



St. George's
Episcopal Church

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020
10:30 AM

Melissa Brackin, Senior Warden

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 have made some tweaks and currently we find that Zoom is better for hearing the speakers, while Facebook Live is better for the picture and for hearing the music.

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 service music and prayer forms always change with the liturgical seasons, but because the Season after Pentecost is so long, we generally divide it into two or three sections. Today marks roughly the half-way point between the Day of Pentecost and the first Sunday of Advent, so you may notice that some parts of the liturgy that have been the same from week to week are now different: we're using a different Song of Praise from the Gloria we've been singing since Pentecost, we've switched from Form VI of the Prayers of the People to Form I, and we're using a different Dismissal.

GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

H – 1982 Hymnal

G – Gather Hymnal

BCP – Book of Common Prayer


WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD


OPENING HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King


H 400



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es,
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers,
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in



let us sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 on our way, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 take your part, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 hum - ble - nes, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O___ praise him, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958).

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.**

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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Reader A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:33-40

LEGEM PONE

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

- 33 **Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, ***
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; ***
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 **Make me go in the path of your commandments, ***
for that is my desire.
- 36 **Incline my heart to your decrees ***
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 **Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; ***
give me life in your ways.
- 38 **Fulfill your promise to your servant, ***
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 **Turn away the reproach which I dread, ***
because your judgments are good.
- 40 **Behold, I long for your commandments; ***
in your righteousness preserve my life.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 13:8-14

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

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace._____ Where there is ha - tred,
 2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace._____ Where there's des - pair in
 4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace._____ It is in par - don -



let me bring your love._____ Where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don,
 life, let me bring hope._____ Where there is dark - ness,_____ on - ly
 ing that we are par - doned,_____ in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -



Lord,_____ and where there's doubt, true faith in you._____ Fine
 light,_____ and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy._____
 ceive,_____ in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life._____



3. Oh, Mas - ter, grant that I may ne - ver seek_____ so much to be con -



soled as to con - sole,_____ to be un - der - stood as to un - der -



stand,_____ to be loved as to love with all my soul._____ D.C. al Fine

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:15-20

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

A BLESSING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth. We lift up to you all those who will be part of a school community this year – students, teachers, counselors, librarians, administrators, staff, bus drivers, and school board members.

This school year brings with it more change and uncertainty than usual; be with all the children and adults who return to school this week. Help them find new ways to connect with one another, to learn and grow, and to care for their own and each other's health. We pray that technology will enhance and not hinder their learning, and we pray especially for those with limited access to the technology they need. Be with parents finding ways to support their children's learning while at home, and with teachers who must teach and care for their own children. Be with those who make decisions about when and how to reopen schools; guide them as they weigh competing interests and make difficult decisions.

Bless, we pray, O Father, the children, youth, and adults of this community, returning to their schools and colleges. May the Holy Spirit enlighten their minds, purify their vision, and strengthen their wills; that being taught of you they may learn to follow in the steps of him who grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and humanity.

All of this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

NICENE CREED**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 I

BCP 383

<i>Deacon</i>	With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy." For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Deacon</i>	For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Deacon</i>	For the Anglican Church of Southern Africa; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our Bishops; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Deacon</i>	For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Deacon</i>	For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Deacon</i>	For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Deacon</i>	For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Deacon</i>	For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Deacon</i>	For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Jodie, Jacob, Brandon, Norma, Carlos, August, Gladys, Charles, Matias, Ralph, Kirk, Nicole, Rosa, Polly, Carol, Divesh, Gracie, Josie, Paul, Aaron, Janette, Natasha, Tony, Mary, Metis, Anita, Martha, Pam, Ben, Colleen, Rudy, Linda, Rochelle, Jon, Tom, those affected by Hurricane Laura, the people of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and those suffering from COVID-19, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Deacon</i>	For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.

Deacon For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially Bill and those who have died from COVID-19, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon In thanksgiving for Michele, Spencer, Kosmos, Eisen, and Jim as they celebrate their birthdays, and for all the blessings of this life.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon In the communion of St. George and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

Officiant We pray also in recognition of Labor Day: Creator God, you are the source of all wisdom and purpose, you are the blessing of those who labor. Be with us in our labor as you guide and govern our world. Give all men and women work that enhances human dignity and binds us to one another. Give us pride in our work, a fair return for our labor, and joy in knowing that our work finds its source in you. Send us forth equipped anew to work for the blessedness of all life, conscious of your presence in all that we do, seeking to build your Kingdom in our world, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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.**

Deacon 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.**

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

H 376

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise,
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

THE SUNDAY BANNER – September 6, 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.
 - ❖ **TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE** – Thank you for your patience as we work to improve our online worship experience. After much research and review of bids, the vestry has approved the purchase and installation of new audio-visual equipment for streaming our worship services. If all goes well, the new equipment should be in place by next Sunday. Many thanks to Brad Dieringer for his work on this!
 - ❖ **WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** – Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, September 12th**, from **3:00 to 5:00 pm**, via **Zoom**. We will discuss **The Mars Room**, by **Rachel Kushner**. 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!
 - ❖ **VIRTUAL PARISH GET-TOGETHERS** – The Vestry would like to invite all St. George's members to participate in a virtual parish get-together during the month of September. These meetings are designed to give parishioners a chance to gather, receive and share information, and give feedback. We will provide updates on the rector search, improvements to our livestreaming capabilities, activities on campus, etc. We have currently scheduled three such get-togethers; please choose the date and time that best fits your schedule:
 - Thursday, September 17, 7:00 pm
 - Saturday, September 19, 10:00 am
 - Tuesday, September 22, 1:00 pmThe Zoom links for the meetings will be emailed to all parishioners. Contact Melissa Brackin at MelissaAEason@gmail.com or **512-415-7721** with any questions. We look forward to seeing you!
 - ❖ **OUTREACH VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER** – Outreach will hold a virtual fundraiser during the month of September. The money will be used to fund projects like shopping for Any Baby Can food bags, supporting the St. George's Court account at Central Texas Food Bank, and other potential projects such as work with the homeless community or COVID-19 relief. Please consider making a donation to support our church's outreach program. Because the office is closed much of the time, a paper check can be a slow way to donate. If possible, please donate online at [St. George's Online Donation page](#), indicating the amount of your donation next to "Undesignated Outreach." (You may also mail a check made out to St. George's with "Outreach" in the memo line to the church office.) You are always so generous – even in these uncertain times, we know we can count on your support. Please contact Alice Nelson at mzlsnlsn@gmail.com or Sarah Campbell at cwmarket2@gmail.com with any questions.
 - ❖ **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.
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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 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 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, Sep 7	<i>Kassiani, Poet and Hymnographer, 865</i>
Tue, Sep 8	<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Wed, Sep 9	<i>Constance, Thecla, Ruth, Frances, Charles Parsons, and Louis Schuyler, Martyrs, 1878</i>
Thu, Sep 10	<i>Alexander Crummell, Priest, 1898</i>
Sat, Sep 12	<i>John Henry Hobart, Bishop, 1830</i>

THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant/Preacher – The Rev. Susan Dolan-Henderson

Deacon – The Rev. Jim Enelow

Flower Guild – Mary Stewart Miller

Organist/Pianist – Mi-Young Kim

Singers – Frances & John Rickard

Reader – Frances Rickard

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