

# THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

SEPTEMBER 12, 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. We are especially excited to welcome parishioners back into the church for worship!

**For those worshiping in person:** Please continue to practice social distancing throughout the service. Masks are required for all worshipers in the church. (Disposable masks are available in the narthex.) Please sit only where bulletins have been distributed. When the service ends, please join us for coffee hour outside.

**For those worshiping from home:** Please know that you are still valued members of the congregation! And we look forward to seeing you in person, whenever you feel safe doing so.

Our services continue to be 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**

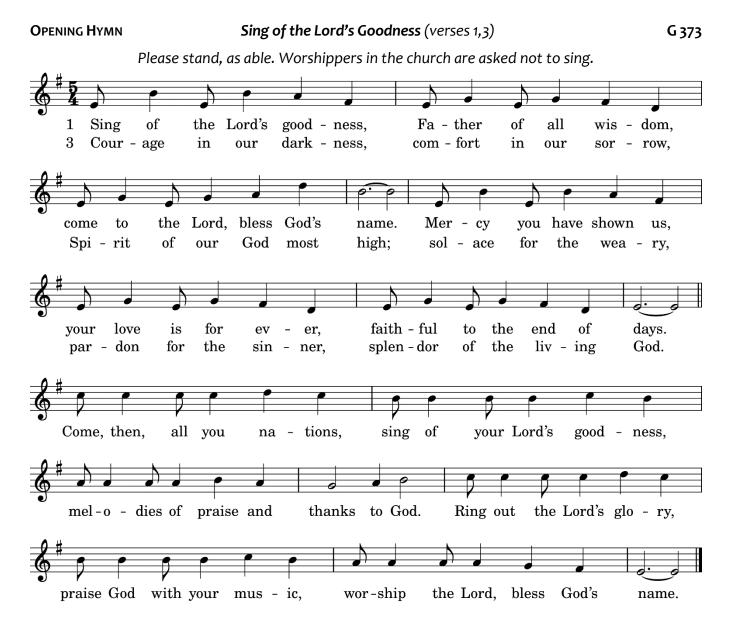
H - 1982 Hymnal

**G** – Gather Hymnal

**BCP** – Book of Common Prayer

**DIA PARK** 

# THE WORD OF GOD



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### **W**ELCOME

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant 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.

GLORIA BCP 356

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 233

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

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People Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

FIRST READING PROVERBS 1:20-33

Reader A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Wisdom cries out in the street;

in the squares she raises her voice.

At the busiest corner she cries out;

at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

"How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?

How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing

and fools hate knowledge?

Give heed to my reproof;

I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you.

Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof,

I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you,

when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD,

would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,

therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices.

For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them;

but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

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

CANTICLE OF WISDOM 7:26-8:1

Please join in reading the canticle in unison.

For wisdom is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness.

Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things;

in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets; for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.

She is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars.

Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail.

She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well.

**SECOND READING JAMES 3:1-12** 

Reader A reading from the letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

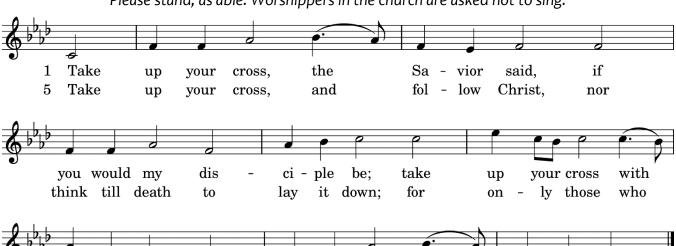
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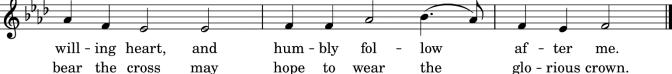
# **S**EQUENCE HYMN

# **Take Up Your Cross** (verses 1, 5)

H 675

Please stand, as able. Worshippers in the church are asked not to sing.





Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt. Music: Bourbon, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859). THE HOLY GOSPEL MARK 8:27-38

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON THE REV. ANN MCLEMORE

Please be seated.

NICENE CREED BCP 358

Please stand, as able.

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 III

**BCP 387** 

Intercessor Father, we pray for the Church of England, and for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our bishops, Ann

our Interim Rector, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons; and for all lay leaders, especially our vestry: Josh, Rob, Mark, Ed, Dale, Brad, Hye Na, Belinda, and Samantha;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for Joe our president, Greg our governor, Steve our mayor, and for all who

govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor Have compassion on Birger, Ellie, August, Gladys, Sue, Charles, Gerry, Ralph, Kirk, Betty,

Polly, Divesh, George, Mary, Ben, Rochelle, Jon, Travis, Bonnie, the people of

Afghanistan and Haiti, those affected by Hurricane Ida, those suffering from COVID-19,

and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor Give to Mark, Colleen, those who have died from COVID-19, and to all the departed,

eternal rest:

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor We give you thanks for Jennifer, Anna Rae, and Suzette, as they celebrate their

birthdays; and for all the blessings of this life.

