

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 10:30 AM

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The mission of St. George's Episcopal Church is to worship God and share our faith through word, action, and service.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE WITH US. In this difficult and uncertain time, our commitment to one another as the Body of Christ is more important than ever. We are blessed to be able to join together in prayer, even as we are unable to be together in person as we would wish. Our online services are all available from the **Online Worship** page of our website.

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 **WLP** – Wonder, Love, & Praise **G** – Gather Hymnal **BCP** – Book of Common Prayer

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt. Music: Laudia anima, John Goss (1800-1880).

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

Officiant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are

hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may

perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 233

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

Officiant 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.

People Amen.

FIRST READING GENESIS 50:15-21

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

PSALM 103:1-13 BENEDIC, ANIMA MEA

Please join in reading the psalm responsively by half verse.

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *

and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *

and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins *

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and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

He satisfies you with good things, *

and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, * nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, *

so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, *

so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

SECOND READING ROMANS 14:1-12

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

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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



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THE HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 18:21-35

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. SUSAN DOLAN-HENDERSON

NICENE CREED BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy.

People

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.

THE PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM I BCP 383 With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy." Deacon For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. People Lord, have mercy. For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of Deacon all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. People Lord, have mercy. For the Anglican Church of South America; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Deacon Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our Bishops; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. People Deacon For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. People Lord, have mercy. Deacon For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. People Deacon For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. People Lord, have mercy. Deacon For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. People Deacon For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord. People Lord, have mercy. Deacon For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Jodie, Brandon, Carlos, August, Gladys, Charles, Matias, Ralph, Kirk, Nicole, Rosa, Polly, Carol, Divesh, Gracie, Josie, Paul, Aaron, Janette, Mary, Metis, Anita, Martha, Pam, Ben, Colleen, Rudy, Linda, Rochelle, Jon, Tom, and those suffering from COVID-19, let us pray to the Lord. People Lord, have mercy. For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and Deacon

captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially

those who have died from COVID-19, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Deacon For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the

Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Deacon In thanksgiving for Jennifer, Anna Rae, and Suzette as they celebrate their birthdays, and

for all the blessings of this life, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Deacon That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us

pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Deacon In the communion of St. George and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one

another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People To you, O Lord our God.

Officiant Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and

especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in

justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Officiant 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.

Deacon 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.

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

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

People Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

Officiant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be on you and

remain with you for ever.

People Amen.



Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877), alt. Music: King's Weston, Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958).

DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE Postlude in D MI-YOUNG KIM, ORGAN

(Christian Rinck)

The Altar Flowers are given by Patsy Chandler, in thanksgiving for MacKenzie, Joe, and Michael.

The altar candles are given by Alice Nelson, in loving memory of Joanne and Gene Hammond.

After the service, please join us for our **Zoom Coffee Hour** (password: Christ), a brief time of fellowship with other St. George's parishioners.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

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

Jodie Bible	Kirk Hoffman	Paul Morris	Ben Sears
Brandon Carpenter	Nicole Hohensee	Aaron Neighbors	Colleen Stark
Carlos Cavazos	Rosa Limon	Janette Overfelt	Rudy Villalaz
August Dolan-Henderson	Polly Littrell	Mary Parker	Linda Wallace
Gladys Dykes	Carol Longoria	Metis Policano	Rochelle & Jon Winkle
Charles Foster	Divesh Manohar	Anita Rodman	Tom Wooten
Matias Gil	Gracie Martinez	Martha Sahs	Those suffering from
Ralph Hausser	Josie Miller	Pam Schubert	COVID-19

For those who have died and their families, especially:

Those who have died from COVID-19

For those facing difficult circumstances

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

Maddison Worcester

Those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Jennifer Long (Sep 15) Suzette Puckett (Sep 16) Anna Rae Rozell (Sep 15)

Those who celebrate anniversaries

In the Anglican cycle of prayer:

In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

Anglican Church of South America,

The Most Reverend Gregory James Venables,
Presiding Bishop

St. James the Apostle, Conroe
St. Luke's, Livingston
St. Mary's, Cypress

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

THE SUNDAY BANNER – September 13, 2020

- ❖ VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR Immediately after the service each Sunday, you are invited to join our Zoom Coffee Hour (password: Christ) to share a brief time of fellowship with other parishioners.
- ❖ INTERIM RECTORS We are excited to announce that the Rev. Merrill Wade will be joining us as our part-time Interim Rector on Sunday, October 4th! He will be with us through December, and then the Rev. Ann McLemore will join us as our full-time Interim Rector in January. The vestry's executive committee had great discussions with both Merrill and Ann last week, and we are excited to bring them on board!

