

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

JULY 12, 2020 10:30 AM

The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert, Rector

The Rev. Jim Enelow, Deacon

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. We are aware that some people have been experiencing difficulties with the service livestream, particularly with the audio. We are currently working on improving our technological capabilities, but it will take some time. We ask for your grace and patience as we continue to work on these issues.

The Church is now in the long season known as the SEASON AFTER PENTECOST or ORDINARY TIME. Most holidays and seasons of the church year focus on the events of the earthly life of Jesus, but the Season after Pentecost shifts to a focus on how we, following the example of the first disciples, will take what we have learned from Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, into the world and our everyday lives. The term "ordinary" comes from the word "ordinal," which refers to counting, because we number each Sunday of Ordinary Time based on how many Sundays after Pentecost it is. But in some ways, it might be appropriate to think of this time as ordinary in the more common sense – time not marked by a constant stream of high points and low points, but simply the everyday life of the church. May we all take this opportunity to settle into our ordinary lives, being exactly where we are, and finding ways to live our faith in each of those ordinary moments.

GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

H – 1982 Hymnal

G – Gather Hymnal

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

Fantastic Op. 16, Poco Lento (César Franck)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: Liebster Jesus, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. Das grosse Cantional oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926).

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 231

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

Officiant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

FIRST READING ISAIAH 55:10-13

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

PSALM 65:9-14 TE DECET HYMNUS

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; * the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *
 for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; * with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, * and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING ROMANS 8:1-11

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not

according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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



Words: Willard F. Jabusch (b. 1930), alt. "Torah ora" is Hebrew for "The Law is our Light."

Music: Torah Song [Yisrael V'oraita], Hasidic melody; arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

THE HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 13:1-9,18-23

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

THE SERMON THE RIGHT REV. KAI RYAN

After today's liturgy, you are invited to watch Bishop Ryan's sermon on our Online Worship page.

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 VI **BCP 392** For all people in their daily life and work; Deacon For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone. People Deacon For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace. People Deacon For the just and proper use of your creation; For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression. People Deacon For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy. For the peace and unity of the Church of God; Deacon People For all who proclaim the Gospel and all who seek the Truth. For the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Deacon Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers; For all who serve God in his Church. People Deacon For Stephen, Norma, Ann, Stephanie, Gladys, Charles, Ralph, Kirk, Donn, Polly, Divesh, Josie, Hans, Aaron, Natasha, Tony, Mary, Metis, Martha, Pam, Ben, Shubh, Colleen, Linda, Tom, all those suffering from COVID-19, and for the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (Silence; the People may add their own petitions) Hear us Lord, People For your mercy is great. Deacon We thank you, Lord, for Evan, Braxton, Jennifer, and JT, as they celebrate their birthdays; for Carolyn & Walter as they celebrate their anniversary; and for all the blessings of this life. (Silence; the People may add their own thanksgivings) We will exalt you, O God our King; People And praise your Name for ever and ever. Deacon We pray for all who have died, especially Dale, Shirley, Suzanne, José, and those who have died from COVID-19, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

(Silence; the People may add their own petitions)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

People

Officiant 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.

People Amen.

Deacon We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYIER 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

Officiant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be on you and

remain with you for ever.

People Amen.



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DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Fugue in F Major, BWV 556 (John Sebastian Bach)

MI-YOUNG KIM, ORGAN

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The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the people of St. George's.

The altar candles are given by James and Gayle Wall, in thanksgiving for Eddie Terrazas and Athena Navarro on their birthdays.