(Silence)

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(Silence)

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the

prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

# THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**BCP 360** 

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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

Please stand, as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of Christ. Please maintain social distance.

# **A**NNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

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

Thank you for your generosity. You may place checks or cash in the offering baskets passed by the ushers. If you prefer, you may give online at the <u>St. George's Donation page</u>.

# 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on

the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious

resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for

ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new

Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant We

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.** 

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrified for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for

you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

# **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

We will be receiving only the consecrated host, and not the wine. To receive communion, please remain in your pews, and the host will be brought to you. Please let the Celebrant know if you desire a gluten-free wafer.

If you do not wish to receive Communion, please cross your arms over your heart, and the Celebrant will pray for God's blessing upon you.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

Please stand, as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father,

you have graciously accepted us

as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## THE BLESSING



Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912); alt. Michael Robert NBewbolt (1874-1956).

Music: Crucifer, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

### DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE No Greater Love DIA PARK

(Michael Joncas)

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The altar flowers are given by Patsy Chandler, in thanksgiving for Joe, MacKenzie, Michael, and Peter.

# PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

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

Birger AndersonGerry GramGeorge NeherEllie ChangRalph HausserMary ParkerAugust Dolan-HendersonKirk HoffmanBen Sears

Gladys Dykes Betty Jacobson Rochelle & Jon Winkle

Sue Flanagan Polly Littrell Travis

Charles Foster Divesh Manohar Those suffering from COVID-19

# For those who have died and their families, especially

Mark Mays Those who have died from COVID-19

Colleen Stark

# For those facing difficult circumstances, especially:

Bonnie Wood The people of Haiti

The people of Afghanistan Those affected by Hurricane Ida

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

**Andrew Hutton** 

# For those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Jennifer Long (Sep 15) Suzette Puckett (Sep 16)

Anna Rae Rozell (Sep 15)

## For those who celebrate anniversaries

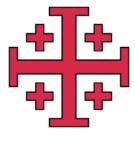
# In the Anglican cycle of prayer: In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

The Anglican Church of Tanzania St. James the Apostle, Conroe

St. Luke's, Livingston St. Mary's, Cypress

# THE SUNDAY BANNER - September 12, 2021

- ❖ IN-PERSON WORSHIP Join us for in-person Eucharist in the church on Sundays at 10:30. As conditions change, we are continuing to re-assess our practices in light of health and safety concerns. We continue to practice social distancing and require that everyone wear a mask due to the increase in local COVID cases. The service continues to be accessible via both Zoom and Facebook Live.
- OUTDOOR COFFEE HOUR Due to rising local COVID cases, we will be gathering for simple outdoor Coffee Hours for at least the next few weeks. Please join us in the areas outside the church and the Wright House for a time of fellowship.
- ❖ THE PARISH PROFILE IS READY! After months of hard work, the Parish Profile Committee has created a Parish Profile for St. George's, and it has now been approved by the Diocese of Texas. We are thrilled to be able to share it with the congregation! You can read the Profile on our website at www.sgchurch.org/profile. Feel free to share it with anyone who might be interested in St. George's. You are also invited to contact the Rev. Kellaura Johnson, Transition Minister for the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, at kjohnson@epicenter.org, with the names of any clergy you would like to be considered for the position. Many thanks to the Parish Profile Committee Brad Barcus, Sarah Campbell, Mary Stewart Miller, and Frances Rickard for all their hard work.
- ❖ 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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, and preside over the interment of the ashes of our former rector, the Rev. John Price.
- ❖ 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 13 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, September 14 Holy Cross Day

**Wednesday, September 15**Catherine of Genoa, Mystic and Nurse, 1510

Thursday, September 16

Friday, September 17 Hildegard of Bingen, Mystic and Scholar, 1179

Saturday, September 18 Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882

**Sunday, September 19** 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, with the Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher

11:30 am Coffee Hour

# **THOSE WHO SERVE**

Vestry Person of the Day – Dale Curry
Altar Guild – Mark Cassstevens
Flower Guild – The Pewitt Family
Usher – Rob Blech
Streaming Technicians – Liam Dolan-Henderson, Lydia Fortuna
Lector/Intercessor – Rob Blech
Lay Eucharistic Minister – Jan Phillips

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