



St. George's
Episcopal Church

ALL SAINTS' DAY

LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

NOVEMBER 1, 2020
10:30 AM

The Rev. Merrill Wade, *Interim Priest*
The Rev. Jim Enelow, *Deacon*

Melissa Brackin, *Senior Warden*
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.

Today we celebrate ALL SAINTS' DAY. On this day, the Church honors all the saints, known and unknown. In the broad sense, all we who are baptized are included in this category, but from the beginning of the Christian tradition, certain of the faithful whose lives were exemplary have been held before us as our models and guides. The COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED, more commonly known as ALL SOULS' DAY, falls on November 2nd. This day is set aside to remember those who have died to whom we have a more personal connection. DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS is the traditional Mexican celebration of these days, which often features altars like the one here at St. George's, honoring those who have died. These celebrations – All Saints', All Souls', and Día de los Muertos – are tied in with the belief in the Communion of Saints, that all of God's people, in this earthly life and in the various states of the larger life, are connected in one communion.

GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

H – 1982 Hymnal
G – Gather Hymnal

BCP – Book of Common Prayer
WLP – Wonder, Love, & Praise

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

H 293

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and brave and
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and his love made them
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are hun - dreds of thou - sands
 true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the
 strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus' sake, the
 still, the world is bright with the joy - ous saints who
 Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doc - tor, and
 whole of their good lives long. And one was a sol - dier, and
 love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in school, or in
 one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd-ess on the green: they were
 one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast: and there's
 lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea, for the
 all of them saints of God - and I mean, God hel - ping to be one too.
 not an - y rea - son - no, not the least, why I should-n't be one too.
 saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Words: Lesbia Scott (b. 1898). Music: *Grand Isle*, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945).

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

G 397

1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy! Thanks be to you for ev - er!
 2 From of old you loved and sought us! Thanks be to you for ev - er!
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
 Truth and jus - tice you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
 Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -

mem - b'ring your co - ve - nant of life with us.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 245

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

Reader A reading from the Revelation to John.

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

SECOND READING

1 JOHN 3:1-3

Reader A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Blest Are They (verses 1, 2, 4)

G 469

Verses



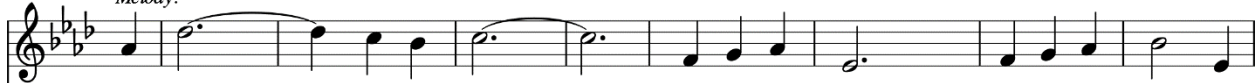
1 Blest are they, the poor in spi - rit; theirs is the king - dom of God.____
2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in - her - it the earth.____
4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the chil - dren of God.____



Blest are they, full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.____
Blest are they who hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.____
Blest are they who suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.____

Refrain

Melody:



Re - joice and be glad! Blessed are you; ho - ly are you! Re -

Men's voices:



Re - joice and be glad! Blessed, ho - ly are you!



joice and be glad! Yours is the king - dom of God!



Re - joice and be glad! Yours is the king - dom of God!

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. MERRILL WADE

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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

Deacon Father, we pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa and all your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Deacon Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Deacon 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.**

Deacon We pray for Donald, our President; Greg, our Governor; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Deacon Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Deacon Have compassion on Edna, August, Gladys, Charles, Ralph, Kirk, Rosa, Carol, Divesh, IxChel, Janette, Mary, Anita, Ben, Colleen, Aaron, Linda, Rochelle, Jon, Tom, those suffering from COVID-19, and on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Deacon Give to all the departed eternal rest;
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Deacon We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

NECROLOGY

In thanksgiving for all the Saints, St. George's remembers those who have passed from this life to the next in the last year.

MEMORIAL SLIDESHOW

In thanksgiving for the great cloud of witnesses that surround us, we remember our loved ones who have gone before us. Thank you to everyone who provided photos for the slideshow.

