

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

OCTOBER 25, 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 <u>Online Worship</u> 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.

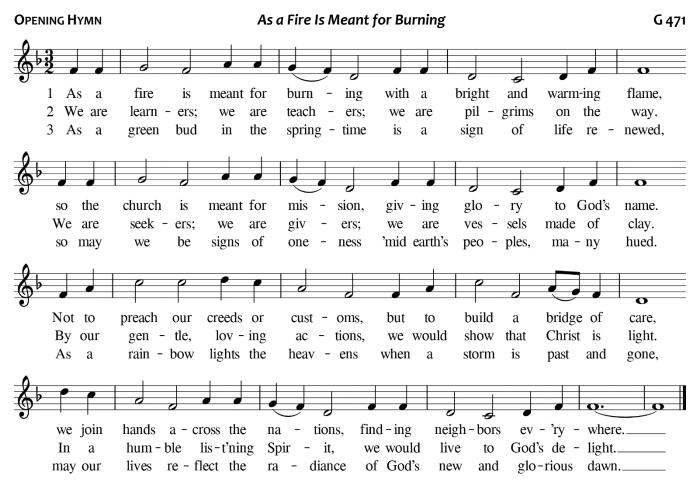
GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

H – 1982 Hymnal G – Gather Hymnal BCP – Book of Common Prayer

Meditation Charles Morrison

Welcome

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



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OfficiantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.Amen.

- OfficiantAlmighty 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

- Officiant The Lord be with you.
- People And also with you.
- Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

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Reader A reading from the book of Leviticus.

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

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

PSALM 1

BEATUS VIR QUI NON ABIIT

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, * and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

SECOND READING

1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

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

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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



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THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:34-46

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. MERRILL WADE

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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

- 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 Church in Wales; 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. |
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| People | 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 | For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Edna, August, Gladys, Charles, Ralph, Kirk, Nicole, Rosa, Carol, Divesh, Paul, IxChel, Janette, Mary, Anita, Ben, Colleen, Aaron, Linda, Tom, and those suffering from COVID-19, let us pray to the Lord. |
| People | Lord, have mercy. |
| Deacon People | 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. Lord, have mercy. |
| Deacon | For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially |
| People | Martha Sahs and those who have died from COVID-19, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. |
| Deacon People | For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. |
| Deacon People | In thanksgiving for Leo and Samantha, as they celebrate their birthdays; for Susan & August and Madeleine & Kyle, as they celebrate their anniversaries; and for all the blessings of this life, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. |
| Deacon | That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us |
| People | pray to the Lord. 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 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 |
| People | prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. |
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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.
- OfficiantAlmighty 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.PeopleAmen.

THE PEACE

| Officiant | The peace of the Lord be always with you. |
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| People | And also with you. |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

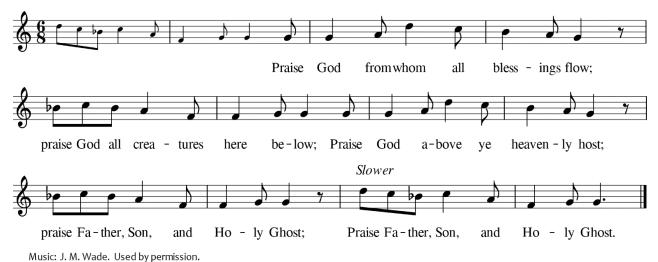
THE LORD'S PRAYER

OfficiantAnd now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,PeopleOur 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.

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THE OFFERTORY recognition and thanksgiving for gifts of time, talent, pledges and other donations

THE DOXOLOGY



CLOSING HYMN



Words: Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984), alt. Music: Blaenhafren, Welsh melody.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Steal Away to Jesus traditional spiritual

MI-YOUNG KIM, ORGAN

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The Altar Flowers are given by Carolyn & Walter Moreau, in thanksgiving for Adam and Gabriel on their birthdays.

