1 I will sing, I will sing a song un - to the Lord. I will
 2 We will come, we will come as one be - fore the Lord. We will
 6 In his name, in his name we have the vic - to - ry. In his

sing, I will sing a song un - to the Lord. I will sing, I will sing a song
 come, we will come as one be - fore the Lord. We will come, we will come as one
 name, in his name we have the vic - to - ry. In his name, in his name we have

un - to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord.
 be - fore the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord.
 the vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord.

Refrain

Al-le - lu, al-le-lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord. Al-le - lu, al-le-lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord. Al-le -

lu, al-le-lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord.

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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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

G 397

1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy! Thanks be to you for ev - er!
 2 From of old you loved and sought us! Thanks be to you for ev - er!
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
 Truth and jus - tice you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
 Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

1., 3. Fine || 2.

Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -

mem - b'ring your co - ve - nant of life with us.

D.C. al Fine

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 235

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 45:1-7

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him – and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west,
that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96:1-9

CANTATE DOMINO

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.**
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.**
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.**

- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

SECOND READING

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

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

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

The Love of the Lord

G 504

Verses

1 All that I count-ed as gain now I con - sid - er as loss,
 2 Rich - es and hon - ors will fade, earth - ly de - light dis - ap - pear,
 3 Sil - ver and gold have I none, no land to count as my home, yet
 4 Faith is the wealth I pos - sess find - ing its source in my God:

emp - ty and worth-less to me in the light of the love of the Lord.
 fade like the grass of the field in the light of the love of the Lord.
 wealth be - yond mea - sure I own in the light of the love of the Lord.
 faith in the pro - mise of Christ is my life and my love of the Lord.

Refrain

What more could bring us hope than to know the pow'r of his life?

What more could bring us peace than to share in his suf-fring and death?

What more could be our fi - nal wish than to live in the love of the Lord?

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:15-22

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
 People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. MERRILL WADE

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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.”
For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon 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.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For the Episcopal Church; 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.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People **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 For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Edna, Brandon, August, Gladys, Charles, Ralph, Kirk, Nicole, Rosa, Polly, Carol, Divesh, Paul, IxChel, Janette, Mary, Anita, Martha, Ben, Colleen, Aaron, Rudy, Linda, Tom, and those suffering from COVID-19, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially those who have died from COVID-19, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon In thanksgiving for Sara, Maddie, Adam, and Mark, as they celebrate their birthdays; for Margaret & Bailey and Laura & Joel, as they celebrate their anniversaries; and for all the blessings of this life, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

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

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

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

THE DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;



praise God all crea - tures here be - low; Praise God a - bove ye heaven - ly host;

Slower



praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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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

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

H 544

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound where - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.
Music: Duke Street, John Hatton (d. 1793).

DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Song of Hope
Edouardo Baptist

MI-YOUNG KIM, ORGAN

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The Altar Flowers are given by Mikail McIntosh-Doty, in honor of her friend Carole Charles Hanvey.

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 Bludau	Polly Littrell	Ben Sears
Brandon Carpenter	Carol Longoria	Colleen Stark
August Dolan-Henderson	Divesh Manohar	Aaron Strong
Gladys Dykes	Paul Morris	Rudy Villalaz
Charles Foster	IxChel Morrison	Linda Wallace
Ralph Hausser	Janette Overfelt	Tom Wooten
Kirk Hoffman	Mary Parker	Those suffering from
Nicole Hohensee	Anita Rodman	COVID-19
Rosa Limon	Martha Sahs	

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:

Maddison Worcester

Those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Sara Scarborough (Oct 18)
Madison McGonigle (Oct 22)
Adam Moreau (Oct 23)
Mark Casstevens (Oct 24)

Those who celebrate anniversaries, especially:

Margaret & Bailey Tipps (Oct 18)
Laura & Joel McAlister (Oct 21)

In the Anglican cycle of prayer:

The Episcopal Church,
The Most Reverend Michael Curry,
Presiding Bishop

In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

All Saints', Stafford
Calvary, Richmond
Christ Church, Eagle Lake
Christ Church, Matagorda

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 18, 2020

- ❖ **HANDS FOR HOPE at 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. **Roxana Fuentes from El Buen Samaritano** will be joining us at our [Zoom Coffee Hour](#) TODAY to share information about this year's Hands for Hope program. Join us to learn more about how to participate!
 - ❖ **STEWARDSHIP** – We are currently in our annual season of stewardship at St. George's. This year's theme, **Faith-Filled Generosity**, is a call to each one of us to be generous and ready to share so that our futures are secure and our lives are worth living. During this season, we prayerfully consider our financial commitment to St. George's in the year ahead. A [Stewardship Card](#) will be sent out with the bulletin and posted on the website each week; they will address different ways that we as individuals and as a community can live more fully with a spirit of generosity. Pledge information will be sent out by both mail and email. You can [pledge online](#) or by mailing your pledge card to the church office. On **Generosity Sunday, November 15th**, we will give special thanks for God's goodness and grace in our lives. For more information or to pledge online, visit our website at www.sgchurch.org/stewardship. (Note that you can pledge online and still give by check, if you prefer.)
 - ❖ **VIRTUAL PARISH GET-TOGETHERS** – Many thanks to those of you who participated in our parish get-togethers 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!
 - ❖ **COMPLINE** – St. George's is carefully restarting in-person gatherings with outdoor Sunday evening Compline services, beginning **next Sunday evening, October 25th, at 6:30 pm** (the time will be earlier in future weeks due to the end of Daylight Savings Time.) Compline is a beautiful evening prayer service and will be led by our new Interim Priest Merrill Wade. The services will be limited to approximately 20 people, and will require registration. To attend, please [register online](#). At this time, please register for only one service; once we have a sense of how many people wish to participate, we will be able to determine how frequently any given household can register to attend. (Some notes about the services themselves: Compline will last approximately 15-20 minutes and will be held at the rear of the playground. If you wish to sit, please bring your own chair; you are also welcome to stand. Masks and social distancing will be required, and bathrooms will not be available. Please bring a Book of Common Prayer or a device to access [Compline online](#).) We look forward to seeing you in person!
 - ❖ **ALL SAINTS NECROLOGY** – It is our tradition to read the names of those who have died since the previous All Saints' Day during the service on All Saints' Sunday. If you would like to include any names on that list, please email them to Jennifer at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com by **Tuesday, October 27th**.
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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 19	7:00 pm	School Board Meeting	<i>Henry Martyn, Priest and Missionary, 1812</i>
Tuesday, October 20	11:00 am	Parish Get-together	
Wednesday, October 21			
Thursday, October 22	7:00 pm	Parish Get-together	
Friday, October 23			<i>Saint James of Jerusalem, Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>
Saturday, October 24			
Sunday, October 25	10:30 am	Liturgy of the Word	<i>Tabitha (Dorcas) of Joppa</i>
	6:30 pm	Compline	

THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant/Preacher – The Rev. Merrill Wade
Deacon – The Rev. Jim Enelow
Organist/Pianist – Mi-Young Kim
Vestry Person of the Day – Brad Dieringer
Flower Guild – The Pewitt Family
Singers – Frances and John Rickard
Media Coordinator – Brad Dieringer
Reader – Frances Rickard

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