



St. George's
Episcopal Church

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

JULY 26, 2020
10:30 AM

The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert, Rector The Rev. Jim Enelow, Deacon 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. We are aware that some people have been experiencing difficulties with the service livestream, particularly with the audio. We are currently working on improving our technological capabilities, but it will take some time. We ask for your grace and patience as we continue to work on these issues.

The Church is now in the long season known as the SEASON AFTER PENTECOST or ORDINARY TIME. Most holidays and seasons of the church year focus on the events of the earthly life of Jesus, but the Season after Pentecost shifts to a focus on how we, following the example of the first disciples, will take what we have learned from Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, into the world and our everyday lives. The term "ordinary" comes from the word "ordinal," which refers to counting, because we number each Sunday of Ordinary Time based on how many Sundays after Pentecost it is. But in some ways, it might be appropriate to think of this time as ordinary in the more common sense – time not marked by a constant stream of high points and low points, but simply the everyday life of the church. May we all take this opportunity to settle into our ordinary lives, being exactly where we are, and finding ways to live our faith in each of those ordinary moments.

GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

H – 1982 Hymnal

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

H 635

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681).

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.**

GLORIA

G 135

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est_____ and peace_____ to his peo - ple on earth_____

1. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,_____ we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry._____ *(back to refrain)*

2. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther,_____ Lord God, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us._____ You are
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer._____ *(back to refrain)*

3. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,_____ 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!_____ A - men!_____ *(back to refrain)*

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

FIRST READING

1 KINGS 3:5-12

Reader A reading from the first book of Kings.

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:129-136

MIRABILIA

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

- 129 **Your decrees are wonderful; ***
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 **When your word goes forth it gives light; ***
it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 **I open my mouth and pant; ***
I long for your commandments.
- 132 **Turn to me in mercy, ***
as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133 **Steady my footsteps in your word; ***
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 **Rescue me from those who oppress me, ***
and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:26-39

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

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

H 711

Part 1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find,
and all these things shall be added unto you; Al-le-u, al-le-lu-ia!
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Al-le-u, al-le-lu-ia!

Refrain
Part 2

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-u, al-le-lu-ia!

Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (b. 1948). St. 2, Matthew 7:7 (Stanza 2 is not part of the hymn as originally written).
Words: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty (b. 1948).

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. JIM ENELOW

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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 VI

BCP 392

Deacon For all people in their daily life and work;
People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Deacon For this community, the nation, and the world;
People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Deacon For the just and proper use of your creation;
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Deacon 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.**

Deacon For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel and all who seek the Truth.**

Deacon For the team responsible for preparing the Lambeth Conference, which was due to be taking place now, 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.**

Deacon For Stephen, Norma, Stephanie, August, Gladys, Charles, Ralph, Kirk, Donn, Polly, Divesh, Josie, Hans, Aaron, Natasha, Tony, Mary, Metis, Martha, Pam, Ben, Colleen, Linda, 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.**

Deacon We thank you, Lord, for Kevin, Charlotte, Philip, and Peter, as they celebrate their birthdays; and for Hollie & Spencer as they celebrate their anniversary; 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.**

Deacon 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 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.

People **Amen.**

Deacon 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.**

THE ABSOLUTION

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.**

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 BLESSING

Officiant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be on you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power; crown thine an - cient
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways! From the fears that
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton,
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore; let the gift of

Chur - ch's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise: grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt. Music: Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes (1873-1932).

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Blest Be His Name
 (Norman Lester)

MI-YOUNG KIM, ORGAN

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*The Altar Flowers are given by the people of St. George's,
 in thanksgiving for the Rev. Kevin Schubert on his birthday.*

*The altar candles are given by James and Gayle Wall,
 in thanksgiving for Eddie Terrazas and Athena Navarro on their birthdays.*

After the service, regardless of which method of accessing the service you have been using, you are invited to join the [Zoom link](#) (password: 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:

