

The Last Sunday After Pentecost

St. George's Episcopal Church

November 24, 2024

Hymn

Hymnal 555

Presider
People

Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
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

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Reader As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
 and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
 and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
 and its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
 and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
 and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
 and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
 coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
 and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion
 and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
 should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

All

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 93

All

God is Sovereign,
clothed in splendid apparel; *
God is robed in majesty
and is girded with strength.
God has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;
Ever since the world began,
your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.
The waters have lifted up, O God,
the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the Holy One who dwells on high.
Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O God,
for ever and for evermore.

The Second Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

Reader

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

The Gospel

John 18:33-37

Please stand.

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

Deacon Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.

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

Leader With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

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.

Leader For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader 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.**

Leader For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For peace with justice in places torn by war, especially Israel, Gaza, and Lebanon, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the communities devastated by Hurricane Helene, and those who have come to their aid, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader 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.**

Leader For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader 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.**

Leader Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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 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.

Please greet your neighbors with the Peace of Christ.

The Offertory



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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 to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as 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 Eucharistic Prayer then continues until the Presider says

All

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

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
Hymnal 660

The Post Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Presider
All

Let us pray.
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.

The Blessing

Hymn
Hymnal 616

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

The translation of the canticle is taken from *The St. Helena Breviary* © Order of Saint Helena, used by permission. The Eucharistic Prayer is the expansive adaptation of Eucharistic Prayer A from *The Book of Common Prayer*. The post-communion prayer is taken from *Enriching Our Worship*.

Parish Prayer List

Parishioners: Charlie Smith, Barbara Kautz, Suzanne Thompson, John Howe, Dick Santoro, Heidi, Sally Cocco, Susan Yorston, Chris Reveliotto, Larry Dow

Friends and Family: Cathy & Nancy; the Horrigan Family; Joseph Kittel and Kittel family; Todor Stefanov; Tasha Santoro; Brian Kautz; Beverly Hart; the family of Michael Major; Mark Osborn; the Brouker family

In the Armed Forces: Ben Stevanov, Ben Smith, Andrew Smith

Rest in Peace: Bob Goehrig, Frank DeSarro, Peter Blanchard, Lynn Dennis

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

Announcements

United Thank Offering

Have you been practicing mindful thankfulness for daily blessings by dropping coins into your blue UTO box? Now is the time to count those coins, and write a check for the amount. Make the check payable to St. George's with UTO written in the memo, and slide it into the designated UTO envelope found on the table in the parish hall. The United Thank Offering Ingathering is today, and you can place your thank offering on the offering plate or in the blue box. Should you want a new box, stickers, or place mats, they can be found at the display. Help yourself. Thank you for being mindful of the daily blessings given to us and sharing with so many.

Advent Book Group

All Creation Waits

by Gayle Boss and David Klein

This Advent, join our Wednesday Book Group for All Creation Waits. This is a beautifully illustrated series of daily meditations on how creatures meet the coming of winter — the vole who allows herself to become thinner all fall and, in her weakness, hibernates with other creatures for warmth; the painted turtle who settles into the mud at the bottom of the pond, “and slows herself beyond breath, in a place where breath is not possible.” These are opportunities to reflect on how we, like them, are creatures who live in seasons, and are invited by Christ to rest in hope and longing.

All are welcome to join in the conversation each week via Zoom at 9:00am. You'll Find the link on our St. George's website homepage.

Advent Wreath-Making

Sunday, December 1 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 11:30pm, 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.

The Longest Night

Saturday, December 21 at 5:30pm

For some of us, the short days and holiday celebrations are shaded by grief. On the longest night of the year, there's a place for us to acknowledge what is hard, to rest in the support of others, to pray for peace with memory, and to know there is more Light coming. All are welcome.

The Giving Tree

Each year St George's Church provides assistance to some local families in need of financial assistance during the holidays. This year we have the privilege of helping three families. We provide some needs for each family member, some fun wishes and gift cards and gas cards for sustained assistance into the winter months.

On Sunday, December 1st 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 Friday, Dec 20th**. Gifts and household items 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

Christmas Cookie Swap

Sunday, December 15

On Sunday the 15th, all bakers are invited to bring 3 dozen of your finest and favorite cookies on a plate. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Parish Hall.

This Week

Monday Compline / 8:30pm *online*

Tuesday Compline / 8:30pm *online*

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

Thursday Rug Hookers / 10:00am
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: Sue Coonce
Del Coonce

Readers: Linda Huls
William Yorston

Intercessor: Peggi Stallings Gregory

Chalice Bearers: Peggi Stallings Gregory
Linda Huls

Altar Guild: Charlotte Hefford
Annie Craig



St. George's Parish Vestry

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