

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Stations for Prayer and Reflection

How to Take the Walk: Start by the door into the church from the parking lot. As you face the door, turn right into the lawn area. Go from one station to the next, pausing at each station to pray using the suggested prayer or Bible verse as inspiration for your own praise, thanksgivings, and concerns. Prayers are mostly from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Bible verses are from the New Revised Standard Version.

Station One: Memorial Garden. On your right, find the obelisk with the engraved plaques showing the names of those whose ashes are buried in the garden.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servants. Acknowledge each, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a

sinner of your own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. BCP p. 499 (adapted)

Station Two: Baptismal Font. Between the benches at the back of the Memorial Garden, find the stone font.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will by God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will by God's help. BCP p. 305

Station Three: Tulip Tree. Head toward York Street and stop at the large tree on your left near the wall of the church.

Oh God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us

stewardship over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BCP p. 828

Station Four: Labyrinth. Moving ahead and to the right, toward the street, find the lines of bricks sunk into the ground which form a labyrinth. In silent reflection, walk into the center along the paths formed by the bricks. At the center, ponder the scripture.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Matthew 11: 28-30

Station Five: Front Door of the Church. Walk around to the front of the church, and stop at the front door.

May the God of steadfast harmony and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 15: 5-7

Station Six: Rose Window. Go to your right around to the end of the church by the driveway. Find the outside of the rose window, high up on the church wall. Rose windows are traditionally dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus.

And Mary said:

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
For he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
For the Mighty one has done great things for me, and holy is his name
Luke 1: 46-49

Station Seven: Time of Wonder Early Learning Center Playground. Walk back around the corner of the church to the playground.

Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them: for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”
And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

Matthew 19:13-15

Station Eight: Back Door of the Church. Continue along the sidewalk by the playground fence to the back door of the church.

Lord God,
you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden,
through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us
and your love supporting us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Lutheran Book of Worship,
<https://www.worshiparts.net/paths-yet-untrodden-lutheran-book-worship/>