



St. George's
Episcopal Church

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

MAY 2, 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.

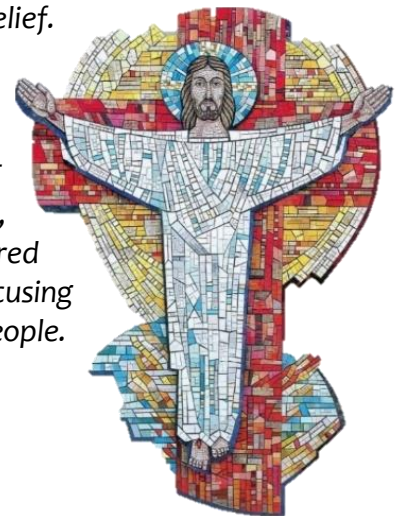
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE WITH US. We are especially excited to welcome parishioners back into the church for worship!

For those worshipping in person: Please continue to wear masks and practice social distancing throughout the service. (Disposable masks are available in the narthex.) Ushers will be escorting you to a pew. When the service ends, please exit one pew at a time, as directed by ushers. Please also exit the church promptly and visit with others outside, not in the church building.

For those worshipping from home: Please know that you are still valued members of the congregation! And we look forward to seeing you in person, whenever you feel safe doing so.

To attend upcoming Sunday services, [Register here](#). And our services continue to be available on the [Online Worship](#) page of our website.

EASTER is the feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faith in Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday or third day following his crucifixion is at the heart of Christian belief. In the northern hemisphere, Easter sets the experience of springtime next to the ancient stories of deliverance and the proclamation of the risen Christ. Easter is not merely one day, but a season of fifty days of rejoicing, culminating on the Day of Pentecost. During the GREAT FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER, our worship will reflect the earliest traditions of Christian worship, omitting the usual Prayer of Confession. The Council of Nicaea in 325 declared during the Easter season, Christians would neither kneel nor fast, instead focusing on the joy of the resurrection and our own status as a redeemed Easter people. May God bless you throughout the Easter season.



GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

H – 1982 Hymnal

G – Gather Hymnal

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

WELCOME

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN

We Know That Christ Is Raised and Dies No More (verses 1-2)

H 296

Please stand, as able. Worshippers in the church are asked not to sing.

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life

and our des - pair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.

Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt.
Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant 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.**

Worshippers in the church are asked not to sing.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb_ of God, 4. you take a-way the sin of the world: have
mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 225

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

PSALM 22:24-30

DEUS, DEUS MEUS

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; ***
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: ***
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, ***
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; ***
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; ***
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; ***
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn ***
the saving deeds that he has done.

Reader A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

I Am the Vine

G 479

Please stand, as able. Worshippers in the church are asked not to sing.

Refrain

I am the vine, — you are the branch-es. Re-main in me, you shall be

fruit-ful. Love for the world, — hope for the hope-less.

Verses

1. If you love, then you must root your-self — in me; —
 2. If you give, then you must give your-self — to me; —

D.C.

for the branch — will fail and die with-out — the tree. —
 for the well — will soon run dry with-out — the sea. —

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 15:1-8

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. ANN MCLEMORE

Please be seated.

NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Please stand, as able.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM IV

BCP 388

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for the leadership of our church, including our vestry: Josh, Rob, Mark, Ed, Dale, Brad, Hye Na, Belinda, and Samantha.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially those at the SAFE Alliance, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially August, Gladys, Charles, Ralph, Kirk, Divesh, Belinda, Mary, Ruben, David, Ben, Glenn, Preston, Rochelle, Jon, Alyssa, JoAnn, and those suffering from COVID-19; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We commend to your mercy and all who have died, especially Raynelle and those who have died from COVID-19, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for Matt and James as they celebrate their birthdays; and for Dylan and Rylee as they celebrate their anniversary.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of Christ.

Please maintain social distance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and offered himself a sacrifice for the whole world.

Offerings can be given online at the [St. George's Donation page](#).

THE DOXOLOGY

H 380, VERSE 3 (sung to the tune of H 618)

Please stand, as able. Worshippers in the church are asked not to sing.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be -

low, Alleluia, alleluia! Praise

him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy

Ghost, Alleluia, alleluia, alle -

lu - ia, alleluia, alleluia!

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711).

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1672-1958).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand, as able.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*We will be receiving only the consecrated host, and not the wine.
To receive communion, please remain in your pews, and the host will be brought to you.
If you do not wish to receive Communion, please cross your arms over your heart,
and the Celebrant will pray for God's blessing upon you.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Please stand, as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him (verses 1, 2)

H 379

Worshippers in the church are invited to sing the final hymn.

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let earth re - jice;
 2 God is Love; and love en - folds us, all the world in one em - brace;

let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him and ex - alt him with one voice.
 with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us, ev - ery child of ev - ery race.

God who laid the earth's foun - da - tion, God who spread the heavens a - bove,
 And when hu - man hearts are break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod,

God who breathes through all cre - a - tion; God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 then we find that self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

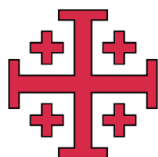
Service Postlude in G
(Joseph Vocker)

MI-YOUNG KIM, PIANO

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The altar flowers have been given by James and Gayle Wall,
in thanksgiving for James, Ethan, and Chloe's birthdays, and for Dylan and Rylee's anniversary.

