

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

SEPTEMBER 20, 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 <u>Online Worship</u> 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 BCP – Book of Common Prayer PRELUDE

Welcome

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Words: Richard Mant (1776-1848); para of Psalm 145:1-12. Music: Stuttgart, melody from Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige unde Schone Gesange, 1715; adapt and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

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

OfficiantAlmighty 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.

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

SONG OF PRAISE



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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People Amen.

EXALTABO TE, DEUS

FIRST READING

Reader A reading from the prophet Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

PSALM 145:1-8

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

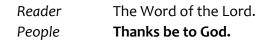
- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- Every day will I bless you *
 and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

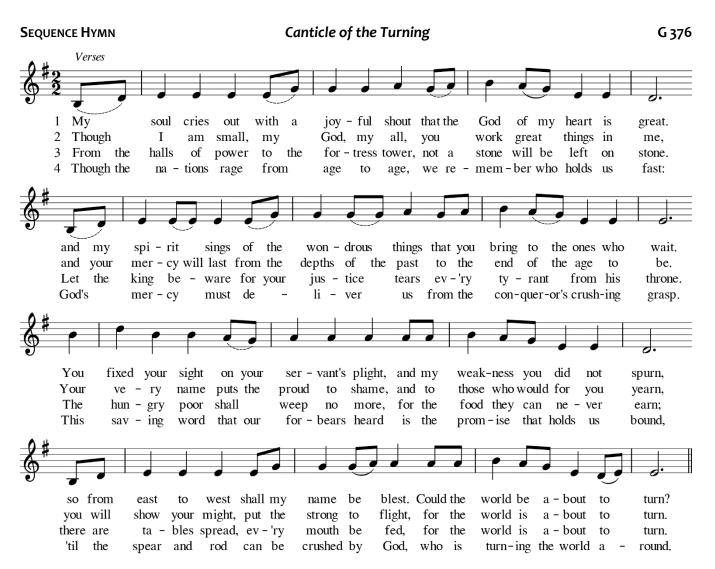
SECOND READING

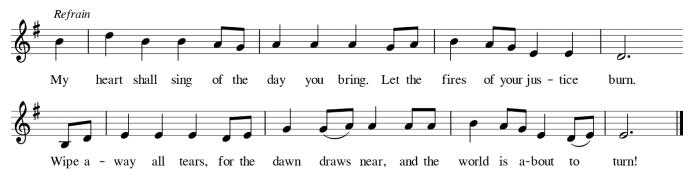
Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.







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THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 20:1-16

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

THE SERMON

NICENE CREED

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. THE REV. JIM ENELOW

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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.

THE PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM I

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Deacon	With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."
People	For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
Deacon	For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Deacon People	For the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our Bishops; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
Deacon People	For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. 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.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Deacon People	For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. 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.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Deacon People	For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
Deacon	For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Brandon, Carlos, August, Gladys, Charles, Matias, Ralph, Kirk, Nicole, Rosa, Polly, Carol, Divesh, Gracie, Josie, Paul, Aaron, Janette, Mary, Anita, Martha, Pam, Ben, Colleen,

People	Rudy, Linda, Rochelle, Jon, Tom, those suffering from COVID-19, and those affected by Hurricane Sally and by the wildfires on the West Coast, let us pray to the Lord.		
•	Lord, have mercy.		
Deacon	For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.		
People	Lord, have mercy.		
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 People	In thanksgiving for Divesh, Colin, Ramón, Kent, and Pia, as they celebrate their birthdays; for Jennifer & Walter and David & Stephanie, as they celebrate their anniversaries; and for all the blessings of this life, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.		
Deacon	That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us		
People	pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.		
Deacon	In the communion of St. George and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one		
People	another, and all our life, to Christ our God. 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 People	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. Amen.		
Deacon	Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.		
People	Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you		
Copic	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,		
People	strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal li Amen.		
THE PEACE			
Officiant People	The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

