

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING PRAYER RITE II

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 10:30 AM

The Rev. Ann McLemore, Interim Rector

Ms. Dia Park, Music Minister

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

OPENING SENTENCE

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

(Philippians 1:2)



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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.

Psalm 100

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.

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

PSALM 125 QUI CONFIDUNT

Please join in reading the psalm responsively in unison.

- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, * which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; * so does the LORD stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, * so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good * and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; * but peace be upon Israel.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING PROVERBS 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Reader A reading from the book of Proverbs.

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the LORD pleads their cause

and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

CANTICLE 10 The Second Song of Isaiah BCP 86

Please join in reading the canticle.

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; * call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways * and the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, * and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, * nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, * so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens * and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life and giving growth, * seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; * it will not return to me empty;

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, * and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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 James 2:1-10, 14-17

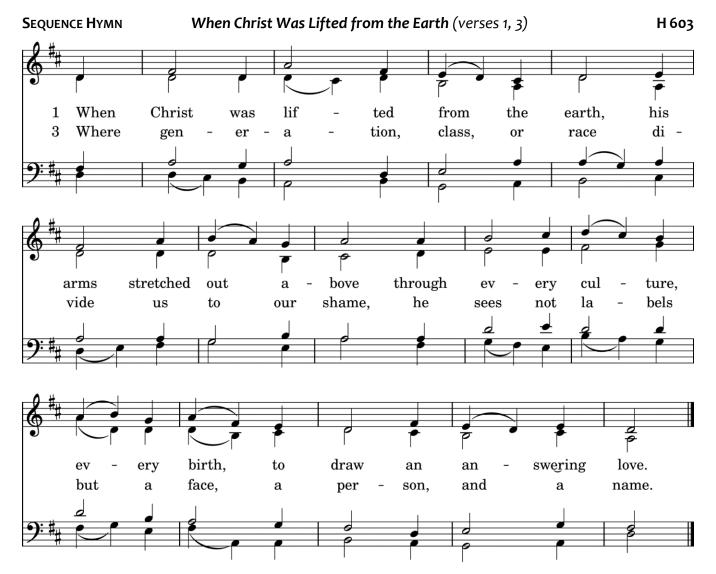
Reader A reading from the letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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



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THIRD READING MARK 7:24-37

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he

sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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 Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud

who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy

Spirit, one God, now and for 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 PEACE BCP 99

Officiant

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

COLLECT FOR MISSION BCP 101

Officiant

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.

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, Ellie, Gladys, Sue, Charles, Gerry, Ralph, Kirk, Betty, Polly, Divesh, George, Mary, Ben, Lisa, Rochelle, Jon, Travis, the Mayer/Anderson families, the Moreau family, Kay, Mia, Bonnie, the people of Afghanistan and Haiti, those affected by Hurricane Ida, and those suffering from COVID-19.

Be present with all who celebrate another year of life, especially Michele, Spencer, Kosmos, and Gladys.

We pray for all who have died, especially Faustina, John, George, Colleen, 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.

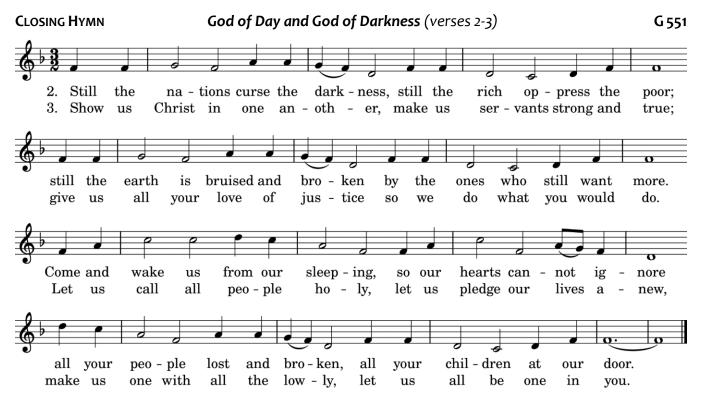
PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

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.



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THE BLESSING

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the

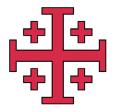
Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

People Amen.

