



St. George's
Episcopal Church

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING PRAYER RITE II

AUGUST 29, 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 worshipping 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

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord
Jesus Christ.

(Philippians 1:2)

OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (verses 1, 4)

H 423

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,
in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;
most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see
al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great Name we praise.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

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

Please join in reading the invitatory psalm.

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

Jubilate **Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.** *Psalm 100*

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

PSALM 45:1-2, 7-10

Please join in reading the psalm responsively by whole verse.

**1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.**

- 2 You are the fairest of men; *
 grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
 a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
 you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
 with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
 and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
 on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:8-13

Reader A reading from the Song of Solomon.

The voice of my beloved!
 Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains,
 bounding over the hills.
 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.
 Look, there he stands behind our wall,
 gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.
 My beloved speaks and says to me:
 "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;
 for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.
 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come,
 and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.
 The fig tree puts forth its figs,
 and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance.
 Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

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

CANTICLE 17

The Song of Simeon

BCP 93

Please join in reading the canticle.

**Lord, you now have set your servant free *
 to go in peace as you have promised;
 For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
 whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
 A Light to enlighten the nations, *
 and the glory of your people Israel.
 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.**

Reader A reading from the letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

O Master Let Me Walk with Thee (verses 1, 4)

H 660

1 O Mas - ter let me walk with thee in low - ly
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the
 paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly
 help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918).
 Music: Maryton, Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898).

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 B

BCP 98

Officiant Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Officiant Day by day we bless you;

People **We praise your Name for ever.**

Officiant Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People **For we put our trust in you.**

Officiant In you, Lord, is our hope;

People **And we shall never hope in vain.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**BCP 233**

Officiant Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAITI

Officiant Eternal God, send forth your Spirit to encourage and strengthen the people of Haiti in these difficult times. We pray especially for those impacted by the recent earthquake. Encourage and strengthen those who help and support others. In your mercy, receive the souls of those who have died; comfort their families and loved ones. Surround with your presence the sick and suffering. Aid the work of those who still search and rescue. Empower the medical and aid workers and all who labor to heal. Likewise, inspire and empower the resolve of the nations and peoples of the world to be your instruments of help and healing. Stir up the might of your love and compassion among the nations to rally resources and stay the course until the humanitarian job is accomplished. Lastly, enfold and uphold the people of Haiti in the arms of your love and the strength of your might. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, Mary, Ben, Jayson, Lisa, Rochelle, Jon, Travis, the Mayer/Anderson families, the Moreau family, the Stulas family, Kay, Mia, Bonnie, the people of Afghanistan and Haiti, and those suffering from COVID-19.

Be present with all who celebrate another year of life, especially Dale and William.

We pray for all who have died, especially Faustina, John, George, Sam, Elioenai, James, 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.

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing (verses 1-2)

H 344

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's joy - ful sound:

let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace:
may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound:

O re - fresh us, O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains two verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the hymn with a double bar line.

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

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

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

Songs Without Words Op.67 No.2 in F# Minor
(Felix Mendelssohn)

MI-YOUNG KIM, PIANO

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The altar flowers are given by the people of St. George's,
in thanksgiving for Mi-Young Kim and her music ministry among us.

The altar candles are given by James and Gayle Wall,
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 Anderson	Gerry Gram	Mary Parker
Chase Anderson	Ralph Hausser	Ben Sears
Linda Bible	Kirk Hoffman	Jayson Stulsas
Ellie Chang	Betty Jacobson	Lisa Treviño
Gladys Dykes	Polly Littrell	Rochelle & Jon Winkle
Sue Flanagan	Divesh Manohar	Travis
Charles Foster	George Neher	Those suffering from COVID-19

For those who have died and their families, especially

Faustina Garcia	Elioenai Velazquez
John Logan	James Zollo
George Moreau	Those who have died from COVID-19
Sam Tomlinson	

For those facing difficult circumstances, especially:

The Mayer/Anderson Families	Bonnie Wood
The Moreau Family	
The Stulsas Family	The people of Afghanistan
Kay & Mia Wagner	The people of Haiti

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

Andrew Hutton

For those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Dale Curry (Aug 29)
William Beckham (Aug 31)

For those who celebrate anniversaries

In the Anglican cycle of prayer:

The Province of the Episcopal Church of
South Sudan

In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

Holy Comforter, Spring
Holy Family, Humble
St. Aidan's, Cypress

Names newly added to the list of prayer requests are in bold.
Names can be added to this list by emailing Jennifer at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com.

THE SUNDAY BANNER – August 29, 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 worshipping 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.
- ❖ **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 **TODAY**, her final Sunday with us, to say goodbye and wish her well in her next endeavors.
- ❖ **OUTREACH MEETING** – Please join us after Coffee Hour **TODAY**, for a Zoom Outreach meeting. Sarah Campbell circulated 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. Please contact Sarah (cowmarket2@gmail.com) or Alice Nelson (mzlsnlsn@gmail.com) with any questions.
- ❖ **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 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, mclmore.a@gmail.com, for all email communication with her. She also welcomes phone calls 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 30	<i>Margaret Ward, Margaret Clitherow, and Anne Line, Martyrs, 1588, 1586, and 1601</i>
Tuesday, August 31	<i>David Pendleton Oakerhater, Deacon, 1931</i>
Wednesday, September 1	
Thursday, September 2	<i>The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942</i>
Friday, September 3	<i>Phoebe, Deacon</i>
Saturday, September 4	<i>Paul Jones, Bishop, 1941</i>
Sunday, September 5	10:30 am Morning Prayer <i>Katharina Zell, Church Reformer and Writer, 1562</i>

THOSE WHO SERVE

Vestry Person of the Day – Ed Crawford
Flower Guild – The Pewitt Family
Streaming Technicians – Liam Dolan-Henderson, Lydia Fortuna
Lector – Mikail McIntosh-Doty
Singer – Jan Phillips

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