

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING PRAYER RITE II

AUGUST 22, 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. Due to Austin's rising COVID numbers, we are once again worshiping together online and not in-person. Our online services are available on the **Online Worship** page of our website.

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

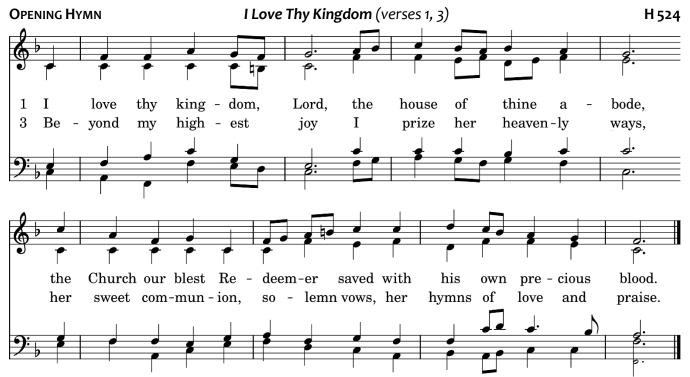
BCP – Book of Common Prayer

OPENING AND WELCOME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. (Psalm 43:3)



Words: Timothy Dwight (1725-1817).

Music: St. Thomas (Williams), melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP 79

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

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.

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Amen. Alleluia

Invitatory Psalm BCP 82

Please join in reading the invitatory psalm.

Antiphon The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

Venite Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

Psalm 95:1-7

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God.

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Antiphon The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

PSALM 84 QUAM DILECTA!

Please join in reading the psalm responsively by whole verse.

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, * and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; * he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold * from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, *
 happy are they who put their trust in you!

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING 1 KINGS 8:22-30, 41-43

Reader A reading from the first book of Kings.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name —for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

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

CANTICLE 19 The Song of the Redeemed

BCP 94

Please join in reading the canticle.

O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, * surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, * O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? * for you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, * because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

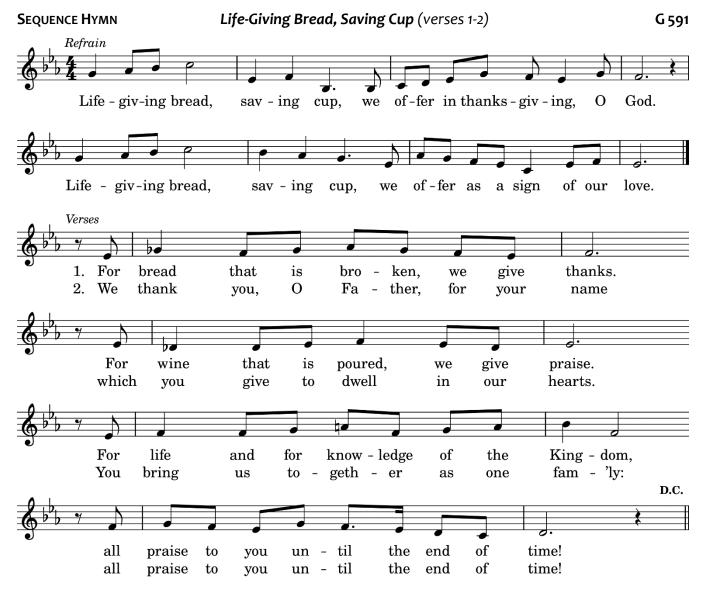
Second Reading Ephesians 6:10-20

Reader A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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



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THIRD READING JOHN 6:56-69

Reader A reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones

that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

THE SERMON THE REV. ANN MCLEMORE

THE APOSTLES' CREED BCP 96

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

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Officiant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Thank you for your generosity. Offerings can be given online at the St. George's Donation page.

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE PRAYERS

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

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

Suffrages A BCP 97

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord; People And grant us your salvation.

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People Let your people sing with joy.

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; People For only in you can we live in safety.

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;
People Your saving health among all nations.

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 232

Officiant Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy

Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one

God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS BCP 98

Officiant O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of

your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the

week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

COLLECT FOR MISSION BCP 100

Officiant

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN

Officiant

Eternal God, hear our prayer for the peoples of Afghanistan. Countless people are now fleeing and vulnerable. The lives of many are now endangered. The hopes of many are forgone. Send your Spirit, Lord, to rally the resolve of the nations of the earth to find pathways to save human lives, protect human rights, and to resolve the hardships of those seeking refuge, asylum, and safety. Hear our prayer for the peoples of Afghanistan. This we pray as followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

People Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Officiant

We pray for our community and the world, and for all who have requested our prayers.

