

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

St. George's Episcopal Church
October 18, 2026

Hymn

Hymnal 377

*Text in **bold** is said by all.*

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The First Reading

Isaiah 45: 1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him--
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalms 96:1-9

Sing to God a new song; *
sing to God all the whole earth.
Sing and bless God's holy Name; *
proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.
Declare God's glory among the nations, *
God's wonders among all peoples.

For God is great and greatly to be praised, *
more to be feared than all gods.
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols, *
but it is God who made the heavens.
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of God's presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of God's sanctuary!
Ascribe to God, you families of the peoples, *
ascribe to God honor and power.
Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; *
bring offerings and come into God's courts.
Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before God.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

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

Let us pray for Christ's Church and for the world.

O God, you teach us to offer our needs, the longings of our hearts, and our thanksgivings to you. Receive our prayers.

Inspire the Church with the spirit of truth. Fill it with love. Give grace to all who minister your Word and sacraments, that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received. Give your heavenly grace to those gathered here and to all your people, that with open hearts, we may serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We ask you to guide the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every nation, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Open the eyes of all people to see your gracious hand in all your works, so that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may honor you with our substance and be faithful stewards of your gifts.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Uphold and defend the empty handed, the persecuted, refugees, prisoners, and all who are vulnerable to violence.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

In your goodness, we ask you to comfort and sustain the sick and all who suffer, especially those whose names we carry in our hearts this morning. We ask that our

families, friends, neighbors, and all who have commended themselves to our prayers may live in joy and peace, freed from fear.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We bless your holy Name for all your servants who have departed this life. Grant them continual growth in your love, and give to us grace so to follow the good examples of your saints, that with them we may share in your heavenly kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Presider adds a concluding collect.

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

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.

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Please greet your neighbors with the Peace of Christ.

Welcome & Offertory



All your gifts support the ministry happening at St. George's.

You can make an offering online by scanning the QR code, or following this link:

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

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

**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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Hymn

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The Post Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn

Hymnal 594

Dismissal

The people are dismissed and respond

Thanks be to God.

Parish Prayer List

Parishioners: Suzanne Thompson, Heidi, Carla Reveliotty, Marcia Williams, Will Lavigne, Mark, Bobbie Gray, Michal, Duke Snyder

Friends and Family: Silvio, Debbie, Kathy Stallings Ritch and Family, Barbara Slate, Mary, Andy, Adam, Richard & Judy Ellis, Jimmy Sweeney, Mike Kleist, Ruthann Swaincott, Peter & Kathy, John & William, Becky & Don, Oliver Parker & the Parker family, Patricia Sanborn & the Sanborn Summers family

In the Armed Forces: Ben Stefanov, Ben Smith, Andrew Smith, Garon Woods, Colby Scott Gregory, Eliza Woods

Rest in Peace: John Howe, Patrick LaShomb, Susan Metcalf, Todor Stefanov, Gail Lanouette, Dick Santoro, Ronnie, Larry Hershoff, Greg, Frank Jillson, Joe Goldstein

Announcements

Stewardship Campaign 2026

We're in the season of reflecting on the abundance around us and looking with expectation toward what will grow from our gifts.

Letters with pledge forms for the coming year have been sent by mail, and pledge forms are available in the Parish Hall. Please return your pledge cards by November 15th.

Harvestfest

Sunday, October 18

Join us after the service to enjoy apple cider, doughnuts! We will also have a pumpkin painting station, so you can bring home a decoration for your home!

Prayer List

On this coming All Saints Day, we will renew our Parish Prayer List.

If you have asked us to pray for a friend or family member, whether because of a particular need or their service in the Armed Forces, and you wish for them to continue in our Parish's prayers, please let us know by emailing office@stgeorgesYorkharbor.org.

All Saints Day

The Feast of All Saints is approaching! We give thanks for the saints of ages past and those saints of our own lives who now rest, and celebrate our fellowship with them in the body of Christ. This is one of the great feasts of the Church, and St. George's will observe All Saints on Sunday, November 1st.

The service includes a commemoration of those who have died. If there is someone you wish to be named in our prayers, please email office@stgeorgesYorkharbor.org by Wednesday, October 28.

Monday Bible Study

Mondays / 1:00-2:30pm

Every Monday afternoon, come explore the Scripture passages we'll hear the following Sunday.

Reflections Blog

You can spend prayerful time this week with new writing and photography by our Parish Reflections group, and find past offerings at stgeorgesYorkharbor.org/reflections/

Simple Eucharist & Healing Prayer

Thursdays / 10:00-11:00am

Join us weekly for a conversational reflection on the Scripture, prayers for healing, and Holy Communion.

YSCA Community Supper

Tuesday, November 17

Please consider joining us as St. George's serves our neighbors at the Community Supper on November 17.

Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall as we approach the date. We are looking for volunteers at the supper and we also need cake bakers.

Knitting Circle

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, come! This is a space for the whole community.

Night Prayers

Weeknights / 8:30pm / Online

A community gathers online Monday through Friday to entrust our burdens and cares to God, lifting one another's needs and the needs all around us in prayer. Join online via the link on our parish website: stgeorgesYorkharbor.org

This Week

Monday	Fr. Ryan's drop-in hours / 10-11:30am Bible Study / 1-2:30pm AA / 6pm & 7:30pm Compline / 8:30pm <i>online</i>	Thursday	Holy Eucharist / 10:00am Compline / 8:30pm, <i>online</i>
Tuesday	Compline / 8:30pm <i>online</i>	Friday	Compline / 8:30pm <i>online</i>
Wednesday	Knitting Circle / 5:30 - 7:00pm Compline / 8:30pm <i>online</i>	Saturday	AA / 12:00pm

Serving in Worship Today

Ushers:	Lucy Kilgore & Jeff Hart
Readers:	Bridgit Holzer Barbara Mansfield
Intercessor:	Gail Marshall
Chalice:	Bridgit Holzer Barbara Early
Altar Guild:	Jan McManus & Debby Hart
Flowers:	Cindy Perkins
Fellowship:	Jennifer Sagris
AV:	Melanie Kyer



Parish Vestry

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