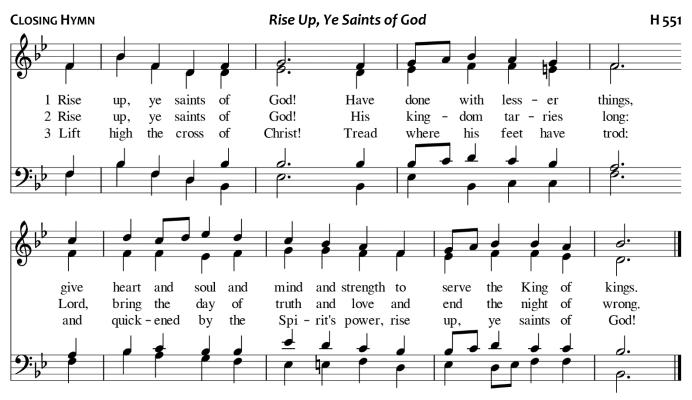
THE LORD'S PRAYER

OfficiantAnd now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,PeopleOur 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: William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954), alt. Music: Festal Song, William H. Walter (1825-1893).

DISMISSAL

DeaconAlleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Jubilation Amen (Norton Charles)

MI-YOUNG KIM, ORGAN

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The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Rachel Vernon.

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:

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

For those who have died and their families, especially:

Those who have died from COVID-19

For those facing difficult circumstances

Those affected by the wildfires on the West Coast Those affected by Hurricane Sally

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

Maddison Worcester

Those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Divesh Manohar (Sep 20)Kent Ibsen (Sep 25)Colin O'Donnell (Sep 23)Pia Ibsen (Sep 26)Ramón Treviño (Sep 24)

In the Anglican cycle of prayer:

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, The Most Reverend Justin Badi Arama, Archishop

Those who celebrate anniversaries, especially:

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

In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

St. Stephen's, Huntsville Trinity, The Woodlands

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

THE SUNDAY BANNER – September 20, 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 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, and we are excited to bring them on board!
- VIRTUAL PARISH GET-TOGETHERS If you haven't yet attended one of the two virtual parish gettogethers held last week, we hope you'll be able to attend the one this Tuesday, September 22nd, at 1:00 pm! You can access it at this Zoom link (password: parish). 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. More get-togethers will be scheduled in the coming weeks. Contact Melissa Brackin at MelissaAEason@gmail.com or 512-415-7721 with any questions. We look forward to seeing you!
- TECHNOLOGY UPDATE New cameras and microphones have been installed in the church, leading to better video and audio for the officiant and lector. We are still working on dedicated microphones for the organ/piano and singers, so hopefully you'll be experiencing better audio for the music soon, if not at this week's service. Again, we appreciate your patience as we've worked on this issue, and many thanks to Brad Dieringer for all his work!
- 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.
- IN COMMON 2020 Episcopal Health Foundation's Congregational Engagement team invites you to attend In Common: A Faithful Response to 2020, an opportunity to dream big and create a vision with like-minded individuals and congregations interested in building healthier communities. It's organized into one keynote event and two workshops, all on Zoom. Register separately for each event:
 - Monday, September 28, 6:30-8:00 pm Interactive workshop Collective Resilience: Practices for Mental Health and Well-Being. **REGISTER HERE**.
 - **Tuesday, September 29, 6:30-8:30 pm** Keynote address by <u>Dr. Catherine Meeks</u>, Executive Director of the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing, with opening remarks by Bishop Andy Doyle and Q&A moderated by the Rev. Rhonda Rogers. <u>REGISTER HERE</u>.
 - Wednesday, September 30, 6:30-8:00 pm Interactive workshop Start Local: A Systems Approach to Address Racial Inequities. <u>REGISTER HERE</u>.
- 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

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

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 21	7:00 pm	School Board Meeting	Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday, September 22	1:00 pm	Parish Get-Together	
Wednesday, September 23		Thecla of Iconium, Proto-Martyr among Women, c.70	
Thursday, September 24	7:00 pm	Regathering Task Force Anna Ellison Butler Alexander, Deaconess and Teacher, 1947	
Friday, September 25	ay, September 25 Euphrosyne/Smaragdus of Alexandria, Monastic, 5 th century		
Saturday, September 26			Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop, 1626

THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant – The Rev. Susan Dolan-Henderson Deacon/Preacher – The Rev. Jim Enelow Organist/Pianist – Mi-Young Kim Vestry Person of the Day – Bridgette Beinecke Flower Guild – The Pewitt Family Singers – Jan Phillips, Stephanie Craven Media Coordinator – Brad Dieringer Reader – Raul Carrera

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