After the service, you are invited to join our [Zoom Coffee Hour](#) (Meeting ID: 818 5353 0722,
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:

August Dolan-Henderson

Gladys Dykes

Charles Foster

Ralph Hausser

Kirk Hoffman

Divesh Manohar

Belinda McGhee

Mary Parker

Ruben Romero

David Savage

Ben Sears

Glenn Tatum

Preston Tyree

Rochelle & Jon Winkle

Those suffering from COVID-19

For those who have died and their families, especially

Raynelle Blech

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

For those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Matt Curtis (May 2)

James Wall (May 4)

For those who celebrate anniversaries, especially:

Dylan & Rylee Worcester (May 7)

In the Anglican cycle of prayer:

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and
the Middle East

In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

St. Alban's, Houston

St. James', Houston

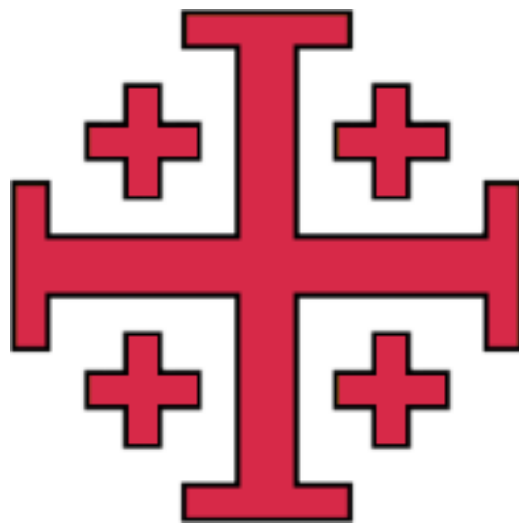
St. Luke the Evangelist, Houston

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 – May 2, 2021

- ❖ **IN-PERSON WORSHIP** – As COVID rates continue to drop, and increasing numbers of people are getting vaccinated, St. George’s is returning to in-person worship in the church for our 10:30 service. To maintain safety, parishioners are sitting in every third pew, and we are not receiving wine at communion. We won’t have a real Coffee Hour, and we ask that everyone wear a mask throughout the service (extras will be available at church in case you forget yours). The services include a mix of live and pre-recorded music. We ask that those in church listen and enjoy the music but not sing (we know that’s difficult for some!), since indoor singing is a particularly dangerous activity in terms of spreading the virus. Initially, the services are limited to 20 attendees, in addition to the worship leaders, and [online registration](#) is required in order to maintain safe numbers. The service continues to be accessible via both Zoom and Facebook Live.
- ❖ **OUTDOOR EUCHARIST** – We continue to hold a weekly in-person, outdoor Eucharist on **Sunday afternoons at 12:15 pm**. The services are limited to 12 people and require [online registration](#). The services last approximately 20-30 minutes and are held on the playground. Communion includes 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 are required. Please bring a Book of Common Prayer or a device to access the [Eucharist online](#).
- ❖ **WEDNESDAY WEAVINGS** – Join the St. George’s adult discussion group this **Wednesday, May 5th, 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.
- ❖ **SAFE ALLIANCE COMFORT BAGS** – Despite being unable to gather for our traditional comfort bag sew-ins, dedicated parishioners have continued to make and fill comfort bags for the SAFE Alliance to distribute to survivors of sexual assault. Please join us (in-person with registration or online) at the 10:30 service **next Sunday, May 9th**, when we will present the bags to be blessed before we give them to the SAFE Alliance. Representatives from SAFE will be joining us as well.
- ❖ **OUTREACH MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH** – The [SAFE Alliance](#) exists to stop abuse for everyone by serving the survivors of child abuse, sexual assault and exploitation, and domestic violence. They work to ending violence through prevention, advocacy, and comprehensive services for individuals, families, and communities that have been affected by abuse. Their vision is a just and safe community free from violence and abuse; and their guiding principles include respectful and trusting relationships, diversity and inclusiveness, a focus on survivors, shared responsibility and collaboration, and celebration.
- ❖ **OFFICE REOPENING** – The church office in the Wright House is now open Monday to Thursday, from 9:30 to 2:30. Jennifer is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays and working from home Mondays and Wednesdays; she can be reached at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com. Anne is in the office Monday through Thursday and can be reached at stgeorgesaustinrector@gmail.com.

- ❖ **ALTAR FLOWER/CANDLE DONATIONS** – You are invited to donate altar flowers for one or more Sundays in 2021, or altar candles for one or more months, perhaps in honor of someone, in celebration of an important event, in thanksgiving for a blessing in your life, or in memory of loved one. To give flowers or candles, visit the [2021 Online Flower/Candle Donation Calendar](#) and enter your name and dedication next to the week or month of your choice. **A donation of \$35** is requested. You can make your donation online or by check. To give electronically, visit the [St. George’s Donation page](#), scroll down to “Designated Gifts” / “Altar Guild,” and enter the amount of your donation. Make checks payable to St. George’s, with “Altar Flowers/Candles” in the memo line, and mail them to the church office.
 - ❖ **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), 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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, May 3

Athanasius of Alexandria, Bishop and Theologian, 373

Tuesday, May 4

Martyrs of the Reformation Era

Wednesday, May 5 7:00 pm Wednesday Weavings

Thursday, May 6

Friday, May 7

Saturday, May 8

Julian of Norwich, Mystic and Theologian, c. 1417

Sunday, May 9 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
 12:15 pm Outdoor Eucharist

THOSE WHO SERVE

Vestry Person of the Day – Belinda McGhee

Altar Guild – Dale Curry

Flower Guild – Mary Stewart Miller

Usher – David McGhee

Streaming Technician – Liam Dolan-Henderson

Singers – Elaine Hosage, Jan Phillips, Frances Rickard

Reader/Intercessor – Jan Phillips

Lay Eucharistic Minister – Jan Phillips

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