

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

NOVEMBER 8, 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 approaching the end of the long season known as the SEASON AFTER PENTECOST or ORDINARY TIME. During this season, we have focused on how we, following the example of the first disciples, can take what we have learned from Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, into the world and our everyday lives. We will soon be starting a new liturgical year and once again focusing on the events of the earthly life of Jesus. The new year begins with the SEASON OF ADVENT, a season of expectation and preparation for the coming of Christ – his coming as a babe in Bethlehem, his Second Coming, and his coming into our lives today and every day.

GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

H – 1982 Hymnal

G – Gather Hymnal

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: Llangloffan, melody from Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru, 1865. 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 236

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

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

FIRST READING AMOS 5:18-24

Reader A reading from the prophet Amos.

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

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

PSALM 70 DEUS, IN ADJUTORIUM

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *

O LORD, make haste to help me.

- Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; *

 let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
- 3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, * because they are ashamed.

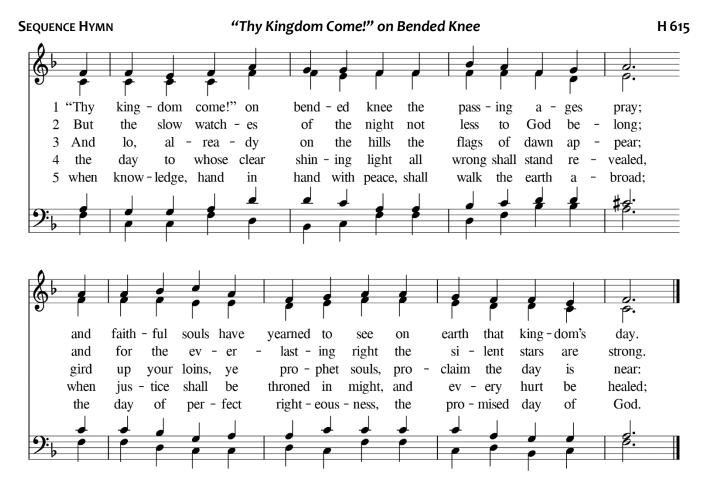
- 4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
 let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the LORD!"
- 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; * come to me speedily, O God.
- 6 You are my helper and my deliverer; * O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

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

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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



Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929).

Music: St. Flavian, melody from Day's Psalter, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

THE HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 25:1-13

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Officiant 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 Intercessor 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. Intercessor 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. People Intercessor For the Church in the Province of the West Indies; 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. Intercessor For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. People Intercessor For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. People Intercessor For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. People Lord, have mercy. Intercessor 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. People Intercessor For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. People Intercessor For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Edna, August, Gladys, Charles, Ralph, Kirk, Rosa, Divesh, IxChel, Janette, Mary, Anita, Ben, Aaron, Linda, Rochelle, Jon, Tom, and those suffering from COVID-19, let us pray to the Lord. People Lord, have mercy. Intercessor 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. People Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially Wendy Willson Buckley and those who have died from COVID-19, let us pray to the Lord. People Lord, have mercy. Intercessor For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. People Lord, have mercy. Intercessor In thanksgiving for Kyle and Laura, as they celebrate their birthdays; for Ashley & Kent, as they celebrate their anniversaries; and for all the blessings of this life, let us pray to the Lord. People Lord, have mercy. Intercessor That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. People

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Intercessor 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.

To you, O Lord our God.

People

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 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

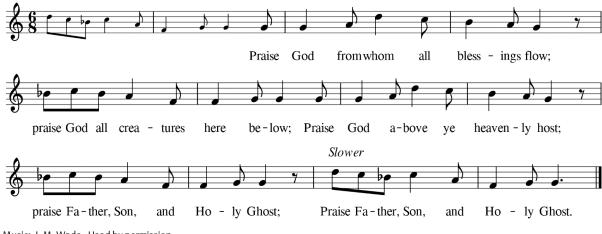
ANTHEM Sent by the Lord Am I (traditional Cuban, arr. Iona Community) THE CHOIR

Sent by the Lord am I; my hands are ready now to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes. The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain into a world of love of justice and of peace. The task is mine to do, to set it truly free. Oh, help me to obey; help me to do your will.

