

# Last Sunday After Pentecost

St. George's Episcopal Church

November 22nd, 2020

Prelude

## The Word of God

*Presider* Blessed be God:  
most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.  
*People* **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.**

Kyrie

*Presider* Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Presider* You are loving to all  
and your mercy is over all your creation:  
*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Presider* Your faithful servants bless your name  
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you  
*People* **And also with you**  
*Presider* Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## A Reading From Ezekiel

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

*Reader* Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the

peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

*All*

## **Psalm**

Psalm 95:1-7

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

## **The Epistle**

Ephesians 1:15-23

*Reader*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance

among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*All* The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

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

*Deacon* Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

*All* The Gospel our Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Reflection

## The Nicene Creed

*All*

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

*BCP and St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, adapted.*

*Leader*

With all our heart and mind, let us pray to the Lord.

*After each bidding, please offer your own prayers.*

I ask your prayers that God's peace would move over the whole world,  
especially those places where violence, hatred, and oppression break the  
human family.

*All*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader* I ask your prayers for Christ's Church; for faithfulness and courage among its leaders and all its people.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* I ask your prayers for this Nation; for wisdom and loving-kindness in the hearts of those given authority.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* I ask your prayers for our neighborhoods and all who live in them.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* I ask your prayers for all who suffer in need of healing.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* I ask your prayers for the poor; for the unemployed and the empty-handed; for prisoners and those without homes.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* I ask your prayers for the dead and for those who mourn.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* I ask your prayers for those we have wronged, and all who wrong us.

*All* **Lord, have mercy**

*Leader* I ask your prayers for forgiveness, generosity and love among all people everywhere, and for the coming kingdom of peace.

*All* **Lord, have mercy**

*Presider* In fellowship with Mary the mother of Jesus and all God's holy people in every time and place, let us commend ourselves, and each other, and all our lives to Christ our God.

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

## Confession and Absolution

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*All* **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 our Savior 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.**

*Presider* 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.

*All* Amen.

## The Peace

*Presider* The Peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

## Announcements

## Offertory

# The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Presider offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ, and in response we say:*

*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.

*The Presider gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine before saying,*

*All* Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;

*The Presider concludes,*

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

*All* AMEN.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray,  
*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

*The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## The Invitation

## The Post Communion Prayer

*Presider* Let us pray.  
*All* Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## Blessing

*A Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond*

*All*           **Thanks be to God.**

## Giving

All your gifts support our common life and ministry as St. George's parish.  
Even when we are apart, we are growing as a community  
shaped by love and practicing care for one another.

To give online: <https://stgeorgesyh.breezechms.com/give/online>

## Parish Prayer List

**Parishioners:** Peter Blanchard, Peggi Gregory and family, Brian Shaw and family, Tina Hayes, Paul Brouker, Sylvia Burke, Ted Little, Terry Lohmann, Erin Maher, Charlie Smith, Heidi, Betsy Komar, Ken Barrett and family, Barbara Kautz, Suzanne Thompson, Dick Santoro, Ed Harding, Peter Blanchard.

**Friends and Family:** Bob Burke, Dennis Lawry, Jim Mixter, Perry Mixter, Eric Lauer, Santoro Family, Cynthia Jordan, Carmin Puntillo, Jordan, Patrick Driscoll, Jill Lynch, Mike Clfrino, Lee Koonce, Stephanie and Dean Batterman, Jill Burke, Barbara Yingst, Tom Block, Reverend Pamela Brouker, Gail Collins, Colby Durand, Gigi Edwards, Henry Flinkstrom, Annette Franzo, George Frantzis, Joanie and Kara, Lynn Jacobs, Joseph Kittel, Cathy Little, Caroline and Herb Lynn, Robert Merkle, Beth Nixon, Bob Porter, Fred Reisz, Darcy Rice and family, Rich, Kathy, Faith, Alyssa, and Hope Ritch, Stephan, John and Virginia Treganowan, Barbara Toscano; Michael Gisick, Megan Bainbridge and their children; Cynthia Donahue; Thomas Gambrell Alden and his family; Suzanne D'Arinzo.

