

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

MAY 9, 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. We are especially excited to welcome parishioners back into the church for worship!

For those worshipping in person: Please continue to wear masks and practice social distancing throughout the service. (Disposable masks are available in the narthex.) Ushers will be escorting you to a pew. When the service ends, please exit one pew at a time, as directed by ushers. Please also exit the church promptly and visit with others outside, not in the church building.

For those worshipping from home: Please know that you are still valued members of the congregation! And we look forward to seeing you in person, whenever you feel safe doing so.

To attend upcoming Sunday services, <u>Register here</u>. And our services continue to be available on 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 WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts and Voices Heavenward Raise (verses 1, 5)

H 191

Please stand, as able. Worshippers in the church are asked not to sing.



Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt. Music: Lux eoi, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900). 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 225

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

FIRST READING ACTS 10:44-48

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

PSALM 98 CANTATE DOMINO

Please join in reading the psalm responsively by whole verse.

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING 1 JOHN 5:1-6

Reader A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

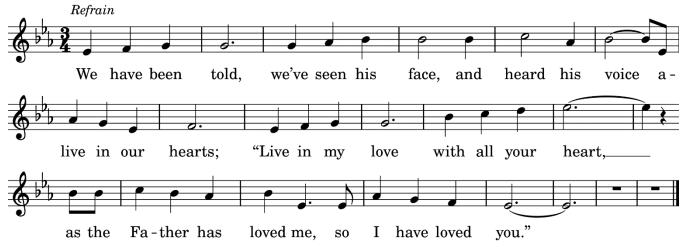
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

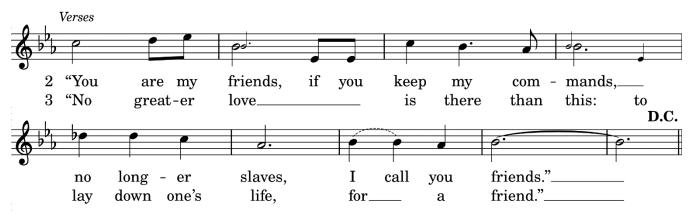
SEQUENCE HYMN

We Have Been Told (verses 2-3)

G 501

Please stand, as able. Worshippers in the church are asked not to sing.





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THE HOLY GOSPEL JOHN 15:9-17

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON THE REV. ANN MCLEMORE

Please be seated.

NICENE CREED BCP 358

Please stand, as able.

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.

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. We pray especially for the leadership of our church, including our vestry: Josh, Rob, Mark, Ed, Dale, Brad, Hye Na, Belinda, and Samantha.

(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 the SAFE Alliance,

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 David, Elaine,

August, Gladys, Charles, Ralph, Kirk, Kim, Divesh, Belinda, Mary, David, Ben, Glenn, 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 Compton 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 Alice, Ethan, Chloe,

Charlie, and Jen as they celebrate their birthdays.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of Christ. Please maintain social distance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

BLESSING OF SAFE ALLIANCE COMFORT BAGS

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and offered himself a sacrifice for the whole world.

Offerings can be given online at the <u>St. George's Donation page</u>.

THE DOXOLOGY

H 380, VERSE 3 (sung to the tune of H 618)

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Please stand, as able. Worshippers in the church are asked not to sing. God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low, Praise al le Al lu lu ia! ia, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: Ghost, praise Al - le - lu le lu al - le lu ia, al ia, ia,

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711).

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

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand, as able.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP 361

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory

of your Name:

All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and

thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All AMEN.

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

All 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrified for us; People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for

you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We will be receiving only the consecrated host, and not the wine.

To receive communion, please remain in your pews, and the host will be brought to you.

If you do not wish to receive Communion, please cross your arms over your heart,
and the Celebrant will pray for God's blessing upon you.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

Please stand, as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father,

you have graciously accepted us as living members

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE BLESSING



Words: Att. John Fawcett (1739/40-1817).

Music: Sicilian Mariners, Sicilian melody; first published The European Magazine and London Review, 1792, alt.

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE Op.101 No.5 G Major MI-YOUNG KIM, PIANO (Charles Villiers Stanford)

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The altar flowers have been given by Alice Nelson, in honor and thanksgiving for all mothers everywhere.