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

Recognition and thanksgiving for gifts of time, talent, pledges and other donations

THE DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;



praise God all crea - tures here be - low; Praise God a - bove ye heaven - ly host;

Slower



praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

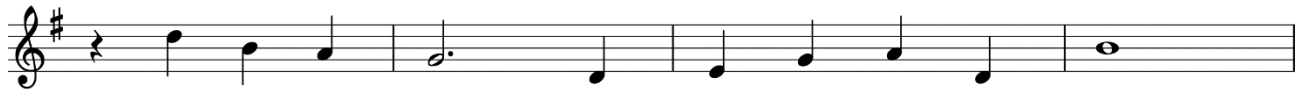
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THE BLESSING

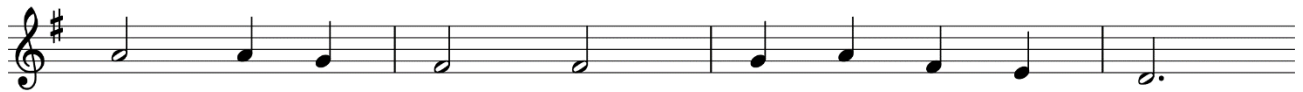
CLOSING HYMN

Give Thanks for Life

WLP 775



1 Give thanks for life, the mes - sage of our days,
2 Give thanks for those who made their life a light
3 And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,
4 Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain



mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays,
caught from the Christ flame burst - ing through the night,
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
ly - ing in dark - ness does its life re - tain,



yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
who touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
a love not changed by time or death or dread,
in res - ur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain.



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Words: Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931).

Music: *Sine nomine*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); arr. Robert Roth (b. 1928).

DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

My Soul Is Athirst for God
Alfred Gaul

MI-YOUNG KIM, ORGAN

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The Altar Flowers are given by the people of St. George's,
in loving memory of Ruth Crawford, Carolyn Roseboom, Jenny Sahs, and Martha Sahs.

The altar candles are given by the Pewitt Family, in memory of Lawrence Pewitt.

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:

Edna Bludau	Carol Longoria	Colleen Stark
August Dolan-Henderson	Divesh Manohar	Aaron Strong
Gladys Dykes	IxChel Morrison	Linda Wallace
Charles Foster	Janette Overfelt	Rochelle & Jon Winkle
Ralph Hausser	Mary Parker	Tom Wooten
Kirk Hoffman	Anita Rodman	Those suffering from COVID-19
Rosa Limon	Ben Sears	

For those who have died and their families, especially:

Wendy Willson Buckley Those who have died from COVID-19
Martha Sahs

For those facing difficult circumstances

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

Maddison Worcester

Those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Gabriel Moreau (Nov 5)

Those who celebrate anniversaries, especially:

Joe & Ashley Carrera (Nov 1)

In the Anglican cycle of prayer:

The Church of the Province of West Africa,
The Most Rev. Dr. Jonathan Bau-Bau
Bonaparte Hart, Primate & Metropolitan

