



**St. George's**  
Episcopal Church

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# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

**MARCH 21, 2021**  
**10:30 AM**

The Rev. Ann McLemore, *Interim Rector*

Ms. Mi-Young Kim, *Music Director*

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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.**

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*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 SEASON OF LENT is the period of forty days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter. It is traditionally a time of self-examination and repentance through prayer, fasting, self-denial, and reading and meditating on scripture. Lent concludes with the Easter Vigil Service on the night before Easter Day. The forty days of Lent symbolizes the forty years in which the Israelites wandered in the wilderness in search of the Promised Land. It also recalls the time Jesus spent in the wilderness in fasting and prayer, during which he was tempted. A common practice during Lent is to participate in a Lenten discipline; this can involve giving something up or taking on a new practice, in order to deepen your faith and bring you closer to Christ. We hope you will join us as the community of St. George's journeys together into the Lenten season.*

### **GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS**

**H** – 1982 Hymnal

**G** – Gather Hymnal

**BCP** – Book of Common Prayer

## WELCOME

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

## OPENING HYMN

*Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!*

H 495



1 Hail, thou once des - pis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i - le - an King!  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on thee were laid:  
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er to a - bide;  
 4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy to re ceive;



Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; thou didst free sal - va - tion bring.  
 by al - might - y love a - noint - ed, thou hast full a - tone - ment made.  
 all the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore thee, seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side.  
 high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, right it is for us to give.



Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame!  
 All thy peo - ple are for - giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood:  
 There for sin - ners thou art plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare;  
 Help ye bright an - gel - ic spi - rits, all your nob - lest an - thems raise;



By thy mer - it we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name.  
 o - pened is the gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
 ev - er for us in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 help to sing our Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt.

Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710.

**A PENITENTIAL ORDER**

BCP 351

*Officiant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*Officiant* Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant You shall not make for yourself any idol.  
 People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.  
 People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.  
 People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant Honor your father and your mother.  
 People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant You shall not commit murder.  
 People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant You shall not commit adultery.  
 People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant You shall not steal.  
 People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant You shall not be a false witness.  
 People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
 People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Officiant 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.**

KYRIE

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Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

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Setting: From Deutsche Messe; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

Reader A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 51:1-13

MISERERE MEI, DEUS

*Please join in reading the psalm responsively by half verse.*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
**in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
**and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
**and my sin is ever before me.**
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
**and done what is evil in your sight.**
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
**and upright in your judgment.**
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
**a sinner from my mother’s womb.**

- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
**and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
**wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
**that the body you have broken may rejoice.**
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
**and blot out all my iniquities.**
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
**and renew a right spirit within me.**
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
**and take not your holy Spirit from me.**
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
**and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

**SECOND READING**

**HEBREWS 5:5-10**

*Reader* A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
 of - fering far too small; love so a - ma - zing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748).

Music: Rockingham, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807).

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 12:20-33

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. ANN MCLEMORE

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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.  
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 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; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*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 Raynelle, August, Gladys, Phillip, Charles, Ralph, Kirk, Janet, Divesh, Mark, Iris, Casey, Mary, Metis, Ruben, Nancy, Ben, Glenn, Preston, Rochelle, Jon, Tom, Alyssa, JoAnn, 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 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 Maddie, Madeline, Christina, and Josh, as they celebrate their birthdays, and for all the blessings of this life.  
(Silence)

*Intercessor* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
(Silence)

*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.**

### 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](#).

### ANTHEM

### Glorify Your Name (Donna Adkins)

### THE CHOIR

1. Father, we love you,  
we praise you, we adore you,  
glorify your name in all the earth.

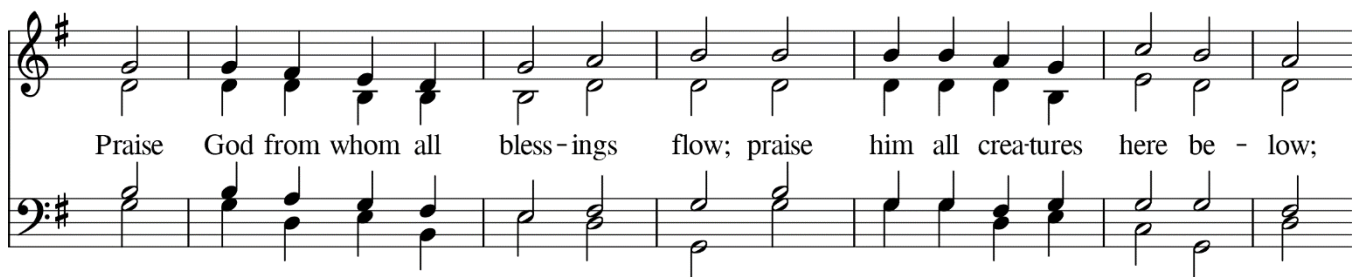
**REFRAIN:** Glorify your name,  
glorify your name,  
glorify your name in all the earth.

