

The Last Sunday after Pentecost

St. George's Episcopal Church

November 26, 2023

Hymn

Hymnal 555

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

All We praise you, O God;
we acclaim you as the Holy One.
All creation worships you,
Sovereign eternal.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you;
the noble gathering of prophets praise you.
The white-robed choir of martyrs praise you;
throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
God of infinite majesty,
your true and only Word, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, reign in glory,
you are the eternal Word of God.
When you came among us to set us free,
you chose to be born of a woman.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory;
we believe that you will come to be our judge.
Come, then, Christ, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood;
And bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

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.**

The First Reading

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.

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

Psalm

Psalm 100

All May all lands be joyful before you, O God, *
serve with gladness
and come before your presence with a song.
For we know that you are God; *
you yourself have made us, and we are yours;
we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.
We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving,
go into your courts with praise, *
give thanks to you and call upon your Name.
For you are good;
your mercy is everlasting; *
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Second Reading

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.

The Word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Please stand.

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."

The Gospel of our Lord.

All

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.

*The flowers on the altar are being given by Melanie Kyer
in Thanksgiving for the 18th birthday of Maxwell Kyer*



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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 660

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 616

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

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

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. Pledging is not only a statement of belonging and hope, it supports our leaders in making wise decisions about ministry in the coming year.

The Giving Tree is Back!

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 entryway 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

Learn About Restoration Laos with the Rev. Michael Ambler

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 today.

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!

Wednesday Book Group

Continuing November 29

A Jewish Paul

This fall, we're reading 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.

We'll pause our reading about St. Paul during Advent and pick up again after Christmas. Read more below....

Reading Together this Advent

An Unlikely Advent: Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story

by Rachel Billups

Starting Wednesday, Dec. 6!

On Wednesday mornings at 9:00 this Advent, join us via Zoom as we explore this series of meditations on the characters at the edges of the story, like Zechariah and Elizabeth, Herod, and the Magi.

Join the conversation online each week at 9:00am via the Zoom link on our parish website stgeorges-yorkharbor.org.

This Week

Monday Compline / 8:30pm *online*

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

Wednesday Book Group / 9:00am *online*
Knitting Circle / 5:30 - 7:00pm
Compline / 8:30pm *online*

Thursday Rug Hookers / 9:00am
Healing Service / 10:00am
Compline / 8:30pm *online*

Friday Fr. Ryan's drop-in hours / 8-11:00am
Compline / 8:30pm *online*

Saturday AA / 12:00pm

Serving in Worship Today

Ushers:	Linda Huls Davis Roberts
Readers:	Nancy Davison Nancy Devor
Intercessor:	Paul Mazgelis
Chalice Bearers:	Linda Huls Maureen Pinkerman
Altar Guild	Charlotte Hefford Annie Craig



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