



St. George's
Episcopal Church

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

JANUARY 10, 2021
10:30 AM

The Rev. Ann McLemore, *Interim Rector*

Ms. Mi-Young Kim, *Music Director*

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 WORD "EPIPHANY" comes from the Greek word epiphaneia, which means, "appearing" or "revealing." The season of Epiphany focuses on God's self-revelation in Christ. Christian tradition pays special attention to the gradual revelation of Christ's nature as shown in three events: the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and the wedding at Cana where he performed his first miracle, changing water into wine. With each of these events, the circle of those who see and recognize Jesus for who he is – God with us – grows larger. And with this revelation, the promise of Christmas begins to be fulfilled, as the light of Christ enters the world: "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you" (Isaiah 60:1). God is always making God's-self known to us.

GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

H – 1982 Hymnal

G – Gather Hymnal

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

Because Austin has moved into Stage 5 of the CDC's COVID-19 risk-based guidelines, in which all gatherings of any size are discouraged, today's worship service will be led from the homes of the worship leaders, rather than from the church.

PRELUDE

Prelude in G minor from "Eight Little Preludes and Fugues"
Johann Sebastian Bach

MI-YOUNG KIM

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

H 448



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and
pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
went on high to reign; for us he sent his
deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.

Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

H 421

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -
hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who
to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,
your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.; para. of *Gloria in excelsis*.
Music: *Allein Gott in der Höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 214

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

FIRST READING

GENESIS 1:1-5

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then

God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

PSALM 29

AFFERTE DOMINO

Please join in reading the psalm responsively by half verse.

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

SECOND READING

ACTS 19:1-7

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, cleansed by the
 2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, dead in the
 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, marked with the

blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
 tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther, we are his

pro - mise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren, joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 1:4-11

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
 People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. ANN MCLEMORE

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

As we remember the baptism of Christ, we also remember and renew our own baptismal vows.

Officiant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Officiant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Officiant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Officiant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Officiant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

BCP 392

- Intercessor* For all people in their daily life and work;
People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**
- Intercessor* For this community, the nation, and the world;
People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**
- Intercessor* For the just and proper use of your creation;
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**
- Intercessor* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**
- Intercessor* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel and all who seek the Truth.**
- Intercessor* For the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People **For all who serve God in his Church.**
- Intercessor* For Raynelle, August, Gladys, Charles, Eva, Ralph, Kirk, the Gil Family, Divesh, Rosie, Iris, Casey, Mary, Heather, Nancy, Ben, David, Rochelle, Jon, Tom, and all those suffering from COVID-19; and for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
(Silence; the People may add their own petitions)
Hear us Lord,
People **For your mercy is great.**
- Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for Rebecca, Randy, Jan, and Madeleine, as they celebrate their birthdays; and for all the blessings of this life.
(Silence; the People may add their own thanksgivings)
We will exalt you, O God our King;
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**
- Intercessor* We pray for all who have died, especially those who have died from COVID-19, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
(Silence; the People may add their own petitions)
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**
- 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.**

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.**

Intercessor We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 OFFERTORY *Recognition and thanksgiving for gifts of time, talent, pledges and other donations*
Offerings can be given online at the [St. George's Donation page](#).

THE DOXOLOGY

H 43, VERSE 4

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585).

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

H 121

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
 2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
 3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
 sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
 free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
 that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.

Music: *Caithness*, melody from *The Psalms of David in Prose and Meeter*, 1635; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Trio
Ludwig Krebs

MI-YOUNG KIM

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After the service, you are invited to join our [Zoom Coffee Hour](#) (passcode: Christ),
for 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:

Raynelle Blech

August Dolan-Henderson

Gladys Dykes

Charles Foster

Eva Harpst

Ralph Hausser

Kirk Hoffman

The Gil Family

Divesh Manohar

Rosie Martinez

Iris McBrayer

Casey McDonald

Mary Parker

Heather Razmus

Nancy Rushefsky

Ben Sears

David Treviño, Jr.

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

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

Maddison Worcester

Those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Rebecca Brackin (Jan 11)

Randy Parker (Jan 11)

Jan Phillips (Jan 13)

Madeleine Landry (Jan 15)

Those who celebrate anniversaries

In the Anglican cycle of prayer:

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand
and Polynesia

In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

Church of the Cross, Lake Travis
Epiphany, Burnet
Good Shepherd, Austin

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

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



THE SUNDAY BANNER – January 10, 2021

- ❖ **VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR** – Immediately after the service each Sunday, you are invited to join our [Zoom Coffee Hour](#) (passcode: Christ) to share a brief time of fellowship with other parishioners.
- ❖ **WEDNESDAY WEAVINGS** – Join us for St. George’s adult discussion group this **Wednesday, January 13th, from 7:00-8:00 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. 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.
- ❖ **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** – St. George’s Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 24th, immediately after the 10:30 service**, via Zoom. The annual parish meeting is our opportunity to elect members of the Vestry, hear reports on various parish activities, and discuss other church business. If you lead a St. George’s ministry of any kind, please write a report outlining your ministry’s activities throughout the past year. These reports will be compiled into a parish report to give us all a larger picture of the life of St. George’s. The deadline to send me your reports is **Friday, January 15th**.
- ❖ **2021 PARISH DIRECTORY** – It’s time to prepare our 2021 Parish Directory! In order to make sure that you and your family are listed correctly, please do the following:
 - If you were listed in last year’s directory, **CAREFULLY** review your listing. If you need another copy of the 2020 directory, please contact Jennifer at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com.
 - Complete a [2021 Directory Information Form](#) – **EVEN** if you have no changes from last year’s listing (the form includes the option to indicate “no changes”).Contact Jennifer with any questions. Please complete your form no later than **Monday, January 25th**.
- ❖ **GIVING TO ST. GEORGE’S** – We are grateful for your financial support in these challenging times. Your gifts enable us to use modern technology to connect to each other, as well as to continue to pay our ongoing expenses. Please consider giving online at the [St. George’s Donation page](#), where you can set up regular weekly or monthly donation using a credit card or a bank account. You can also mail checks to the church office. Thank you for your generosity.



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, January 11	7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting	
Tuesday, January 12			<i>Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot and Theologian, 1167</i>
Wednesday, January 13	7:00 pm	Wednesday Weavings	
Thursday, January 14			<i>Richard Meux Benson, Priest, and Charles Gore, Bishop, 1915 and 1932</i>
Friday, January 15			
Saturday, January 16			
Sunday, January 17	10:30 am	Liturgy of the Word	<i>Antony of Egypt, Monastic, 356</i>

THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant/Preacher – The Rev. Ann McLemore

Organist/Pianist – Mi-Young Kim

Media Coordinator – Brad Dieringer

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