Be present with your church. We pray for all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our bishops, and Ann our interim rector. We pray for our lay leadership, especially our vestry: Josh, Rob, Mark, Ed, Dale, Brad, Hye Na, Belinda, and Samantha. We pray also for St. George's Episcopal School, and for all who work and learn there.

Be present with all who govern in this and every land, especially Joe, our President, and Greg, our Governor, and the leaders of all the nations of the earth.

Be present with all those experiencing illness, need, sorrow, or any other adversity, especially Birger, Chase, Linda, Ellie, Gladys, Sue, Charles, Gerry, Ralph, Kirk, Betty, Polly, Divesh, George, George, Mary, Ben, Jayson, Lisa, Rochelle, Jon, Travis, the Mayer/Anderson families, the Moreau family, the Stulsas family, Bonnie, the people of Afghanistan and Haiti, and those suffering from COVID-19.

Be present with all who celebrate another year of life, especially Sarah, Polly, and Sue.

We pray for all who have died, especially Sam, Elioenai, and those who have died from COVID-19, and we thank you for the lives of all your saints.

I invite you to add your own prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings.

(Silence)

Grant these our prayers, O God, in the name of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

People Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING BCP 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

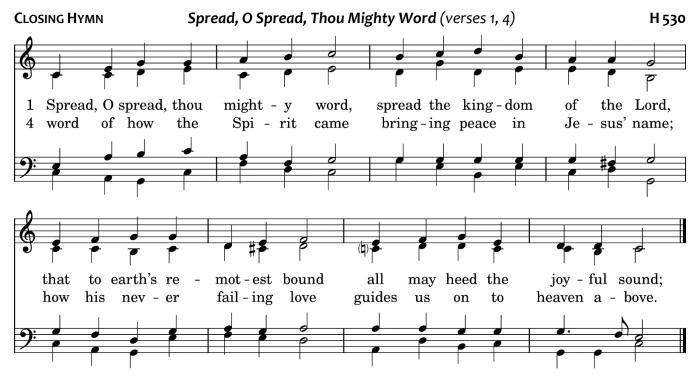
PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM BCP 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. People Thanks be to God.



Words: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier (1774-1841); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952) and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt. St. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984).

Music: Gott sei Dank, melody from Geistreiches Gesangbuch, 1704; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

THE BLESSING

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy

Spirit, be with us all evermore. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

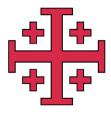
People Amen.

POSTLUDE

Seven Short Postludes No.7, E-flat Major (William Wolstendolme)

MI-YOUNG KIM, PIANO

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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, in thanksgiving for Carole, Loretta, Ronn, and Sue's birthdays; and for Ronn and Sue's anniversary

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

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

Birger AndersonRalph HausserBen SearsChase AndersonKirk HoffmanJayson StulsasLinda BibleBetty JacobsonLisa Treviño

Ellie Chang Polly Littrell Rochelle & Jon Winkle

Gladys Dykes Divesh Manohar Travis

Sue Flanagan George Moreau Those suffering from COVID-19

Charles Foster George Neher **Gerry Gram** Mary Parker

For those who have died and their families, especially

Sam Tomlinson Those who have died from COVID-19

Elioenai Velazquez

For those facing difficult circumstances, especially:

The Mayer/Anderson Families The Stulsas Family The people of Afghanistan

The Moreau FamilyBonnie Wood
The people of Haiti

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

Andrew Hutton

For those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Sarah Campbell (Aug 23) Sue Worcester (Aug 27)

Polly Littrell (Aug 24)

For those who celebrate anniversaries

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

The Anglican Church of South America St. Paul's, Waco

St. Thomas', Rockdale Waco Church Plant, Waco

Names newly added to the list of prayer requests are in bold.

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

THE SUNDAY BANNER - August 22, 2021

- VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR Immediately after the service each Sunday, you are invited to join our Zoom Coffee Hour (passcode: Christ) to share a brief time of fellowship with other parishioners.
- ❖ ONLINE WORSHIP As local COVID cases increase, and Austin once again enters Stage 5, the vestry has made the decision to return worshiping solely online. We regret this necessity, but for everyone's safety, we are choosing to follow Austin Public Health's guidelines requesting that people not gather indoors except when strictly necessary. We intend to return to in-person worship when Austin is in Stage 3. Our worship services will be accessible via both Zoom and Facebook Live and can be accessed at the Online Worship page of our website.

