

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

APRIL 11, 2021 10:30 AM

The Rev. Ann McLemore, Interim Rector

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.

EASTER is the feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faith in Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday or third day following his crucifixion is at the heart of Christian belief. In the northern

hemisphere, Easter sets the experience of springtime next to the ancient stories of deliverance and the proclamation of the risen Christ. Easter is not merely one day, but a season of fifty days of rejoicing, culminating on the Day of Pentecost. During the GREAT FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER, our worship will reflect the earliest traditions of Christian worship, omitting the usual Prayer of Confession. The Council of Nicaea in 325 declared during the Easter season, Christians would neither kneel nor fast, instead focusing on the joy of the resurrection and our own status as a redeemed Easter people. May God bless you throughout the Easter season.

GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

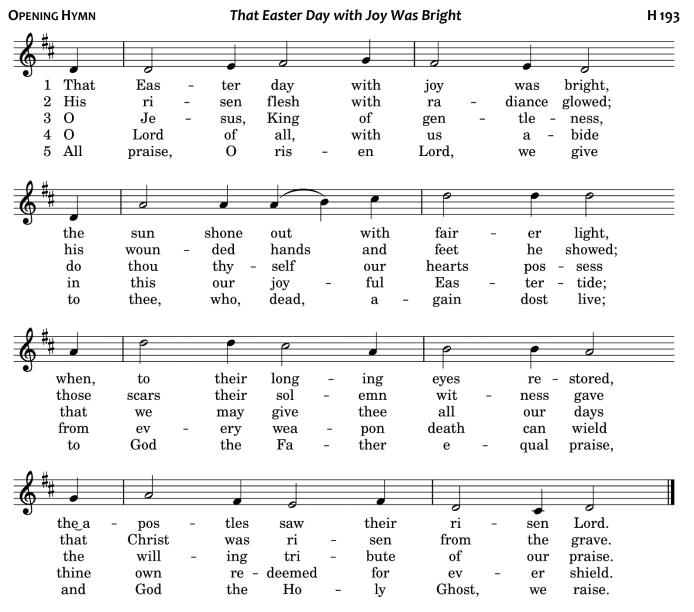
H - 1982 Hymnal

G – Gather Hymnal

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Words: Latin, 5th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940.

Music: Puer nobis, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621).

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant 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 224

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

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 ACTS 4:32-35

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

PSALM 133 ECCE, QUAM BONUM!

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, * and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore.

SECOND LESSON 1 JOHN 1:1-2:2

Reader A reading from the first letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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



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GOSPEL ALLELUIA



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THE HOLY GOSPEL JOHN 20:19-31

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I

send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON THE REV. ANN MCLEMORE

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 IV

BCP 388

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that

we may honor one another and serve the common good.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources

rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially those at Christopher House,

and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially August, Gladys,

Phillip, Charles, Ralph, Kirk, Janet, Divesh, Mark, Belinda, Mary, Metis, Ruben, Ben, Glenn, Preston, Rochelle, Jon, Alyssa, JoAnn, and those suffering from COVID-19; give them

courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We commend to your mercy and all who have died, especially Tom and those who have

died from COVID-19, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may

share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for Walter as he celebrates his

birthday; and for Belinda and David as they celebrate their anniversary.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

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.

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Recognition and thanksgiving for gifts of time, talent, pledges, and other donations Offerings can be given online at the <u>St. George's Donation page</u>.



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Music: Lasst uns erfreun, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1672-1958).

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

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

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE BLESSING



DISMISSAL

Officiant Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE Service Postlude in F MI-YOUNG KIM, PIANO

(Jacques-Louis Battmann)

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After the service, you are invited to join our **Zoom Coffee Hour** (passcode: Christ), for 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:

August Dolan-HendersonJanet JoslynRuben RomeroGladys DykesDivesh ManoharBen SearsPhillip FarmerMark MaysGlenn TatumCharles FosterBelinda McGheePreston Tyree

Ralph Hausser Mary Parker Rochelle & Jon Winkle

Kirk Hoffman Metis Policano Those suffering from COVID-19

For those who have died and their families, especially

Tom Wooten

Those who have died from COVID-19

For those facing difficult circumstances, especially:

Alyssa Danielloo65 JoAnn Mays

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

Andrew Hutton

For our seminarian:

Joel McAlister and his family

For those who celebrate birthdays, especially: For those who celebrate anniversaries

Walter Long (Apr 13)

Belinda and David McGhee (Apr 17)

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

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean Christ Church Cathedral, Houston

Grace, Houston Holy Family, Houston

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 EASTER LILIES ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Ashley Carrera,

in thanksgiving for Raul and Nancy Carrera, most loving of parents.

Dale Curry,

in loving memory of Lois Curry and Gerald Gafford.

Herb Dickson and Sandra Villalaz,

in loving memory of Yolanda Maloney and Orvil Morrison, and in thanksgiving for our families.

Emily and Brad Dieringer,

in thanksgiving for Henry and Patrick.

Susan and August Dolan-Henderson,

in loving memory of Al and Winnie Henderson.

Elaine Hosage,

in loving memory of Byron and Frances Hoon.

Mikail McIntosh-Doty,

in loving memory of my mother, Norene O'Connor McIntosh, and in thanksgiving for our daughter, Anna Mikail Doty.

Carolyn and Walter Moreau,

in loving memory of Brenda Skinner, and in thanksgiving for Gabriel and Adam.

