

# THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II AND COMMITTAL OF ASHES

SEPTEMBER 19, 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 the Right Reverend Jeff Fisher, as he worships with us today. We also welcome the family of our former rector, the Rev. John W. Price, who is with us to inter his cremains in our Memorial Garden

**For those worshiping in person:** Masks are required for all worshipers in the church. (Disposable masks are available in the narthex.) Please continue to practice social distancing throughout the service. Please do not sit in the pews with yellow cards. When the service ends, please join us outside the Wright House for light refreshments and a parish forum with Bishop Fisher.

**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

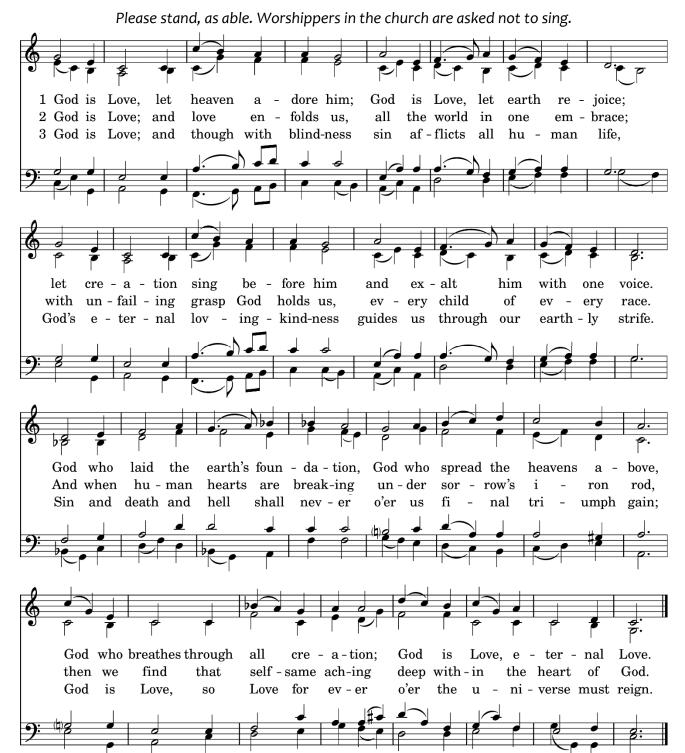
(F. M. Lehman)

# THE WORD OF GOD

### **OPENING HYMN**

### God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

H 379



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### **W**ELCOME

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

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

Bishop 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 234

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

Bishop Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

FIRST READING JEREMIAH 11:18-20

Reader A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

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

PSALM 54 DEUS, IN NOMINE

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; \* in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; \* give ear to the words of my mouth.
- For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, \* those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; \*
  it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; \* in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \* and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, \* and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

SECOND READING

JAMES 3:13-4:3, 7-8A

Reader A reading from the letter of James.

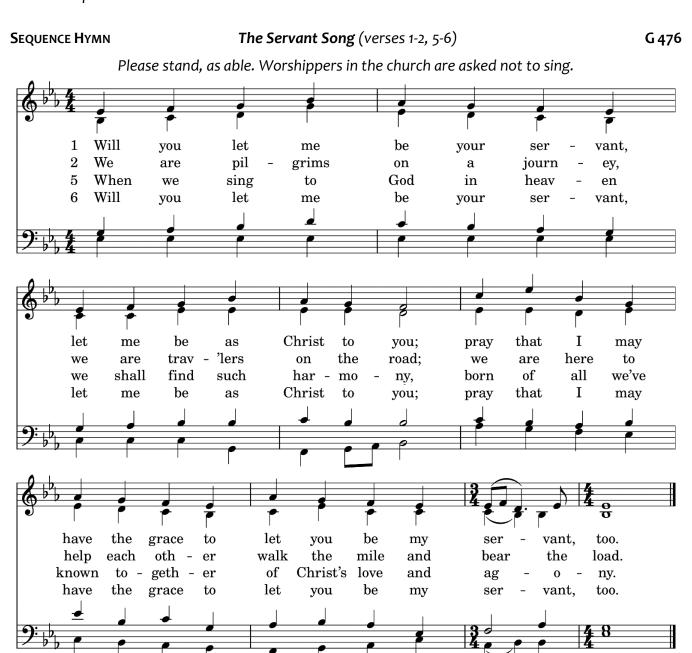
Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing

to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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



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THE HOLY GOSPEL MARK 9:30-37

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

THE SERMON THE RT. REV. JEFF FISHER

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, Gladys, Sue, Charles, Gerry, Ralph, Kirk, Betty, Polly,

Divesh, George, Mary, Ben, Rochelle, Jon, Travis, Joshua, Christopher, JoAnn, Bonnie, the people of Afghanistan and Haiti, those affected by Hurricanes Ida and Nicholas, 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 Jerry, Mark, John, 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 Divesh, Colin, Ramón, and Kent, as they celebrate their

birthdays; for Jennifer and Walter, and David and Stephanie, as they celebrate their

anniversaries, and for all the blessings of this life.

