

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

St. George's Episcopal Church
November 19, 2023

Prelude

Hymn

Hymnal 561

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

The Collect for Purity

Canticle of Praise

Presider Come, let us sing to the Holy One;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
People Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving,
and raise a loud shout with psalms.
Presider For you, O God, are a great God;
you are great above all gods.
In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.
All The sea is yours, for you made it, *
and your hands have molded the dry land.
Presider Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before God, our Maker,
Presider For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

The Collect of the Day

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The First Reading

Judges 4:1-7

Reader The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

All

To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes look to the Holy One our God, *
until God shows us mercy.
Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Reader

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

All

Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

Please stand.

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

Deacon Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 of the People

After each bidding, take turns offering your own prayers aloud.

The Presider concludes the prayers with a collect, and the People respond

People

To you, O Lord our God.

Confession of Sin

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 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.

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.

Please greet your neighbors with the Peace of Christ.

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Announcements & Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand.

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.**

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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 Eucharistic Prayer then continues until the Presider says

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Eucharistic Prayer then continues until the Presider says

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider
All

As our Savior Christ has taught we are bold to say,
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
People

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

The Invitation

Hymn During Communion

Hymnal 652

The Post Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Presider
All

Let us pray.
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn

Hymnal 609

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond

All **Thanks be to God.**

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Parish Prayer List

Parishioners: Charlie Smith, Barbara Kautz, Suzanne Thompson, John Howe, Sally Woods, Linda Laskey, Frank Jillson and Lynn MacKeen, Carol Hollingsworth, Dick Santoro, Marlene Brouker, Heidi, Donna Bacon, Annie Craig, Frank DeSaro, Ben Stefanov, Jeff Hart, Julie Steedman

Friends and Family: Erika Kraft-Crawford; Jimmy Toscano; Mary Grace Duffy; Bill Lavigne; Joseph Tooher; Ben, Sarah and Thomas; Dax; Scott; Joseph Kittel and the Kittel family; Sienna; Todor Stefanov; Mark O'Malley; Tasha Santoro; Debbie & Greg; Joy, Marilyn, Geri Pellegrino Trevor Amergian, Teri Burch, Brian Kautz

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

Rest in Peace: Paul Brouker, Linda Fry, Jenny Geraneo, Dick Devor, Slavka Gerasimova, Carl Stallings, John Mullens, Thomas Van Arsdale, Patricia Blaisdell, Robert Hamel, Dan, Lucille 'Snookie' Holroyd, Dennis Lawry, Marlene Brouker

If you would like to add someone to the Parish prayer list, or offer updates, contact Fr. Ryan or the Parish office.

Announcements

Stewardship Campaign Update

With thanks and excitement, we're celebrating the generosity of this congregation! If you've not yet made a pledge for 2024, we invite you to share in this part of our common life today.



United Thank Offering Today, November 19, 2023

We have had about 6 months to practice “mindful thanksgiving” using our blue boxes. **Sunday, November 19**, we will celebrate United Thank Offering Sunday. Special UTO envelopes will be available in the church hall. Please count your coins and write a check for the amount, write UTO in the memo, and place the UTO envelope in the offering plate on the 19th. Hopefully, you will remember one of those occasions a coin went in the box so you can write it on the envelope. As always, St. George’s gives thanks for you.

Wednesday Book Group Continuing November 29 *A Jewish Paul*

Join the Wednesday Book Group this fall as we read a brand new book about the Apostle Paul. Matthew Thiessen’s *A Jewish Paul* situates Paul and his writings within the thought world that he moved in, and whether Paul has encouraged, frustrated, or confused you, this is a chance to receive his writings with fresh eyes.

Join the conversation online each week at 9:00am via the Zoom link at www.stgeorgesyorkharbor.org

Learn About Restoration Laos with the Rev. Michael Ambler November 26

The Rev. Michael Ambler will be with us to preach and to share about the work of Restoration Laos at a forum after the service on the 26th.

Michael was formerly the Canon to the Ordinary of Episcopal Diocese of Maine. He stepped down from that position last year and, while he continues to serve our Diocese, his primary focus and work is with his newly formed foundation (founded by Rev. Ambler & Darreby Ambler) in the country of Laos. In-country, a dedicated team of bomb-clearing experts are painstakingly clearing the county-side inch by inch of dangerous not-yet detonated explosives that were dropped over villages during the Vietnam War. These latent bombs continue to cause loss of life and limb.

Restoration Laos has a goal of “clearing fields and school yards, restoring land and dignity to the people.” Rev. Ambler has in no way retired; he is moving toward answering even more calls for hope and healing. Please be sure to attend this very special talk and invite your friends.

Advent Wreath-Making

Sunday, December 3 at 10:30

The days before Christmas are some of our very busiest, but small things can help us claim space for gratitude, hope, and expectation - even just lighting a candle at a meal.

On Sunday, December 3rd from 10:30am until 12:00pm, all are invited to come make Advent Wreaths for our homes at St. George's. This is a great craft for kids, and a wonderful way to carry light in as the days get shorter.

St. George's will provide plenty of greenery to work with, as well as candles, wreath bases, and hot cider for everyone! You can help us by bringing evergreen boughs, pinecones, or holly if you have greenery to share.

Knitting Circle (*New time*)

Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00pm

Bring your knitting, crocheting and needlework for some time spent together. If you have unfinished projects, have always wanted to start knitting or would enjoy some conversation, the days are getting shorter, and wool feels great on a cool evening.

This is a space for the whole community!

The Giving Tree is Returning!

Every year, part of our joy in Advent is putting presents under the tree for local families in need of financial assistance.

This year we have the privilege of helping four families. We provide some needs for each family member, some fun wishes and some food to stock pantries and cook Christmas dinner. We also request gift cards and gas cards for sustained assistance into the winter months.

On Sunday, November 26th the Giving Tree will be up in the back entry way covered with ornaments that each have an item written on them for one of the family members.

You may take an ornament, purchase the item, please wrap it, attach the tag and return it to church **BEFORE Monday Dec 18th** . . Gifts and food can be left under the tree. Gift cards should be dropped off at the church office. Thank you for your help in bringing some extra cheer to families in need. Please call Karen Gilroy with questions 363-3904 or 561-0622

This Week

Monday Compline / 8:30pm *online*

Tuesday Rug Hookers / 9:00am
Compline / 8:30pm *online*

Wednesday Knitting Circle / 5:30 - 7:00pm
Compline / 8:30pm *online*

Thursday Healing Service / 10:00am
Compline / 8:30pm *online*

Friday Compline / 8:30pm *online*

Saturday AA / 12:00pm

Serving in Worship Today

Ushers:	Davis Roberts Lucy Kilgore
Readers:	Bridgit Holzer Gail Marshall
Intercessor:	Peggi Stallings
Chalice Bearers:	Davis Roberts Peggi Stallings
Altar Guild	Carla & Chris Reveliotty



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