

# ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## EASTER

*Worship Booklet*

Sunday, May 3, 2020

Virtual Service 9:30 a.m. on Facebook:

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*Welcome to St. George's! We are blessed by your attendance at our worship today.*

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# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

## The Liturgy of the Word of God

Processional Hymn

Shepherd of Souls

Hymn 343

## The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

*The Celebrant says*

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

**People**      *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

*The Celebrant then says the following prayer that our hearts may be made pure for worship*

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.**

The Trisagion

BCP 356

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

**People**      *And also with you.*

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson

Lector A Reading (Lesson) from Acts 2:42-47.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
**I shall not be in want.**
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
**and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
**for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
**you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.**
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

## **The Gospel**

**John 10:1-10**

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

*People*      ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

## **The Homily**

**Jason Evans,  
Missioner for Missional Communities  
at the Episcopal Diocese of Texas**

## A Corona Virus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

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Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

***Silence.***

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## Confession of Sin

BCP 359

Celebrant      Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

### *Minister and People*

**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.***

### *The Priest and says*

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

BCP 360

### *The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People      And also with you.*

## Offertory

Offer thanks unto the Lord who is worthy of our praise. You may send your offering by mailing it in to St. George's or by going online [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=95TAURM9D63YU](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=95TAURM9D63YU) or you can go to [www.stgeorgestc.org](http://www.stgeorgestc.org) and click contact us—this will give you the option to give online.

## The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Christ is Raised and Dies No More

Hymn 296

## The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People      Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*