

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

JULY 19, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt. Music: St. Joan, Percy E. B. Coller (b. 1895).

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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 44:6-8

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,

and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,

let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

PSALM 86:11-17 Inclina, Domine

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

- 11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; * knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.
- 12 I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, * and glorify your Name for evermore.
- 13 For great is your love toward me; *

you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life; * they have not set you before their eyes.
- 15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *

give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; * because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

SECOND READING ROMANS 8:12-25

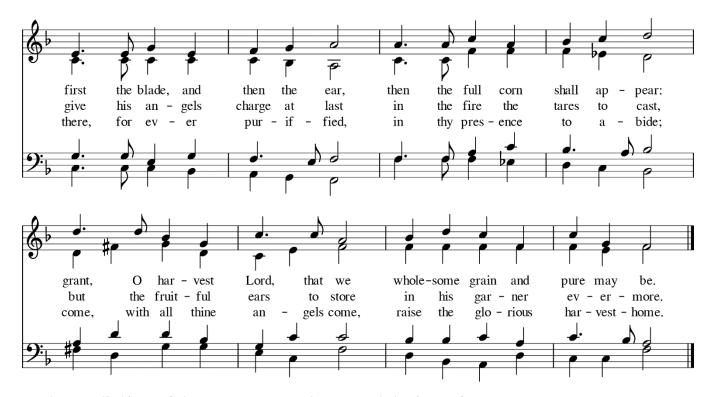
Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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





Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt. Music: St. George's, Windsor, George Job Elvey (1816-1893).

THE HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

THE SERMON THE REV. KEVIN LJ SCHUBERT

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

THE PRAYERS

BCP 392

Deacon For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Deacon For this community, the nation, and the world;
People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Deacon For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

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.

Deacon For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel and all who seek the Truth.

Deacon For the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Andy,

Jeff, Hector, and Kai our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Deacon For Stephen, Norma, Ann, Stephanie, August, Gladys, Charles, Ralph, Kirk, Donn, Polly,

Divesh, Josie, Hans, Aaron, Natasha, Tony, Mary, Metis, Martha, Pam, Ben, Shubh, Colleen, Linda, Rochelle, Jon, Tom, and 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 Walter, Josh, Heather, Hal, and Lillie, as they celebrate their

birthdays; for Fred & Michele 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 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;

People Who put their trust in you.

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.



Words & Music: African-American spiritual; harm. by Horace Clarence Boyer.

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE Glad Hosannas Mi-Young Kim, Organ (Chester Norman)

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The Altar Flowers are given by Sarah Campbell, in loving memory of Chuck Webb.

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 LittrellPam SchubertNorma CarreraDivesh ManoharBen SearsAnn CasstevensJosie MillerShubh SchiesserStephanie CravenHans MuellerColleen StarkAugust Dolan-HendersonAaron NeighborsLinda Wallace

Gladys Dykes Natasha Padron Rochelle & Jon Winkle

Charles Foster Tony Padron Tom Wooten

Ralph Hausser Mary Parker All those suffering from

Kirk Hoffman Metis Policano COVID-19

Donn Hopkins Martha Sahs

For those who have died and their families, especially:

All those who have died 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:

Walter Moreau (Jul 20) Heather Schubert (Jul 24) Lillie Tipps (Jul 25)

Josh Poage (Jul 23) Hal Stevens (Jul 24)

Those who celebrate anniversaries, especially:

Fred & Michele Blood (Jul 23)

In the Anglican cycle of prayer:

In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

Episcopal Church in the Philippines, Trinity, Jacksonville
The Most Reverend Joel Atiwag Pachao, Prime Bishop Trinity, Marshall

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

THE BANNER - July 19, 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!
- 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.
- WEDNESDAY WEAVINGS The Wednesday Weavings adult discussion group will gather this Wednesday, July 22nd, for a Zoom meeting from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. All are welcome to join the group for a service of Compline and a discussion of the evening's reading. Frances Rickard will send out the Zoom invitation prior to the meeting to the group's email list; to be added to the email list or to get a copy of the reading, contact Frances at fairickard@gmail.com. We hope you can join us!
- ❖ VACATION Our Office Administrator, Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, is currently on vacation with her family through Wednesday, July 29th. Voicemail and email are being 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 Stewardship 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.

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon, Jul 20	Maria Skobtsoba, Monastic and Martyr, 1945
Wed, Jul 22	Saint Mary Magdalene
Thu, Jul 23	John Cassian, Monastic and Theologian, 435
Fri, Jul 24	Thomas a Kempis, Priest and Mystic, 1471
Sat, Jul 25	Saint James the Apostle



THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant/Preacher – The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert

Deacon – The Rev. Jim Enelow

Organist/Pianist – Mi-Young Kim

Singers – Jan Phillips, Periwinkle Schuster

Flower Guild – Sandra Villalaz

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