

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CHRIST THE KING LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

November 22, 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.

Today, we celebrate the Feast of CHRIST THE KING, focusing on the all-embracing authority of Christ as King and Lord of all things. This feast day falls on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Sunday before the beginning of Advent. Christ the King is a relatively new feast day; it was instituted in the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Pius XI in 1925. It is not an official observance of the Episcopal Church, but many of our churches choose to observe it as a way to remind ourselves of Christ's reign over all creation. Paradoxically, however, that reign is evidenced not by great power and glory, but by Christ's sacrifice and death on a cross; his crown is made not of gold, but of thorns. We look forward to Christ's second coming in power and the fulfillment of the promise of his kingship: "Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under Christ's most gracious rule." But until such fulfillment, our understanding of Christ as King of kings is tempered by our understanding of him as the Crucified One.

GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

H – 1982 Hymnal

G – Gather Hymnal

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72.

Music: Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein, German folk song; adapt. and harm. A Student's Hymnal, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1896-1941).

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and

reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

FIRST READING EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24

Reader A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GoD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GoD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

PSALM 95:1-7A VENITE, EXULTEMUS

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

SECOND READING EPHESIANS 1:15-23

Reader A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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



Words: Frank Mason North (1850-1935), alt. Music: Gardiner, from Sacred Melodies, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853). THE HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 25:31-46

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the Church of Bermuda; 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 and President-Elect, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let

us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor 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.

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.

People Lord, have mercy.

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

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering,

especially Edna, August, Gladys, Charles, Rolando, Ralph, Kirk, Divesh, IxChel, Mary, Ada, Anita, Ben, Aaron, 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.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially

Dick 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 Bailey, Bridgette, Christie, Laura, Jenna, and Ellen, as they celebrate their

birthdays; 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.

People Lord, have mercy.

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.

People To you, O Lord our God.

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 Glorify Your Name (Donna Adkins)

THE CHOIR

 Father, we love you, we praise you, we adore you, glorify your name in all the earth. **REFRAIN:** Glorify your name, glorify your name, glorify your name in all the earth.

2. Jesus, we love you, we praise you, we adore you, glorify your name in all the earth.

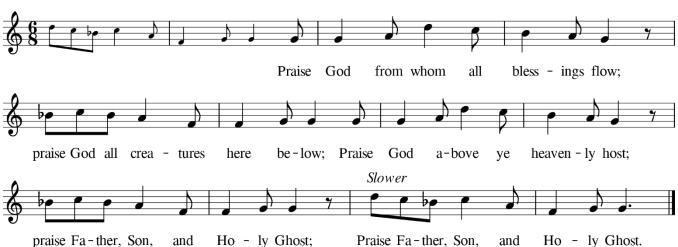
[REFRAIN]

Spirit, we love you,
 we praise you, we adore you,
 glorify your name in all the earth. [REFRAIN]

THE OFFERTORY

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

THE DOXOLOGY



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THE BLESSING



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DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE Adagio, Op.65 Mi-Young Kim

Felix Mendelssohn

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The Altar Flowers are given by James & Gayle Wall, in thanksgiving for Chelsea, Dustin, Michael, and Maddie on their birthdays.

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 Bludau Kirk Hoffman Ben Sears August Dolan-Henderson Divesh Manohar Aaron Strong

Gladys Dykes IxChel Morrison Rochelle & Jon Winkle

Charles Foster Mary Parker Tom Wooten

Rolando Gonzalez Ada Pewitt Those suffering from COVID-19

Ralph Hausser Anita Rodman

For those who have died and their families, especially: For those facing difficult circumstances

Dick Eppler

Those who have died from COVID-19

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

Maddison Worcester

Those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Those who celebrate anniversaries

Bailey Tipps (Nov 24)

Bridgette Beinecke (Nov 25)

Christie Curtis (Nov 24)

Laura Henkel (Nov 27)

Jenna Moeller (Nov 27)

Ellen Scarborough (Nov 28)

In the Anglican cycle of prayer:

In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

The Church of Bermuda, Epiphany, Houston
The Right Reverend Nicholas Dill, Bishop Holy Apostles, Katy
Holy Spirit, Houston

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

Names can be added to this list by emailing Jennifer at style="style-type: 150%; style="style-type: 150%; style-type: 150%;

THE SUNDAY BANNER - November 22, 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!