In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

St. John's, Palacios
St. Mark's, Bay City
St. Mark's, Richmond

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 – November 1, 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.
- ❖ **COMPLINE** – St. George’s is carefully restarting in-person gatherings with outdoor **Sunday evening** Compline services at **5:15 pm**. Compline is a beautiful evening prayer service, which will be led by our Interim Priest Merrill Wade. The services are limited to approximately 20 people and require registration. To attend, please [register online](#). (Some notes about the services themselves: Compline will last approximately 15-20 minutes and will be held at the rear of the playground. If you wish to sit, please bring your own chair; you are also welcome to stand. Masks and social distancing will be required, and bathrooms will not be available. Please bring a Book of Common Prayer or a device to access [Compline online](#).) We look forward to seeing you in person!
- ❖ **VIRTUAL PARISH GET-TOGETHERS** – We are continuing our Zoom parish gatherings in November. Whether or not you’ve been able to participate up until now, we hope that you’ll be able to join us in November! At the November get-togethers, Merrill will offer some reflections on our faith, but the primary focus will be fellowship. Once again, we are planning three such get-togethers (the first of which is this week!):
 - **Wednesday November 4, 5:00-6:00 pm**
 - **Thursday, November 12, 7:00-8:00 pm**
 - **Wednesday November 18, 5:00-6:00 pm**All three meetings will be available at this [Zoom link](#) (password: parish). Contact Melissa Brackin at MelissaAEason@gmail.com or 512-415-7721 with any questions. We look forward to seeing you!
- ❖ **WOMEN’S BOOK GROUP** – Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, November 7th**, from **3:00 to 5:00 pm**, via **Zoom**. We will discuss *The Storyteller’s Secret*, by **Sejal Badani**. All St. George’s women are welcome to attend – even if you haven’t read the book! We hope you can join us for interesting conversation and our book discussion. The Zoom invitation will be sent out to the group’s email list prior to the meeting. To be added to the list, or with any questions, please contact Sandra Villalaz at 512-762-8349 or sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com. Happy reading!
- ❖ **STEWARDSHIP** – We are currently in our annual season of stewardship at St. George’s. This year’s theme, **Faith-Filled Generosity**, is a call to each one of us to be generous and ready to share so that our futures are secure and our lives are worth living. During this season, we prayerfully consider our financial commitment to St. George’s in the year ahead. A [Stewardship Card](#) will be sent out with the bulletin and posted on the website each week; they will address different ways that we as individuals and as a community can live more fully with a spirit of generosity. Pledge information has been sent out by both mail and email. (If you have not received a pledge packet, please contact Jennifer in the church office at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com.) You can [pledge online](#) or by mailing your pledge card to the church office. On **Generosity Sunday, November 15th**, we will give special thanks for God’s goodness and grace in our lives. For more information or to pledge online, visit our website at www.sgchurch.org/stewardship. (Note: you can pledge online and still give by check, if you prefer.)
- ❖ **INTERIM PRIEST’S OFFICE HOURS** – Merrill Wade is keeping office hours at St George’s on Fridays. Feel free to contact him at merrill76@utexas.edu or 512-454-2523 ext 2; he will check voice mail daily during the week. When in the office, he would love to meet parishioners on the porch of the Wright House or some other socially distanced setting; contact him to set up a time in advance.

❖ **HANDS FOR HOPE** – How many families can St. George’s feed this holiday season? A \$40 donation provides a holiday meal kit to one family in need, and [El Buen Samaritano](http://ElBuenSamaritano.org) needs our help to meet its goal of providing holiday meal kits to 1,750 families. Please visit www.elbuen.org/h4h to donate today, and be sure to put “St. George’s” in the notes section. (You can also give by check; make your check out to “El Buen Samaritano,” with “Hands for Hope/St. George’s” in the memo line, and mail it to El Buen Samaritano, 7000 Woodhue Drive, Austin, TX 78745.) If you are interested in volunteering to help distribute meals to families on Saturday, November 21st, please visit www.elbuen.org/volunteer-application. Spots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. You must be 18 years of age and attend the Volunteer Safety Training before the event. More details can be found in the application. Please contact Carolyn Moreau at moreaucarolyn@gmail.com with any questions.



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 AN ELECTION

BCP 822

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, November 2	7:00 pm	Parish Profile Training	All Souls / All The Faithful Departed
Tuesday, November 3			<i>Richard Hooker, Priest and Theologian, 1600</i>
Wednesday, November 4	5:00 pm	Parish Get-together	
Thursday, November 5			
Friday, November 6			<i>William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1944</i>
Saturday, November 7	3:00 pm	Women's Book Group	
Sunday, November 8	10:30 am	Liturgy of the Word	<i>Ammonius, Hermit, 4th century</i>
	5:15 pm	Compline	



THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant/Preacher – The Rev. Merrill Wade
Deacon – The Rev. Jim Enelow
Organist/Pianist – Mi-Young Kim
Flower Guild – The Pewitt Family
Singers – Elaine Hosage, Jan Phillips
Media Coordinator – Brad Dieringer
Reader – Mary Stewart Miller
Día de los Muertos altar – Denise Hope, Mark Casstevens

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