**In the Armed Forces:** Jakob Folley, Jacob Brouker, Colby Gregory, Sarah Eck Gregory, Andrew Macomber, Shawn McCann, Michael McPhail, Todd MacCallum, Matt Poling, Michael Reagan, Andrew Smith, Ben Smith, Patrick Taylor.

**Additional Prayers:** Pray for the people of Lebanon. Pray for the children and staff at Niños con Valor as they mourn the death of Luna.

**Rest in Peace:** Eve Barrett, Scott Gregory, Sidney Kassir, Pat Shaw, Caleb Wallace, Gretchen Lane, Luna

*If you would like to add someone to or offer updates for the parish prayer list, please contact Nancy Daigle at 207-703-9059 or contact the parish office.*

# Announcements

## The Giving Tree

Each year St George's reaches out and assists families with the means to celebrate Christmas. This year we will continue the tradition by assisting four local families. Picking up tags from the tree and dropping gifts back at the church will look different this year. The Giving Tree will be set up in the entry area at the back/parking door by Monday November 30th. The church will be unlocked and the tree accessible

**Mondays 8-12**

**Wednesdays 1-4pm**

**Thursdays 9-12**

As usual please select tags, purchase gifts, wrap them and return to church with TAGS ATTACHED please by **DECEMBER 14**.

Please follow covid guidelines, masks, hand sanitizer and one family in the entryway at a time.

For those who prefer not to venture out, we are offering you the option of selecting gift card tags from a list that you can purchase online and have sent to St Georges. The link to participate in the Giving Tree online will be available next week.

If you have questions or need assistance please call Karen Gilroy 207-561-0622

## Night Prayers

In the midst of uncertainty, it's a practice to set down our work and our worry, and entrust what we cannot hold onto to God. The night prayers of Compline, and the community that gathers to do this together, may be helpful to you. You can join these prayers each night at 8:30 via this link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5860955152> .

You can pray Compline on your own as well; it begins on page 127 of the Book of Common Prayer and you can find it online here: [www.bcponline.org/DailyOffice/compline.html](http://www.bcponline.org/DailyOffice/compline.html) .

## Wednesday Book Group

In a season in which we are called to listen and seek greater understanding of others, we'll spend the coming weeks exploring the intertwined histories and commitments of the three faiths which regard Abraham as patriarch and seek to live toward the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. As our guide, we'll be reading a new book: *The Abrahamic Religions: A Very Short Introduction* by Charles L. Cohen. This Wednesday, we'll discuss Chapter 4.

All are welcome to join in the conversation each week via Zoom at 9:00am.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5860955152>

## Meditations during Pandemic

You can spend prayerful time with new writing and photography this week, and with all the offerings you'll find on the Meditations blog by following this link:

<https://stgeorgesyorkharbor.org/reflections/>

## Small-Group Gatherings for Worship

Bishop Brown has asked that we set aside in-person, indoor worship as a response to signs of a building surge of COVID-19 across Maine, including here in York.

Our Thursday healing service has moved back onto Zoom. All are welcome to join via this link: <https://zoom.us/j/224908982>. That link can also be found, along with the leaflet, on our parish website [www.stgeorgesyorkharbor.org](http://www.stgeorgesyorkharbor.org).

## Time of Wonder

As Time of Wonder continues to create a safe, caring place for kids during the pandemic, they also need our help with some of the difficult-to-find supplies. Please look for and consider donating the following:

- Large and XL gloves
- Dawn Power dish detergent
- Lysol spray
- Lysol wipes

## This Week at St. George's

*Links and information about all the ways we're gathering online can be found on the homepage of St. George's website.*

## Fr. Ryan's Office Hours

**Monday, 8:00-11:00am.** Drop by to chat or pray together. This is also a great time to give a call at (207) 363-6886. If you'd like to talk, you can also leave a message for me at any time and I'll get right back to you.

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## Thursday Healing Prayer Service at 10:00am

Join via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/224908982>

## Nightly Compline and Check-In

Every evening at 8:30pm. Join via Zoom at <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5860955152>