Alice Nelson,

in loving memory of Joanne and Gene Hammond.

Ada Pewitt,

in loving memory of Lawrence Pewitt and Emma Brann.

Jan Phillips,

in loving memory of Don Phillips, Jr.

Alison and Josh Poage,

in loving memory of Charlotte and Lucas.

Frances Rickard,

in thanksgiving for the St. George's Flower Guild.

John and Frances Rickard,

in loving memory of Marjorie Rickard, John Jacobson, Steve McGonigle, and Martha Ann McGonigle.

James and Gayle Wall,

in thanksgiving for our St. George's family.

The altar flowers have been given to the glory of God by the people of St. George's.

THE SUNDAY BANNER - April 11, 2021

- WEEKLY EUCHARIST We continue to hold a weekly in-person, outdoor Eucharist on Sunday afternoons at 12:15 pm. The services are limited to approximately 12 people and require online registration. The services last approximately 20-30 minutes and are held at the rear of the playground. Communion includes distribution of the consecrated host only, not the wine. If you wish to sit, please bring your own chair; you are also welcome to stand. Masks and social distancing are required. Please bring a Book of Common Prayer or a device to access the Eucharist online.
- * IN-PERSON WORSHIP St. George's is planning to return to in-person worship in the church for our 10:30 service, beginning next Sunday, April 18th. To maintain safety, parishioners will only sit in every third pew, and we will not receive wine at communion. We won't have a real Coffee Hour, and we ask that everyone wear a mask throughout the service (extras will be available at church in case you forget yours). The services will include a mix of live and pre-recorded music. We ask that those in church listen and enjoy the music but not sing along (we know that will be difficult for some!), since indoor singing is a particularly dangerous activity in terms of spreading the virus. Initially, the services will be limited to 20 attendees, in addition to the worship leaders, and online registration will be required. The service will continue to be accessible via both Zoom and Facebook Live.
- KNIGHT FOR ST. GEORGE'S Hear ye, hear ye! Your joyful presence is requested for a virtual evening of food, drink, and abundant merriment in support of St. George's Episcopal School. Next Sunday, April 18th, from 5:30-7:30 pm, the school will hold its annual fundraiser, A Knight for St. George's. It will include live and silent auctions and a family magic show, and dinner packages are available through Colleen's Kitchen. For more information or to buy tickets, visit the Knight for St. George's website.
- WOMEN'S RETREAT A final reminder that the Women's Retreat will be held from Friday, April 23 to Sunday, April 25, at Well Spring Retreat Center, and that registration and payment are due this Friday, April 16th! Payment can be made online at the St. George's Donation page, in the Women's Retreat section, or by check mailed to the church, made out to St. George's with "Women's Retreat" on the memo line. To register, or with any questions, please contact Sandra Villalaz at 512-762-8349 or sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com.
- GROUNDS CLEAN-UP DAY Join us on Saturday, May 1st for a Grounds Clean-up Day. We'll be doing some yard work and general cleaning up of the campus. If you have any yard/gardening tools that you're okay with sharing, please bring them (and please label them!). If you'd like to participate, please contact Dale Curry at sgecvestry4dhc@gmail.com.
- GIVING TO ST. GEORGE'S We are grateful for your financial support in these challenging times. Your gifts enable us to use modern technology to connect to each other, as well as to continue to pay our ongoing expenses. Please consider giving online at the St. George's Donation page (also accessible from the Stewardship page of our website at www.sgchurch.org/stewardship), where you can set up regular weekly or monthly donation using a credit card or a bank account. You can also mail checks to the church office. Thank you for your generosity.
- ❖ OUTREACH MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH Christopher House is one of the services of Hospice Austin, a nonprofit organization that eases the physical, emotional, and spiritual pain of any person in our community facing the final months of a serious illness by providing expert and compassionate care, education, and bereavement support. Christopher House provides 24-hour expert medical care in a warm and tranquil setting for hospice patients who cannot be cared for at home. St. George's ministry with Christopher House reaches out to families who have a loved one at the facility. Our parishioners purchase hospitality baskets filled with basic daily necessities and deliver them to Christopher House. Use the online sign-up sheet to select a week for basket delivery. The Outreach Committee asks for a donation of \$10 per basket; donations can be made online on the St. George's Donation page. Contact Alice Nelson at mzlsnlsn@gmail.com to get a basket before your delivery week or if you have questions. Delivery includes no patient contact, and only brief outdoor and masked contact with a staff member.

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, April 12 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, April 13 7:30 pm Choir Meet-up

Wednesday, April 14 Zenaida, Philonella, and Hermione, Unmercenary Physicians, c. 100, c.117

Thursday, April 15 Damien, Priest, 1889 and Marianne Cope, Monastic 1918 of Hawaii

Friday, April 16 Peter Williams Cassey, Priest, 1917 and Annie Besant Cassey, 1875

Saturday, April 17 Kateri Tekakwitha, Prophetic Witness, 1680

Sunday, April 18 10:30 am Liturgy of the Word

12:15 pm Outdoor Eucharist

5:30 pm A Knight for St. George's

THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant/Preacher – The Rev. Ann McLemore
Pianist – Mi-Young Kim
Flower Guild – Alice Nelson
Streaming Technicians – Liam Dolan-Henderson, Lydia Fortuna
Singers –Elaine Hosage, Jan Phillips
Reader/Intercessor – Mikail McIntosh-Doty

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