THE OFFERTORY

Recognition and thanksgiving for gifts of time, talent, pledges and other donations

THE DOXOLOGY



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THE BLESSING



Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). Music: Truro, melody from Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE Sortie MI-YOUNG KIM

Chester Nordman

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The Altar Flowers are given by Elaine Hosage, in honor of all veterans.

The altar candles are given by the Pewitt Family, in memory of Lawrence Pewitt.

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 BludauRosa LimonBen SearsAugust Dolan-HendersonDivesh ManoharAaron StrongGladys DykesIxChel MorrisonLinda Wallace

Charles Foster Janette Overfelt Rochelle & Jon Winkle

Ralph Hausser Mary Parker Tom Wooten

Kirk Hoffman Anita Rodman Those suffering from COVID-19

For those who have died and their families, especially:

Wendy Willson Buckley 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: Those who celebrate anniversaries, especially:

Kyle Landry (Nov 8) Ashley & Kent Ibsen (Nov 11)
Laura McAlister (Nov 13)

In the Anglican cycle of prayer:

The Church in the Province of the West Indies, The Most Rev. Howard Gregory, Primate

In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

St. Mary's, West Columbia St. Paul's, Freeport

St. Thomas', Wharton St. Timothy's, Lake Jackson

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 - November 8, 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 Join us for in-person, outdoor Compline services on Sunday evenings at 5:15 pm. Compline is a beautiful evening prayer service, which will be led by our Interim Priest Merrill Wade. The services are limited to approximately 20 people and require registration. To attend, please register online. (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!
- ★ HANDS FOR HOPE For the 30th year, El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission's Hands for Hope meal drive will feed families in need in our community which is more important than ever this year due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. They do this with the support of Austin's Episcopal parishes and schools. For a \$40 donation, you can provide a family in need with a frozen turkey or ham, pie, and all the trimmings to make a delicious home-cooked meal. Please support this wonderful tradition to help our neighbors in this season of gratitude! Visit www.elbuen.org/h4h 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.) If you are interested in volunteering to help distribute meals to families on Saturday, November 21st, please visit www.elbuen.org/volunteer-application. Spots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. You must be 18 years of age and attend the Volunteer Safety Training before the event. More details can be found in the application. Please contact Carolyn Moreau at moreaucarolyn@gmail.com with any questions about Hands for Hope.
- * 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 address different ways that we as individuals and as a community can live more fully with a spirit of generosity. Pledge information has been sent out by both mail and email. (If you have not received a pledge packet, please contact Jennifer in the church office at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com.) You can pledge online or by mailing your pledge card to the church office. Next week, 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: you can pledge online and still give by check, if you prefer.)
- ★ WEDNESDAY WEAVINGS Join us for St. George's adult discussion group this Wednesday, November 11th, 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.

- VIRTUAL PARISH GET-TOGETHERS We are continuing our Zoom parish gatherings in November. Whether or not you've been able to participate up until now, we hope that you'll be able to join us in November! At the November get-togethers, Merrill will offer some reflections on our faith, but the primary focus will be fellowship. The first of the November meetings took place last week; the remaining two dates are:
 - Thursday, November 12, 7:00-8:00 pm
 - Wednesday November 18, 5:00-6:00 pm

All the 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!

- ❖ INTERIM PRIEST'S OFFICE HOURS Merrill Wade is keeping office hours at St George's on Fridays. Feel free to contact him at merrill76@utexas.edu or 512-454-2523 ext 2; he will check voice mail daily during the week. When in the office, he would love to meet parishioners on the porch of the Wright House or some other socially distanced setting; contact him to set up a time in advance.
- CONGRATULATIONS Congratulations to Dale Curry and James Duran on the celebration and blessing of their marriage last Sunday, November 1st!

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, November 9 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, November 10 7:30 pm Choir Meet-up

Wednesday, November 11 7:00 pm Wednesday Weavings Martin of Tours, Bishop, 397

Thursday, November 12 7:00 pm Parish Get-together

Friday, November 13

Saturday, November 14 The Consecration of Samuel Seabury, 1784

Herman of Alaska, Missionary, 1837

Sunday, November 15 10:30 am Liturgy of the Word

5:15 pm Compline



THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant/Preacher – The Rev. Merrill Wade
Organist/Pianist – Mi-Young Kim
Flower Guild – Alice Nelson
Singers – Elaine Hosage, Jan Phillips, Frances Rickard
Media Coordinator – Brad Dieringer
Reader/Intercessor – Frances Rickard

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