

# THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

AUGUST 16, 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.

Today is the Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert's last Sunday as Rector of St. George's. We hope you can join us for our Zoom Coffee Hour after the service, when we'll all have the chance to wish him and his family well in this next season of their lives.

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: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: *Beecher*, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

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 232

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

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

FIRST READING ISAIAH 56:1, 6-8

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,

for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant –

these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

PSALM 67 DEUS MISEREATUR

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \* show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \* your saving health among all nations.

- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*
  for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \* may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \* and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

SECOND READING ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32

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

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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



Words: Zimbabwean traditional.

Music: Zimbabwean traditional; adapt of English traditional; as taught by Tarasi; arr. by John L. Bell, b. 1949.

THE HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 15:10-28

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

THE SERMON THE REV. KEVIN LJ SCHUBERT

A BLESSING FOR KEVIN

THE REV. JIM ENELOW

Deacon May God bless you, Kevin, for all the gifts of ministry you have given us.

May God bless you for leading us at St. George's these past ten years.

May God bless you for being our priest, our leader, our rector, and our friend.

May God bless you for binding us together as a family of God.

May God bless you for the ways you have walked with us on the Kingdom Road.

And now may God bless you in your leaving us, in your new ministry at St. Stephen's, and

the bright future you and your family have in store.

All this we ask in Jesus' Name.

People Amen.

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

Hear us Lord,

For your mercy is great.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

People

Deacon

People

### THE PRAYERS

**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 For this community, the nation, and the world; Deacon For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace. People Deacon For the just and proper use of your creation; People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; Deacon 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. Deacon For the Scottish Episcopal Church, 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 Norma, Carlos, August, Gladys, Bonnie, Charles, Matias, Ralph, Kirk, Nicole, Polly, Carol, Divesh, Gracie, Josie, Paul, Aaron, Natasha, Tony, Mary, Metis, Martha, Pam, Ben, Rudy, 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)

(Silence; the People may add their own thanksgivings)

We thank you, Lord, for Ronn, Royce, Max, and Alma, as they celebrate their birthdays; for

Ronn & Sue as they celebrate their anniversary; and for all the blessings of this life.

Deacon We pray for all who have died, especially H.D., those who have died from COVID-19, and

those killed in the explosion in Beirut, 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.

Deacon We pray also for Kevin and his family, and for this congregation, as we come to the end of

our time together, as we both grieve and celebrate. We ask for your presence with all of us, with those who leave and with us who stay, that what we have learned from one another

and the ways we have changed one another continue to inform us in all that we do.

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 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

Officiant May God, who has led us in the paths of justice and truth, lead us still, and keep us in his ways.

People Amen.

Officiant May God, whose Son has loved us and given himself for us, love us still, and establish us in peace.

People Amen.

Officiant May God, whose Spirit unites us and fills our hearts with joy, illumine us still, and strengthen

us for the years to come.

People Amen.

Officiant And 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: Mary Ann Thomson (1834-1923), alt. Music: Tidings, James Walch (1837-1901).

#### **DISMISSAL**

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE March of The Priests from Athalie

MI-YOUNG KIM, ORGAN

(Felix Mendelssohn)

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The Altar Flowers are given by the people of St. George's, in thanksgiving for Kevin, Heather, Holden, and Harper as we bid them Godspeed.

The altar candles are given by James and Gayle Wall, in thanksgiving for Carole, Loretta, Ronn, and Sue on their birthdays, and for Ronn and Sue on their anniversary.

After the service, please join us for our **Zoom Coffee Hour** (password: Christ). In addition to our usual time of fellowship with other St. George's parishioners, we will have a chance to say goodbye to our rector, the Reverend Kevin L J Schubert, and his family; and to virtually participate in the blessing of the SAFE Comfort Bags.

# PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

## For those who are sick or facing medical issues, especially:

Polly Littrell Metis Policano Norma Carrera Carlos Cavazos Carol Longoria Martha Sahs August Dolan-Henderson Divesh Manohar Pam Schubert Gladys Dykes Gracie Martinez Ben Sears **Bonnie Forrester** Josie Miller Rudy Villalaz Charles Foster Paul Morris Linda Wallace

Matias Gil Aaron Neighbors Rochelle & Jon Winkle

Ralph Hausser Natasha Padron Tom Wooten

Kirk Hoffman Tony Padron Those suffering from COVID-19

Nicole Hohensee Mary Parker

#### For those who have died and their families, especially:

**H. D. Butler** Those who have died from COVID-19

Those killed in the explosion in Beirut

#### 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:

Ronn Worcester (Aug 17) Max McAlister (Aug 19) Royce Blech (Aug 19) Alma Vera (Aug 19)

#### Those who celebrate anniversaries, especially:

Ronn & Sue Worcester (Aug 18)

#### In the Anglican cycle of prayer:

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

The Scottish Episcopal Church, St. Paul's, Waco

The Most Reverend Mark Strange, Primus St. Thomas', Rockdale

Waco Church Plant, Waco

Names can be added to this list by emailing Jennifer at <a href="mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com">stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com</a>.

# THE BANNER - August 16, 2020

- FAREWELL TO KEVIN Today is Kevin's last day at St. George's. We would love to have a reception for him and his family at which we could wish them all a fond farewell and best of luck in Wimberley. Since we can't do that, we'll do the next best thing. Be sure to join us at our Zoom Coffee Hour (password: Christ) after the service, where we will have a chance to say goodbye to Kevin and his family.
- ❖ SAFE ALLIANCE COMFORT BAGS During our Zoom Coffee Hour after the service today, Father Kevin will bless the bags in preparation for their delivery to SAFE. Although we couldn't hold our traditional community sew-in, this ministry still comes from the heart of our community, and your support of it has been and continues to be important! Thank you to those who sewed and filled bags at a safe distance, as well as to those who donated the items of comfort with which the bags were filled.
- LIVESTREAM DIFFICULTIES We are aware that some people have been experiencing difficulties with the service livestream, particularly with the audio. We have made some tweaks and currently we find that Zoom is better for hearing the speakers, while Facebook Live is better for the picture and for hearing the music. We continue to work on improving the quality.
- ❖ WEDNESDAY WEAVINGS THIS WEEK Please join us this Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, for St. George's adult discussion group, Wednesday Weavings. All are welcome to join the group for discussion and a closing service of Compline. We will continue our conversation on race with selected readings to inform our discussion. Frances Rickard will send out the Zoom invitation along with the reading before the meeting to the group's email list. If you are not on the list and would like to receive the email, or if you have any questions, please contact Frances at fajrickard@gmail.com. The Zoom screen has plenty of room for all who want to join us!
- ❖ JOIN THE CHOIR Even though we are unable to rehearse together during the pandemic, the St. George's Choir members get together on Zoom every Tuesday evening from 7:00 to about 8:15 for conversation and fellowship. This provides an opportunity to connect with St. George's in the middle of the week and is a great way to get to know the choir members. Through the wonders of technology, we have been able to present three hymns for the congregation, and we are starting on two more. We would love to have more voices participate in these musical offerings, even if you've never been in the choir. Contact Music Director Mi-Young Kim at 860-804-2911 (text or call) or sgmusicminister@gmail.com for more information or for the Zoom link. All are welcome!
- FLOWER DONATION CALENDAR There are just a few spaces left on St. George's Flower Donation Calendar, if you would like to sponsor the altar flowers this year. The remaining dates are August 23, October 18, and November 1. To donate flowers, please type your name in one of the vacant spots on the Online Calendar, and indicate any memorial or thanksgiving you'd like to make (optional). A donation of \$35 is requested. To give electronically, visit the St. George's Donation page, scroll down to "Designated Gifts" / "Altar Guild," and enter the amount of your donation and "Altar Flowers" in the notes section. You can also mail a check to the church office, made payable to St. George's, with "Altar Flowers" in the memo line.
- 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: <a href="www.sgchurch.org/stewardship">www.sgchurch.org/stewardship</a>. 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**

Thu, Aug 20

Bernard of Clairvaux, Monastic and Theologian, 1153



#### **THOSE WHO SERVE**

Officiant/Preacher – The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert
Deacon – The Rev. Jim Enelow
Vestry Person of the Day – Ed Crawford
Flower Guild – Mary Stewart Miller
Organist/Pianist – Mi-Young Kim
Singers – Elaine Hosage, Periwinkle Schuster
Reader – Mary Stewart Miller

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