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 <u>Zoom Coffee Hour</u> (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 August Dolan-Henderson Gladys Dykes Charles Foster Ralph Hausser Kirk Hoffman Nicole Hohensee Rosa Limon Carol Longoria Divesh Manohar Paul Morris IxChel Morrison Janette Overfelt Mary Parker Anita Rodman Ben Sears Colleen Stark Aaron Strong Linda Wallace Tom Wooten Those suffering from COVID-19

For those who have died and their families, especially:

Martha Sahs

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:

Leo Maki (Oct 26) Samantha Stevens (Oct 27)

In the Anglican cycle of prayer:

The Church in Wales, The Most Reverend John Davies, Archbishop

Those who celebrate anniversaries, especially:

Susan & August Dolan-Henderson (Oct 27) Madeleine & Kyle Landry (Oct 27)

In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

Good Shepherd Indian, Stafford Holy Comforter, Angleton Holy Cross, Sugar Land St. Catherine of Sienna, Missouri City

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 – October 25, 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.
- COMPLINE St. George's is carefully restarting in-person gatherings with outdoor Sunday evening Compline services, beginning THIS EVENING, 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!
- WEDNESDAY WEAVINGS Join us for St. George's adult discussion group this Wednesday, October 28th, from 7:00-8:00 pm, via Zoom. We are currently reading and discussing *The Way of Love*, a Forward Movement publication edited by Marek P. Zabriskie. The book is divided into seven sections offering Scripture readings and reflections on spiritual practices for a Jesus-centered life: Turn, Learn Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest. 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 <u>fajrickard@gmail.com</u>. All are welcome!
- ALL SAINTS' DAY- Next Sunday, November 1st, our service will include a reading of the names of those who have died since the previous All Saints' Day. We will also observe this sacred time with a Día de los Muertos altar, created by Denise Hope and Mark Casstevens. In lieu of adding photos and mementos to the altar, you are invited to contribute to a slideshow of photos of loved ones who have died (not limited to the last year). In the interest of time, please be judicious in considering the number of people you'd like included in the slideshow, and please send only one photo of each person to be included. To add names to the list (of those who have died in the past year), or photos to the slideshow (of loved ones who have died at any time), please email them to Jennifer at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com by Wednesday, October 28th.
- DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday, November 1st. Showing up an hour early to online church may be less embarrassing doing it in person, but you'll still be annoyed with yourself for missing out on that extra hour of sleep! So be sure to set your clocks back on hour before you go to bed on Halloween.
- 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 <u>Stewardship Card</u> 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 <u>pledge online</u> 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 <u>www.sgchurch.org/stewardship</u>. (Note that you can pledge online and still give by check, if you prefer.)

NOTE FROM THE INTERIM PRIEST – It is my intention to keep office hours at St George's on Fridays from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Feel free to call me at the office (512-454-2523 ext 2) if you would like to visit with me on the phone. If you would like to come by for an in-person visit, please call or email (merrill76@utexas.edu) ahead of time to set a time to meet together on the porch of the Wright House. And by all means, leave a voicemail message or email me during the week to make an appointment or just to connect, and I will get back to you soon as possible!

HANDS FOR HOPE – It's been a tough year, and some families in our community have been disproportionately affected by COVID job and income losses, increasing the need for community resources like <u>El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission</u>'s emergency food pantry. This year, as so many families are still struggling to put food on the table, they're expanding their Hands for Hope event. The goal is to raise \$45,000 to provide 1,750 families with meal kits that include all the trimmings for a holiday meal. Donations to Hands for Hope don't just help feed families during the holidays – they also support El Buen's emergency food assistance program and mobilize important partnerships to address food insecurity in Central Texas. This means your gift this holiday season will help families all year long. To be a part of this initiative, visit <u>www.elbuen.org/h4h</u> to donate, and be sure to put "St. George's" in the notes section. You can also give by check; make your check out to "El Buen Samaritano," with "Hands for Hope/St. George's" in the memo line, and mail it to El Buen Samaritano, 7000 Woodhue Drive, Austin, TX 78745. Please contact Carolyn Moreau at moreaucarolyn@gmail.com with any questions.

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 selfreflection, 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.

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| THE WEEK AHEAD | | | | | | |
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| Monday, October 26 | 7:00 pm | Regathering Task Force Elizabeth Cady Star | nton, Scholar and Social Reformer, 1902 | | | |
| Tuesday, October 27 | 7:30 pm | Choir Meet-up | | | | |
| Wednesday, October 28 | 7:00 pm | Wednesday Weavings | Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles | | | |
| Thursday, October 29 | | | Mary of Qidun, Monastic, 4 th century | | | |
| Friday, October 30 | | | | | | |
| Saturday, October 31 | | | | | | |
| Sunday, November 1 | - | Liturgy of the Word Compline | All Saints' Day | | | |



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 – Sandra Villalaz Singers – Elaine Hosage, Jan Phillips Media Coordinator – Brad Dieringer Reader – Raul Carrera

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