- THANKSGIVING WEEK OFFICE HOURS Merrill Wade will keep office hours at St. George's this week on Monday, November 23rd, from 1:00-5:00 pm. Feel free to contact him at merrill76@utexas.edu or 512-454-2523 ext 2; he will be checking voice mail and email throughout the week. Jennifer will be off this week for Thanksgiving. She will check email and voicemail occasionally and respond to emergencies, but most responses will wait until Monday, November 30th. May you have a joyful and blessed Thanksgiving!
- ❖ FAREWELL TO DEACON JIM Our beloved deacon Jim Enelow has been called to St. Augustine's of Canterbury Episcopal Church, in Benton Harbor, Michigan, beginning on December 1st, where his wife has been called as rector. We are so grateful to have had Jim serve our church and be such an important part of our community. We are sorry to see him go but excited for Jim and Cynthia as they start on their next adventure. For the past few weeks he has been assisting Cynthia as she has begun her duties as rector of St. Augustine's, but he will be back with us one last time next Sunday, November 29th. Please join us next week at our Zoom Coffee Hour after the service to thank Jim for his service and friendship, say goodbye, and wish him well.
- 2021 PLEDGE Our stewardship season came to an end last week with Generosity Sunday, but it's not too late to make a pledge to support St. George's in 2021! You can <u>pledge online</u> or by mailing your pledge card to the church office. (If you have not received a pledge packet, please contact Jennifer in the church office at <u>stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com</u>.) For more information or to pledge online, visit our website at <u>www.sgchurch.org/stewardship</u>.
- ❖ 172ND DIOCESAN COUNCIL The Episcopal Diocese of Texas will hold its annual Diocesan Council virtually this year, on Friday and Saturday, February 26-27, 2021. We need to register our delegates prior to our Annual Meeting in January, so we will hold a parish-wide vote for this year's delegates via email. St. George's delegation to Diocesan Council consists of the Senior Warden, three elected delegates serving three-year terms, and two alternates serving one-year terms. We currently need to elect one or two delegates and two alternates. Any adult member in good standing may serve as a delegate, and anyone interested is encouraged to put your name forward as a nominee. Please let Jennifer (stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com) or Melissa Brackin (melissaaeason@gmail.com) know by Monday, November 30th, if you're interested in serving. Visit the Diocesan Council website for additional information on council. And please watch for a delegate election email in the first week of December.
- 2021 FLOWER/CANDLE DONATION CALENDAR St. George's 2021 Online Flower/Candle Donation Calendar is now available. To give altar flowers for one or more Sundays in 2021, or altar candles for one or more months, visit the online Online Donation Calendar and enter your name and, if you wish, your dedication, next to the week of your choice. You can give flowers in honor of someone, in celebration of an important event, in thanksgiving for a blessing in your life, or in memory of loved one. A donation of \$35 is requested. You can make your donation online or by check. To give electronically, visit the St. George's Donation page, scroll down to "Designated Gifts" / "Altar Guild," and enter the amount of your donation. Make checks made payable to St. George's, with "Altar Flowers/Candles" in the memo line, and mail it to the church office.
- HOLIDAY WREATHS As we officially embark on the holiday season please considering supporting St. George's Episcopal School by purchasing a gorgeous fresh holiday wreath! Purchase a wreath online by Tuesday, December 1st, and you can pick it up at St. George's on December 2nd and 3rd.

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 23 7:00 pm Regathering Task Force

Tuesday, November 24 7:30 pm Choir Meet-up Catherine of Alexandria, Barbara of Nicomedia,

and Margaret of Antioch, Martyrs c.305

Wednesday, November 25 James Otis Sargent Huntington, Monastic and Priest, 1935

Thursday, November 26 Sojourner Truth, Liberator and Prophetic Witness, 1883

Friday, November 27

Saturday, November 28 Kamehameha and Emma of Hawaii, King and Queen, 1864 and 1885

Sunday, November 29 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 – Mary Stewart Miller
Singers – Elaine Hosage, Jan Phillips
Media Coordinator – Brad Dieringer
Reader/Intercessor – Raul Carrera

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