(Silence)

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

(Silence)

Bishop 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** 

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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

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

Thank you for your generosity. Today's undesignated offerings will go to **Bishop Fisher's Discretionary Fund**. You may place checks (made out to St. George's, with "Bishop's Discretionary Fund" in the memo line) or cash in the offering baskets. You can also give to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund 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

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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

Bishop Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrified for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

All are invited to sing the final hymn. Please stand and join in the procession to the Memorial Garden

Please stand and join in the procession to the Memorial Garden for the Committal of Ashes of the Rev. John W. Price.



Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933).

Music: Hymn to Joy, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

# THE COMMITTAL OF ASHES

THE COMMITTAL BCP 501

Bishop Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;

I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies

through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;

my body also shall rest in hope. You will show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy,

and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

As the ashes as scattered upon the ground, the Bishop continues:

Bishop In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus

Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother John, and we commit his ashes to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up

his countenance upon him and give him peace.

People Amen.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

The Bishop will offer a few prayers.

Bishop Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;

People And let light perpetual shine upon him.

Bishop May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People Amen.

### THE BLESSING

The Bishop will bless the people.

THE DISMISSAL BCP 502

Bishop Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

Bishop Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

The altar flowers are given given anonymously, in thanksgiving for the St. Hildegard's Community, and by the people of St. George's, in loving memory of our former rector, the Rev. John W. Price.

# PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

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

Birger Anderson

Ellie Chang

August Dolan-Henderson

Gladys Dykes

Sue Flanagan

Charles Foster

Betty Jacobson

Polly Littrell

Divesh Manohar

George Neher

Mary Parker

Ben Sears

Gerry Gram Rochelle & Jon Winkle

Ralph Hausser Travis

Kirk Hoffman Those suffering from COVID-19

# For those who have died and their families, especially

**Jerry Horton** John Price

Mark Mays Those who have died from COVID-19

# For those facing difficult circumstances, especially:

Joshua Chai The people of Afghanistan

**Christopher Fitzgerald** The people of Haiti

**JoAnn Mays** Those affected by Hurricanes Ida and Nicholas

**Bonnie Wood** 

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

Andrew Hutton

### For those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Divesh Manohar (Sep 20) Ramón Treviño (Sep 24)
Colin O'Donnell (Sep 23) Kent Ibsen (Sep 25)

# For those who celebrate anniversaries, especially:

Jennifer & Walter Long (Sep 21)
David & Stephanie Savage (Sep 23)

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

The Church of the Province of Uganda St. Stephen's, Huntsville

Trinity, The Woodlands

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

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

# THE SUNDAY BANNER - September 19, 2021

- ❖ PARISH FORUM WITH BISHOP FISHER Join us after today's service for a light reception and brief parish forum with Bishop Fisher. We will gather for 15 to 20 minutes on the porch of the Wright House; the bishop will speak briefly and then take a few questions. (Please note that he does plan to answer questions about the rector search process, as those are best addressed by Kellaura Johnson, the diocesan Transition Officer, and Bishop Kai Ryan, our regional bishop.)
- ❖ 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 we are once again requiring masks due to the increase in local COVID cases. The service continues to be accessible via both Zoom and Facebook Live.
- ❖ WEDNESDAY WEAVINGS Join the St. George's adult discussion group this Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.
- ❖ 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 <a href="www.sgchurch.org/profile">www.sgchurch.org/profile</a>. 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 <a href="kjohnson@epicenter.org">kjohnson@epicenter.org</a>, 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.
- ❖ 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 20 7:00 pm School Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 21 7:00 pm Choir Meet-up Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Wednesday, September 22 7:00 pm Wednesday Weavings

Thursday, September 23 Thecla of Iconium, Proto-Martyr among Women, c.70

Friday, September 24 Anna Ellison Butler Alexander, Deaconess and Teacher, 1947

**Saturday, September 25** Euphrosyne/Smaragdus of Alexandria, Monastic, 5<sup>th</sup> century

**Sunday, September 26** 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop, 1626

11:30 am Coffee Hour

# THOSE WHO SERVE

Vestry Person of the Day – Rob Blech
Altar Guild – Hal Stevens
Flower Guild – Mary Stewart Miller
Usher – Mikail McIntosh-Doty
Streaming Technicians – Liam Dolan-Henderson, Lydia Fortuna
Lector/Intercessor – Mary Stewart Miller
Lay Eucharistic Minister – Jan Phillips

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