- WEDNESDAY WEAVINGS Join the St. George's adult discussion group this Wednesday, August 25th, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, via Zoom. We are currently reading and discussing The Way of Love. All are welcome to join the group for discussion and a closing service of Compline. Frances Rickard will send the reading along with the Zoom link to the group's email list before the meeting. Contact Frances at fajrickard@gmail.com to be added to the list or with any questions.
- ❖ FAREWELL TO MI-YOUNG After a little over two years with us, our Music Minister, Mi-Young Kim, will be leaving St. George's at the end of August, to further pursue her music studies in California. She has been a blessing to our music program and choir, and we will miss her! Please join us at our Zoom Coffee Hour next Sunday, August 29th, her final Sunday with us, to say goodbye and wish her well in her next endeavors.
- ❖ HAITI RELIEF DONATIONS On Saturday, August 14, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the southwest portion of Haiti. This devastating earthquake was followed by Tropical Storm Grace on Monday night and much of Tuesday. More than 1 million people, including more than half a million children, have been impacted by the back-to-back disasters, and the death toll is close to 2000. Episcopal Relief & Development and its partners are responding immediately with direct assistance to vulnerable households in the region, as partners plan long-term recovery. Your generous gift can provide assistance to help people in the wake of these disasters. To assist in these efforts, visit www.episcopalrelief.org/haiti-relief.
- ❖ OUTREACH MEETING Please join us after Coffee Hour on Sunday, August 29th, for a Zoom Outreach meeting. At some point this week, Sarah Campbell will circulate a written report to the Outreach email list, with the request that people read it in advance of the meeting and come prepared to ask questions and share ideas based on the report. The meeting will also include the opportunity to propose and discuss potential new outreach activities. To be added to the email list to receive the report and the Zoom link, please contact Sarah (cowmarket2@gmail.com) or Alice Nelson (mzlsnlsn@gmail.com).
- ❖ OUTREACH MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH Our Outreach Ministry Highlight for the month of August is St. George's Episcopal School. St. George's Episcopal School, an outreach ministry of St. George's Church, strives to provide a well-rounded program for the children of the church and its surrounding diverse community. Our programs help each child grow and develop spiritually, cognitively, physically, emotionally, and socially, all within a Christian atmosphere. We believe each child is a gift of God, a unique person valued for his/her own worth, growing and learning independently. For more information about the school, visit their website at www.stgeorges-austin.com.
- INTERIM RECTOR'S EMAIL ADDRESS Ann has had some difficulty accessing the rector's email address that was created for her when she started at St. George's, so going forward, please use her personal email address, mclemore.a@gmail.com, for all email communication with her. She also welcomes phone calls at 769-257-2377.
- OFFICE OPEN The church office in the Wright House is open Monday to Thursday, from 9:00 to 2:00. Both Jennifer and Ann are typically in the office Monday to Thursday. Jennifer can be reached at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com and at 512-454-2523. and Ann is in the office Monday through Thursday and can be reached at mclemore.a@gmail.com and at 769-257-2377.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMON LIFE

PRAYER IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

THE REV. CANON KRISTI PHILIP

Ever-present God. You call us on a journey to a place we do not know. We are not where we started. We have not reached our destination. We are not sure where we are or who we are. This is not a comfortable place. Be among us, we pray. Calm our fears, save us from discouragement. And help us to stay on course. Open our hearts to your guidance so that our journey to this Unknown place continues as a journey of trust. 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, August 23

Tuesday, August 24 7:00 pm Choir Zoom Meet-up **Saint Bartholomew the Apostle**

Wednesday, August 25 7:00 pm Wednesday Weavings

Thursday, August 26 Thomas Gallaudet and Henry Winter Syle, Priests, 1902 and 1890

Friday, August 27 Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

Saturday, Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Theologian, 430

Sunday, August 29 10:30 am Morning Prayer The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist

11:30 am Coffee Hour/Farewell to Mi-Young

THOSE WHO SERVE

Vestry Person of the Day – Josh Beckham
Flower Guild – Sandra Villalaz
Streaming Technicians – Liam Dolan-Henderson, Lydia Fortuna
Lector – Team B
Singer – Jan Phillips

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