After the service, you are invited to join our **Zoom Coffee Hour** (Meeting ID: 818 5353 0722, 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:

David ApplewhiteKirk HoffmanBen SearsElaine BrightwaterKim JacksonGlenn Tatum

August Dolan-Henderson Divesh Manohar Rochelle & Jon Winkle

Gladys Dykes Belinda McGhee Those suffering from COVID-19

Charles Foster Mary Parker
Ralph Hausser David Savage

For those who have died and their families, especially

Compton Tate Those who have died from COVID-19

For those facing difficult circumstances, especially:

Alyssa Danielle 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:

Alice Nelson (May 9) Charlie Wagner (May 13) Ethan Worcester (May 9) Jen Spencer (May 15)

Chloe Metcalf (May 13)

For those who celebrate anniversaries

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

The Anglican Church of Kenya St. Mark's, Houston

Trinity, Baytown
Trinity, Houston

THE SUNDAY BANNER - May 9, 2021

SAFE ALLIANCE COMFORT BAGS – We are thrilled to welcome two representatives from the SAFE Alliance to worship with us this morning as we bless 250 comfort bags for SAFE to distribute to survivors of sexual assault. Please say hello if you get a chance!

- ❖ IN-PERSON WORSHIP Join us for in-person Eucharist in the church, on Sundays at 10:30. Services are masked, with social distancing, with minimal congregational singing. They are are limited to 20 attendees, in addition to the worship leaders, and online registration is required. The service continues to be accessible via both Zoom and Facebook Live.
- ❖ OUTDOOR EUCHARIST We continue to hold a weekly in-person, outdoor Eucharist on Sunday afternoons at 12:15 pm. (Please note that we will NOT hold the outdoor Eucharist next Sunday, May 16th.) The services are limited to 12 people and require online registration. The services last approximately 20-30 minutes and are held on 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.
- WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP Please join us for our next meeting on Saturday, May 15th, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, at the home of Belinda McGhee. We are very excited to have our first in-person meeting in over a year! We will be meeting outdoors, in a shaded area, with masks encouraged, and we will observe social distancing. We will discuss The Book of Longings, by Sue Monk Kidd. All St. George's women are welcome to attend even if you haven't read the book! We hope you can join us for interesting conversation and our book discussion. Please contact Sandra Villalaz at sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com or 512-762-8349 with any questions. Happy reading!
- ❖ OUTREACH MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH The SAFE Alliance exists to stop abuse for everyone by serving the survivors of child abuse, sexual assault and exploitation, and domestic violence. They work to ending violence through prevention, advocacy, and comprehensive services for individuals, families, and communities that have been affected by abuse. Their vision is a just and safe community free from violence and abuse; and their guiding principles include respectful and trusting relationships, diversity and inclusiveness, a focus on survivors, shared responsibility and collaboration, and celebration.
- ❖ OFFICE OPEN The church office in the Wright House is now open Monday to Thursday, from 9:30 to 2:30. Jennifer is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays and working from home Mondays and Wednesdays; she can be reached at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com. Ann is in the office Monday through Thursday and can be reached at stgeorgesaustinrector@gmail.com.
- ❖ ALTAR FLOWER/CANDLE DONATIONS You are invited to donate altar flowers for one or more Sundays in 2021, or altar candles for one or more months, perhaps in honor of someone, in celebration of an important event, in thanksgiving for a blessing in your life, or in memory of loved one. To give flowers or candles, visit the 2021 Online Flower/Candle Donation Calendar and enter your name and dedication next to the week or month of your choice. 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 payable to St. George's, with "Altar Flowers/Candles" in the memo line, and mail them to the church office.
- 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.

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, May 10 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, May 11 7:30 pm Choir Meet-up Johann Arndt and Jacob Boehme, Mystics, 1621 and 1624

Wednesday, May 12

Thursday, May 13 Frances Perkins, Social Reformer, 1965

Friday, May 14

Saturday, May 15 3:00 pm Women's Book Group Pachomius of Tabenissi, Monastic, 348

Sunday, May 16 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

THOSE WHO SERVE

Vestry Person of the Day – Josh Beckham

Altar Guild – Mark Casstevens

Flower Guild – The Pewitt Family

Usher – Mark Casstevens

Streaming Technician – Liam Dolan-Henderson

Singers – Elaine Hosage, Jan Phillips, Suzette Puckett, Frances Rickard

Reader/Intercessor –

Lay Eucharistic Minister – Jan Phillips

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