After the service, regardless of which method of accessing the service you have been using, you are invited to join the **Zoom link** (password: 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:

Stephen BloodPolly LittrellMartha SahsNorma CarreraDivesh ManoharPam SchubertAnn CasstevensJosie MillerBen Sears

Stephanie CravenHans MuellerShubh SchiesserGladys DykesAaron NeighborsColleen StarkCharles FosterNatasha PadronLinda WallaceRalph HausserTony PadronTom Wooten

Kirk Hoffman Mary Parker All those suffering from

Donn Hopkins Metis Policano COVID-19

For those who have died and their families, especially:

Dale Multer Suzanne Stein All those who have died Shirley Slaughter José Trejo Tirado from COVID-19

For those facing difficult circumstances

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

Zach Mertz Maddison Worcester

Those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Evan O'Donnell (Jul 16) Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski (Jul 18)

JT Sparks (Jul 18)

Those who celebrate anniversaries, especially:

Carolyn & Walter Moreau (Jul 13)

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

Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, St. Michael & All Angels, Longview

The Most Reverend Allan Migi, Archbishop St. Paul's, Kilgore

St. Paul's, Leigh St. Philip's, Palestine

Names can be added to this list by emailing Jennifer at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com.

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK AHEAD

Tue, July 14 Argula von Grumbach, Scholar and Church Reformer, c.1554

Fri, July 17 William White, Bishop, 1836

Sun, July 19 Macrina of Caesarea, Monastic and Teacher, 379

THE BANNER - July 12, 2020

- VIRTUAL "COFFEE HOUR" Immediately after the service each Sunday, you are invited to use the service's Zoom link (password: Christ) to share a brief time of fellowship with other parishioners. Join us for this virtual "coffee hour" with or without coffee!
- ST. GEORGE'S CHOIR ANTHEM Enjoy another virtual anthem from the St. George's Choir "Send Us Your Spirit," by David Haas, on our Online Worship page.
- LIVESTREAM DIFFICULTIES We are aware that some people have been experiencing difficulties with the service livestream, particularly with the audio. We are currently working on improving our technological capabilities, but it will take some time. We ask for your grace and patience as we continue to work on these issues.
- VACATION Our Office Administrator, Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, will be on vacation with her family from Tuesday, July 14th, through Wednesday, July 29th. Voicemail and email will be checked in her absence, but only messages in need of immediate response will be responded to; other messages will be returned when Jennifer is back in the office.
- FLOWER GUILD If working with flowers and preparing them for the Sunday altar might bring you joy or be of interest to you, please consider joining St. George's new Flower Guild. Members of the Flower Guild procure flowers from the source of their choice, including their own gardens, arrange them in clear glass vases, and bring them to the church for the Sunday service. They are reimbursed for their expenses through the church budget and donations made by parishioners for the weekly altar flowers. Professional experience or expertise is NOT required! Current members of the Flower Guild will be more than happy to provide tips, assistance, and encouragement to those who would like to give it a try. Contact Frances Rickard at fajrickard@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to volunteer.
- FLOWER DONATION CALENDAR St. George's Flower Donation Calendar has moved online! 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. To donate flowers, please visit the online Flower Donation Calendar and enter your name and, if you wish, your dedication, next to the week of your choice. (To be sure that your donation is listed in the bulletin, please sign up at least two weeks in advance.) A donation of \$35 is requested. You can make your donation by check (payable to St. George's, with "altar flowers" in the memo line, and mail it to the church office) or electronically at the St. George's Donation page.
- GIVING TO ST. GEORGE'S We are grateful for your financial support as we navigate new ways to stay connected 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, including salaries. If you have been giving to St. George's by putting a check or cash in the plate on Sundays, please consider giving online by clicking the DONATE button on the Stew2ardship page of the church's website: www.sgchurch.org/stewardship. You can set up regular weekly or monthly donation using a credit card or a bank account. Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMON LIFE

PRAYER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE BCP 823

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER IN TIMES OF CONFLICT BCP 824

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; 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.



THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant – The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert
Preacher – The Right Rev. Kai Ryan
Deacon – The Rev. Jim Enelow
Vestry Person of the Day – Ed Crawford
Reader – Raul Carrera
Organist/Pianist – Mi-Young Kim
Singers – Elaine Hosage, Periwinkle Schuster
Flower Guild – The Pewitt Family

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