2. Jesus, we love you,  
we praise you, we adore you,  
glorify your name in all the earth. **[REFRAIN]**

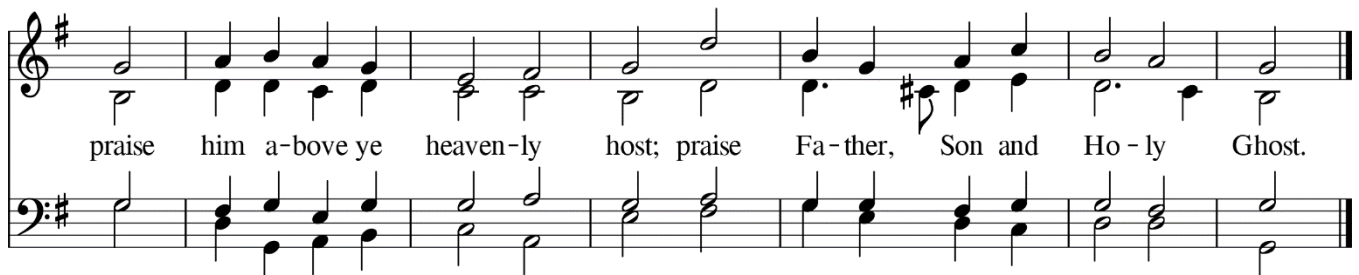
3. Spirit, we love you,  
we praise you, we adore you,  
glorify your name in all the earth. **[REFRAIN]**

### THE DOXOLOGY

### H 380, VERSE 3



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.

Words: verse 3, Thomas Ken. Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Tree of Life (verses 1-3, Lent 5)

G 288

1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your  
 2 Seed that dies to rise in glo - ry, may we  
 3 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed  
 Lent 5 God of all our fear and sor - row, God who  
 death we are re - born. Though you die in all of  
 see our - selves in you. If we learn to live your  
 on through act and word. Ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
 lives be - yond our death, hold us close through each to -  
 his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you  
 sto - ry, we may die to rise a - new, we may  
 bro - ken wears the bo - dy of our Lord, wears the  
 mor - row, love as near as ev - 'ry breath, love as  
 rise with ev - 'ry morn.  
 die to rise a - new.  
 bo - dy of our Lord.  
 near as ev - 'ry breath.

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DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Lenten Postlude  
Matthew Koch

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.

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## PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

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

Raynelle Blech	Divesh Manohar	Ben Sears
August Dolan-Henderson	Mark Mays	Glenn Tatum
Gladys Dykes	Iris McBrayer	Preston Tyree
Phillip Farmer	Casey McDonald	Rochelle & Jon Winkle
Charles Foster	Mary Parker	Tom Wooten
Ralph Hausser	Metis Policano	Those suffering from COVID-19
Kirk Hoffman	Ruben Romero	
Janet Joslyn	Nancy Rushefsky	

### **For those who have died and their families, especially:**

Those who have died from COVID-19

### **For those facing difficult circumstances, especially:**

Alyssa Danielle                      JoAnn Mays

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

Andrew Hutton

### **For our seminarian:**

Joel McAlister and his family

### **Those who celebrate birthdays, especially:**

Maddie Boyer (Mar 21)  
Madeline Sparks (Mar 21)  
Christina Fultz (Mar 23)  
Josh Beckham (Mar 26)

### **Those who celebrate anniversaries**

### **In the Anglican cycle of prayer:**

Church of England

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

St. Francis of Assisi, Prairie View  
St. Francis', College Station  
St. John's, Columbus

*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](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com).*

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## THE SUNDAY BANNER – March 21, 2021

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# 2021 LENTEN SERIES

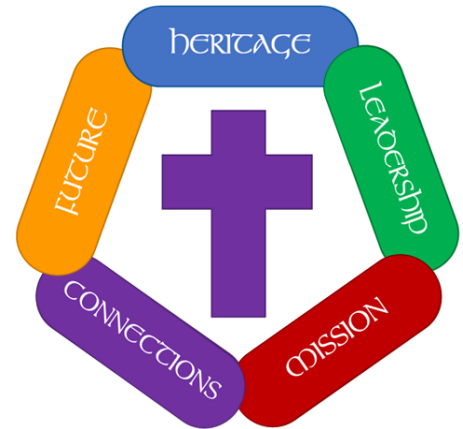
## The Five Focus Points

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

February 24, and March 3, 10, 17, & 24

[Zoom Link](#)

(Meeting ID: 845 8999 3943, Passcode: Lent)



Throughout this year we will zero in on Five Focus Points – Heritage, Leadership, Mission, Connection, and Future – as part of our Transition work and calling a new Rector. Each week of the Lenten Series, facilitated by the Rev. Ann McLemore, will be dedicated to one of the five focal points, ending with **Future** on **March 24<sup>th</sup>**. Each week, you will be invited to have a soup dinner at home, using a “recipe of the week” sent out to the parish, or any other kind of soup you like (homemade or store-bought!).