POSTLUDE Your Mercy Like Rain DIA PARK, PIANO

(Rory Cooney)

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The altar flowers are given by Denise Hope, in loving memory of Robert Shoop.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

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

Birger Anderson Ralph Hausser Ben Sears Chase Anderson Kirk Hoffman Lisa Treviño

Ellie Chang Betty Jacobson Rochelle & Jon Winkle

Gladys Dykes Polly Littrell Travis

Sue Flanagan Divesh Manohar Those suffering from COVID-19

Charles Foster George Neher
Gerry Gram Mary Parker

For those who have died and their families, especially

Faustina Garcia George Moreau James Zollo

John Logan Colleen Stark Those who have died from COVID-19

For those facing difficult circumstances, especially:

The Moreau Family The people of Haiti

Kay & Mia Wagner Those affected by Hurricane Ida

Bonnie Wood

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

Andrew Hutton

For those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Michele Blood (Sep 6) Kosmos Ibsen (Sep 6) Spencer Gordon (Sep 6) Gladys Dykes (Sep 10)

For those who celebrate anniversaries

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

The Province of the Episcopal Church of St. Cuthbert's, Houston Sudan St. Dunstan's, Houston

St. Isidore's, Spring

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

Names can be added to this list by emailing Jennifer at style="style-type: 150%; style="style-type: 150%; style: 150%;">style="style-type: 150%; style: 150%; st

THE SUNDAY BANNER - September 5, 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.
- WELCOME TO DIA PARK! We are thrilled to welcome our new Music Minister, Dia Park! Today is her first official Sunday with us. Dia is a dDoctoral student in the Collaborative Piano program at UT Austin, Butler School of Music and comes to us highly recommended. If you come to church in person at any point in the upcoming weeks, please be sure to say hello and welcome her to St. George's!

- ❖ IN-PERSON WORSHIP We are tentatively planning to return to in-person worship next Sunday, September 12th, in preparation for Bishop Fisher's visit on September 19th. When we do return, masks and social distancing will be required. We will continue to monitor the situation and make changes to our policies and plans as necessary. Our worship services will continue be accessible via both Zoom and Facebook Live and can be accessed at the Online Worship page of our website.
- THE BISHOP IS COMING! The Right Reverend Jeff Fisher, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Texas, will be with us at St. George's on Sunday, September 19th. All four bishops in our diocese spend much of their time with congregations throughout the diocese in order to provide whatever support and guidance the parishioners and clergy need, and to maintain connections between the various parishes of our far-flung diocese. While here, the bishop will preside and preach at the Eucharist, administer the sacrament of Baptism, and preside over the interment of the ashes of our former rector, the Rev. John Price.
- ❖ WEDNESDAY WEAVINGS Join the St. George's adult discussion group this Wednesday, September 8th, 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.
- ❖ WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP Please join us for our next meeting on Saturday, September 11th, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, via Zoom. We will discuss Still Life, by Louise Penny. (Due to rising COVID numbers and updated advice from the CDC and the Austin Public Health Department, we have decided to continue meeting online for the time being.) All St. George's women are welcome to attend even if you haven't read the book! We hope you can join us for interesting conversation and our book discussion. The Zoom invitation will be sent out to the group's email list prior to the meeting. To be added to the list, or with any questions, please contact Sandra Villalaz at 512-762-8349 or sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com with any questions. Happy reading!
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.

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, September 6 Labor Day Hannah More, Religious Writer and Philanthropist, 1833

Tuesday, September 7 Kassiani, Poet and Hymnographer, 865

Wednesday, September 8 7:00 pm Wednesday Weavings The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, September 9 Constance, Thecla, Ruth, Frances, Charles Parsons, and Louis Schuyler, Martyrs, 1878

Friday, September 10 Alexander Crummell, Priest, 1898

Saturday, September 11 3:00 pm Women's Book Group

Sunday, September 12 10:30 am Holy Eucharist John Henry Hobart, Bishop, 1830

11:30 am Fellowship

THOSE WHO SERVE

Vestry Person of the Day – Rob Blech
Flower Guild – Alice Nelson
Streaming Technicians – Liam Dolan-Henderson, Lydia Fortuna
Lector – Raul Carrera
Singers – Jan Phillips, Stephanie Craven

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