Stephen Blood	Polly Littrell	Martha Sahs
Norma Carrera	Divesh Manohar	Pam Schubert
Stephanie Craven	Josie Miller	Ben Sears
August Dolan-Henderson	Hans Mueller	Colleen Stark
Gladys Dykes	Aaron Neighbors	Linda Wallace
Charles Foster	Natasha Padron	Rochelle & Jon Winkle
Ralph Hausser	Tony Padron	Tom Wooten
Kirk Hoffman	Mary Parker	All those suffering from
Donn Hopkins	Metis Policano	COVID-19

For those who have died and their families, especially:

All those who have died from COVID-19

For those facing difficult circumstances

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

Zach Mertz	Maddison Worcester
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Those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Kevin Schubert (Jul 26)	Philip Doty (Jul 30)
Charlotte Tipps (Jul 27)	Peter Stuart (Jul 30)

Those who celebrate anniversaries, especially:

Hollie & Spencer Gordon (Jul 31)

In the Anglican cycle of prayer:

The team responsible for preparing the Lambeth Conference, which was due to be taking place now

In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

All Saints', Cameron
Christ Church, Mexia
Christ Church, Temple

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

THE BANNER – July 26, 2020

- ❖ **VIRTUAL “COFFEE HOUR”** – Immediately after the service each Sunday, you are invited to use the service’s [Zoom link](#) (password: Christ) to share a brief time of fellowship with other parishioners. Join us for this virtual “coffee hour” – with or without coffee!
- ❖ **LIVESTREAM DIFFICULTIES** – We are aware that some people have been experiencing difficulties with the service livestream, particularly with the audio. We are currently working on improving our technological capabilities, but it will take some time. We ask for your grace and patience as we continue to work on these issues.
- ❖ **VACATION** – Our Office Administrator, Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, is currently on vacation with her family through Wednesday, July 29th. Voicemail and email are being checked in her absence, but only messages in need of immediate response will be responded to; other messages will be returned when Jennifer is back in the office.
- ❖ **FLOWER GUILD** – If working with flowers and preparing them for the Sunday altar might bring you joy or be of interest to you, please consider joining St. George’s new Flower Guild. Members of the Flower Guild procure flowers from the source of their choice, including their own gardens, arrange them in clear glass vases, and bring them to the church for the Sunday service. They are reimbursed for their expenses through the church budget and donations made by parishioners for the weekly altar flowers. Professional experience or expertise is NOT required! Current members of the Flower Guild will be more than happy to provide tips, assistance, and encouragement to those who would like to give it a try. Contact Frances Rickard at fajrickard@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to volunteer.
- ❖ **FLOWER DONATION CALENDAR** – St. George’s [Flower Donation Calendar](#) has moved online! You can give flowers 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 donate flowers, please visit the online [Flower Donation Calendar](#) and enter your name and, if you wish, your dedication, next to the week of your choice. (To be sure that your donation is listed in the bulletin, please sign up at least two weeks in advance.) **A donation of \$35** is requested. You can make your donation by check (payable to St. George’s, with “altar flowers” in the memo line, and mail it to the church office) or electronically at the [St. George’s Donation page](#).
- ❖ **GIVING TO ST. GEORGE’S** – We are grateful for your financial support as we navigate new ways to stay connected 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, including salaries. If you have been giving to St. George’s by putting a check or cash in the plate on Sundays, please consider giving online by clicking the DONATE button on the Stewardship page of the church’s website: www.sgchurch.org/stewardship. You can set up regular weekly or monthly donation using a credit card or a bank account. Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMON LIFE

PRAYER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

BCP 823

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. Amen.

PRAYER IN TIMES OF CONFLICT

BCP 824

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; 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.

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon, Jul 27	<i>William Reed Huntington, Priest, 1909</i>
Tue, Jul 28	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach, Composer, 1750</i>
Wed, Jul 29	<i>Mary and Martha of Bethany</i>
Thu, Jul 30	<i>William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, 1833</i>
Fri, Jul 31	<i>Ignatius of Loyola, Priest and Spiritual Writer, 1556</i>

THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant – The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert
Preacher/Deacon – The Rev. Jim Enelow
Reader – Mary Stewart Miller
Organist/Pianist – Mi-Young Kim
Singers – Elaine Hosage, Periwinkle Schuster
Flower Guild – Mary Stewart Miller

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