



St. George's
Episcopal Church

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

SEPTEMBER 27, 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.

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

G – Gather Hymnal

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1, 2, 3, 6)

H 450

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Crown him ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar call:
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call,
 6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial ball,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all ma - jes - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!

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Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792), alt. Music: Coronation, Oliver Holden (1765-1844), alt.

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!

1., 3. Fine 2.

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

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

D.C. al Fine

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 234

Officiant The Lord be with you.
 People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Reader A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-8

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Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

- 1 **To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- 3 **Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.**
- 4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.**
- 6 **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**
- 7 **Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**
- 8 **He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

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

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
 but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name that is above every name,
 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

We Walk By Faith

G 414



1 We walk by faith, and not by sight: no gra-cious words we hear
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, or fol-low where he trod;
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un-be-lief and may our faith a-bound;
 4 that when our life of faith is done, in realms of clear-er light
 5 We walk by faith, and not by sight: no gra-cious words we hear



of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we be-lieve him near. _____
 yet in his pro-mise we re-joice, and cry "My Lord and God!" _____
 to call on you when you are near, and see where you are found: _____
 we may be-hold you as you are in full and end-less sight. _____
 of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we be-lieve him near. _____

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Deacon
People

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Deacon
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REV. SUSAN DOLAN-HENDERSON

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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 I

BCP 383

- Deacon* 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.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Deacon* 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.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Deacon* For the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; 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.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Deacon* For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Deacon* For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Deacon* For reasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Deacon* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Deacon* For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Deacon* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Brandon, Carlos, August, Gladys, Charles, Matias, Ralph, Kirk, Nicole, Rosa, Polly, Carol, Divesh, Gracie, Josie, Paul, IxChel, Aaron, Janette, Mary, Anita, Martha, Pam, Ben, Colleen, Rudy, Linda, Rochelle, Jon, Tom, those suffering from COVID-19, and those affected by Hurricane Sally, Tropical Storm Beta, and the wildfires on the West Coast, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Deacon* 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.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Deacon* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially Ruth Bader Ginsberg 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* In thanksgiving for Kirk and Hollie, as they celebrate their birthdays, and for all the blessings of this life, 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 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 Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Officiant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

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

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

From All that Dwell Below the Skies

H 380

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
3 Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; praise
the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word; thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove ye
Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711).

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

DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Venite Adoremus
(Chester Nordman)

MI-YOUNG KIM, ORGAN

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*The Altar Flowers are given by Jan Phillips, In loving memory of Don Phillips, Jr.
The altar candles are given by Alice Nelson, in loving memory of Joanne and Gene Hammond.*

- ❖ **FLOWER GUILD** – The Flower Guild will hold a Zoom meeting this **Tuesday, September 29th**, at **10:30 am**. If you want to learn more about the Flower Guild or touch base with those who are preparing our altar flower arrangements, contact Frances Rickard at fajrickard@gmail.com for the Zoom link.
- ❖ **WEDNESDAY WEAVINGS** – With the conclusion of our very meaningful conversations on racism and systemic injustice, St. George’s adult discussion group will start a new series on Zoom this **Wednesday, September 30th**, from **7:00-8:00 pm**. We will read and discuss *The Way of Love*, a Forward Movement publication edited by Marek P. Zabriskie. The book is divided into seven sections offering Scripture readings and reflections on spiritual practices for a Jesus-centered life: Turn, Learn Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest. 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. All are welcome!
- ❖ **OUTREACH VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER** – This is the last week of Outreach’s virtual fundraiser! If you have not yet donated and would like to, there’s still time. You can donate online at [St. George’s Online Donation page](#), indicating the amount of your donation next to “Undesignated Outreach,” or by mailing a check made out to St. George’s with “Outreach” in the memo line to the church office. 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 contact Alice Nelson at mzlsnlsn@gmail.com or Sarah Campbell at cowmarket2@gmail.com with any questions.
- ❖ **REACH OUT TO YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS** – The Vestry invites you to join us in a St. George’s “telephone tree” to reach out to members of our congregation while we are not able to meet in person. Specifically, we encourage you to make a phone call to the people (or families) listed above and below you in the St. George’s Parish Directory and just check in with each other for a brief chat. (If you do not have a copy of the current directory, please email the church office at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com to request one.) We believe that these types of contacts are important in maintaining our wonderful St. George’s parish community.
- ❖ **IN COMMON 2020** – Episcopal Health Foundation’s Congregational Engagement team invites you to attend [In Common: A Faithful Response to 2020](#), an opportunity to dream big and create a vision with like-minded individuals and congregations interested in building healthier communities. It’s organized into one keynote event and two workshops, all on Zoom. Register separately for each event:
 - **Monday, September 28, 6:30-8:00 pm** – Interactive workshop – Collective Resilience: Practices for Mental Health and Well-Being. [REGISTER HERE](#).
 - **Tuesday, September 29, 6:30-8:30 pm** – Keynote address by [Dr. Catherine Meeks](#), Executive Director of the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing, with opening remarks by Bishop Andy Doyle and Q&A moderated by the Rev. Rhonda Rogers. [REGISTER HERE](#).
 - **Wednesday, September 30, 6:30-8:00 pm** – Interactive workshop – Start Local: A Systems Approach to Address Racial Inequities. [REGISTER HERE](#).
- ❖ **PHOTO SESSIONS** – Support the school by booking a photo session! Our own Madeleine Landry will use her photography skills to take family and individual photos in the Butterfly Garden in Mueller. Social distancing guidelines will be followed, and if necessary, masks will be worn. Slots are available all day on Saturdays, [October 10th](#) and [October 17th](#). (Use the links to sign up or get more information.) This is a great opportunity to raise a little money for the school and get a great family photo!

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, September 28		<i>Paula and Eustochium of Rome, Monastics and Scholars, 404 and c.419</i>	
Tuesday, September 29	10:30 am	Flower Guild Meeting	<i>Saint Michael and All Angels</i>
	7:00 pm	Choir Meet-up	
Wednesday, September 30	7:00 pm	Wednesday Weavings	<i>Jerome, Priest and Scholar, 420</i>
Thursday, October 1			<i>Therese of Lisieux, Monastic, 1898</i>
Friday, October 2			
Saturday, October 3			<i>John Raleigh Mott, Ecumenist and Missionary, 1955</i>
Sunday, October 4			<i>Francis of Assisi, Friar and Deacon, 1226</i>

THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant/Preacher – The Rev. Susan Dolan-Henderson
Deacon – The Rev. Jim Enelow
Organist/Pianist – Mi-Young Kim
Vestry Person of the Day – Bridgette Beinecke
Flower Guild – Sandra Villalaz
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