The recipes will also be part of our “Heritage” focus, as they come from the 1983 Cookbook “Simple Gifts,” compiled and published by the women of St. George’s 38 years ago.

We know everyone is zoomed out, so we hope that this will be a different take for your souls, minds, hearts, stomachs, and maybe even your sense of humor!

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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

All online Holy Week services will be available via [Facebook Live](#) and Zoom. (The Zoom link will be sent in an email to parishioners; for more information, contact [stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com).)

### PALM SUNDAY, March 28

- **10:30 am** – Liturgy of the Word, with Blessing of the Palms (online)
- **12:15 pm** – Outdoor Eucharist ([register online](#))



### MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 1

- **7:00 pm** – Liturgy of the Word (online)

### GOOD FRIDAY, April 2

- **12:00 pm** – Good Friday service, with reading of the Passion and meditation on the Stations of the Cross (online)

### EASTER SUNDAY, April 4

- **7:00 am** – Sunrise service ([register online](#))
- **10:30 am** – Liturgy of the Word (online)
- **12:15 pm** – Outdoor Eucharist ([register online](#))

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- ❖ **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.
  - ❖ **PLANNING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER** – You are invited to complete the [Church Assessment Tool \(CAT\)](#), an online instrument to help us gauge the strength, vitality, and trends of St. George’s, as part of our search for a new Rector. Please complete this survey by **this coming Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**, to tell us about your experiences in and priorities for our church. If you need a paper copy, please contact Jennifer in the office at [stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com) or 512-454-2523, and we will provide one for you along with a stamped envelope addressed to the church. We can also arrange assistance in submitting your answers if you are unable to do so. All answers are strictly anonymous; please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions and experiences. Individual input is key, so we are asking that each adult (including young adults, ages 14 and up) separately complete the survey. If you have any questions, please contact the office.
  - ❖ **WEEKLY EUCHARIST** – We continue to hold a weekly in-person, outdoor Eucharist on **Sunday afternoons at 12:15 pm**. After nearly a year without celebrating the Eucharist together, we’re thrilled to begin doing so again! The services are limited to approximately 12 people and require [online registration](#). The service will last approximately 20-30 minutes and will be held at the rear of the playground. Communion will include distribution of the consecrated host only, not the wine. If you wish to sit, please bring your own chair; you are also welcome to stand. Masks and social distancing will be required. Please bring a Book of Common Prayer or a device to access the [Eucharist online](#).
  - ❖ **EASTER LILIES** – St. George’s will be adorned with Easter lilies for our celebrations of the Resurrection of our Lord. We invite you to make an offering for lilies, perhaps in a loved one’s memory, or in thanksgiving for a person or other blessing in your life. The [2021 Easter Lily Donation](#) form is available online. Names of donors, along with any memorials or thanksgivings, will be listed in the Easter service bulletins. Be sure to complete the online form by **Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** to have your name and dedication listed in the bulletin. The suggested donation is **\$20 per plant**. Donate online by visiting the [St. George’s Donation page](#) and indicating the amount of your gift in the appropriate section (*Other Designated Gifts, Altar Guild, “Easter Lilies” in the notes section*), or send a check payable to St. George’s, with “Easter Lilies” in the memo line, to the church office.
  - ❖ **ALTAR FLOWER/CANDLE DONATIONS** – You are invited to donate altar flowers or candles for our worship services. To do so, visit the [Online Donation Calendar](#) and enter your name and, if you wish, your dedication next to the week or month of your choice. You can give flowers or candles in honor of someone, in celebration of an important event, in thanksgiving for a blessing in your life, or in memory of loved one. **A donation of \$35** is requested for either flowers or candles (via the [St. George’s Donation page](#) or by writing a check to St. George’s, with “Altar Flowers/Candles” in the memo line).
  - ❖ **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](#) (also accessible from the Stewardship page of our website at [www.sgchurch.org/stewardship](http://www.sgchurch.org/stewardship)), 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.
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## 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.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Monday, March 22**

**Tuesday, March 23**

**Wednesday, March 24** 7:00 pm Lenten Series *Oscar Romero, Archbishop and Martyr, 1980, and the Martyrs of El Salvador*

**Thursday, March 25**

*The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Friday, March 26**

*Harriet Monsell, Monastic, 1883*

**Saturday, March 27**

**Sunday, March 28** 10:30 am Liturgy of the Word  
12:15 pm Outdoor Eucharist

*Palm Sunday*

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## THOSE WHO SERVE

*Officiant/Preacher* – The Rev. Ann McLemore

*Organist/Pianist* – Mi-Young Kim

*Vestry Person of the Day* – Belinda McGhee

*Streaming Technicians* – Liam Dolan-Henderson, Lydia Fortuna

*Singers* – Elaine Hosage, Jan Phillips

*Reader/Intercessor* – Jan Phillips

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