- ❖ TECHNOLOGY UPDATE The installation of our new audio-visual equipment took place on Thursday and Friday, with the hope that it would be up and running for today. As of the Friday morning posting of the bulletin, the work is ongoing. Hopefully, the audio and video quality during the service will be better, but if not, we expect it all to be working next Sunday. Thank you for your patience as we've worked on this issue, and many thanks to Brad Dieringer for all his work!
- ❖ WEDNESDAY WEAVINGS Please join us this Wednesday, September 16th, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, for St. George's adult discussion group, Wednesday Weavings. All are welcome to join the group for discussion and a closing service of Compline. We will conclude our current conversation on race with a discussion on what we've learned and how we might act on that knowledge. Frances Rickard will send out the Zoom invitation along with the reading before the meeting to the group's email list. If you are not on the list and would like to receive the email, or if you have any questions, please contact Frances at fajrickard@gmail.com. The Zoom screen has plenty of room for all who want to join us!
- ❖ VIRTUAL PARISH GET-TOGETHERS The Vestry would like to invite all St. George's members to participate in a virtual parish get-together during the month of September. These meetings are designed to give parishioners a chance to gather, receive and share information, and give feedback. We will provide updates on our new Interim Rectors, the search process for a permanent rector, improvements to our livestreaming capabilities, activities on campus, etc. We have currently scheduled three such get-togethers; please choose the date and time that best fits your schedule:
 - Thursday, September 17, 7:00 pm
 - Saturday, September 19, 10:00 am
 - Tuesday, September 22, 1:00 pm

All three meetings will be available at this **Zoom link** (password: parish). Contact Melissa Brackin at **MelissaAEason@gmail.com** or **512-415-7721** with any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

- ❖ PARENT EDUCATION EVENT Our Head of School, Jerri Thompson, will be hosting a Toilet Training Parent Education Event this Thursday, September 16th, from 12:00-1:00 pm on Zoom. Join Jerri and other parents to discuss the steps to successful toilet training that is stress- and worry-free. Please contact Jerri at jerri@stgeorges-austin.com with any questions.
- ❖ OUTREACH VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER Outreach is holding a virtual fundraiser throughout September. The money will be used to fund projects like shopping for Any Baby Can food bags, supporting the St. George's Court account at Central Texas Food Bank, and other potential projects such as work with the homeless community or COVID-19 relief. Please consider making a donation to support our church's outreach program. If possible, please donate online at St. George's Online Donation page, indicating the amount of your donation next to "Undesignated Outreach." (You may also mail a check made out to St. George's with "Outreach" in the memo line to the church office.) You are always so generous even in these uncertain times, we know we can count on your support. Please contact Alice Nelson at mzlsnlsn@gmail.com or Sarah Campbell at cowmarket2@gmail.com with any questions.
- PHOTO SESSIONS Support the school by booking a photo session! Our own Madeleine Landry will use her photography skills to take family and individual photos in the Butterfly Garden in Mueller. Social distancing guidelines will be followed, and if necessary, masks will be worn. Slots are available all day on Saturdays, October 10th and October 17th. (Use the links to sign up or get more information.) This is a great opportunity to raise a little money for the school and get a great family photo!

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMON LIFE

PRAYER IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

God of love, in this interim time, we pray for our parish family, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, open in our search, imaginative about our future, and daring in our faith. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ. 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 14	7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting	Holy Cross Day
Tuesday, September 15	7:30 pm	Choir Meet-up	Catherine of Genoa, Mystic and Nurse, 1510
Wednesday, September 16	7:00 pm	Wednesday Weavings	
Thursday, September 17	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Parent Education Event Parish Get-Together	Hildegard of Bingen, Mystic and Scholar, 1179
Friday, September 18			Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882
Saturday, September 19	10:00 am	Parish Get-Together	

THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant/Preacher – The Rev. Susan Dolan-Henderson
Deacon – The Rev. Jim Enelow
Flower Guild – Sandra Villalaz
Organist/Pianist – Mi-Young Kim
Singers – Elaine Hosage, Stephanie Craven
Reader – Ashley Carrera

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