

# ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## *Season after Pentecost Worship Bulletin*

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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 Word of God

### Processional Hymn

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### Opening Acclamation

**BCP 355**

Celebrant      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*            **And blessed be his kingdom, now and  
forever. Amen.**

### Collect for Purity

**BCP 355**

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

### Kyrie Eleison

**BCP 356**

Celebrant      Lord, have mercy.  
*People*            **Christ, have mercy.**  
Celebrant      Lord, have mercy.

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant      The Lord be with you.

*People*      *And also with you.*

Celebrant      Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## Old Testament

LayReader    A Reading (Lesson) from **Genesis 25:19-34**

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;  
the one shall be stronger than the other,  
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

LayReader    The Word of the Lord.

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

LayReader Join me in reading **Psalm 119:105-112**  
by half verse.

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
**and a light upon my path.**

106 I have sworn and am determined \*  
**to keep your righteous judgments.**

107 I am deeply troubled; \*  
**preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.**

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
**and teach me your judgments.**

109 My life is always in my hand, \*  
**yet I do not forget your law.**

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
**but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
**truly, they are the joy of my heart.**

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
**for ever and to the end.**

## The Gospel (*Compassion Camp Reading*)

**Mark 2:1-12**

Celebrant    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and take your mat and walk’? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”— he said to the paralytic —“I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.” And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

Celebrant      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## The Homily

## **Prayer in the Face of a Pandemic: A Litany**

Healing, sustaining, restoring and compassionate God,  
whose grace is greater than frightening viruses and  
frustrating vulnerability and even the virus of racism  
and division,

**Breathe new life into our hurting world and our  
daunting journey.**

Remind us of the trustworthiness of your promise,  
that you will never leave us nor forsake us.

**Reawaken our souls to this Resurrection truth—  
that our fear is not our governor; that our frailty  
does not have the final word to speak; and that our  
suffering is never the end of our story.**

We hurt with the crisis of this coronavirus, those hurting  
from racial injustice and division across our land.

**We break with those who are broken in this global  
pandemic.**

We remember those who are afflicted with the virus.

**Bring to these hurting souls a healing that restores,  
a strength that sustains, and a joy so durable that  
nothing can diminish it.**

We remember medical professionals on whom our lives  
depend, who are placing themselves in harm's way daily  
to provide aid to afflicted patients.

**Equip them with strength beyond their strength,  
courage beyond their courage, and a fresh awareness  
of how deeply their work matters.**

We remember the most vulnerable in our midst:  
The homebound, nursing home-bound, and hospitalized;  
those whose vitality belies their years; those whose  
financial vulnerability inspires anguish; those whose  
addiction cries out for a journey of recovery; those whose  
depression generates a crippling sense of isolation.

**Come, Lord Jesus. Come as a companion, encourager,  
and deliverer in every circumstance where people feel  
alone, isolated, marginalized, and desperate.**

We remember those whose employment is severely  
impacted by bans, mandates, and restrictions.

**Come, Holy Spirit. Bring unexpected provision,  
unanticipated contingency, and unforeseen blessing.**

We remember families that must both accommodate  
new realities and adjust to unplanned rhythms.

**Come, O Parenting God, and initiate within our families  
a compassion for all, an energized patience, an expanded  
playfulness, and an elevated penchant for loving.**

We remember your church, taken out of its normal  
patterns and practices.

**Holy God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—awaken in  
your church a vision for what it means to connect in  
the midst of disconnection, to engage in the midst of  
disengagement, to bless in a season of reoriented blessing.**

We remember those who are cynical about this crisis—and those who feel secure and unthreatened.

**Crucified, Resurrected Christ, humble us in our arrogance; disrupt us in our artificial sense of safety; and transform our cynicism into an eagerness to stand alongside those who are hurting.**

Let your love be our breathing. Let your compassion be our heartbeat. Let your mind become our mind.

**Let your Way be our way; your Truth our truth; your Life our life.**

Most of all—Heartbroken, Weeping, and Resurrecting God—remind us that you are not watching our struggle from a distance.

**Speak to us afresh the truth that you are with us, allowing your tears to commingle with ours, allowing your heart to break with ours, allowing your intimate grace to redeem our suffering, our sickness, and our sorrow.**

In this [time of suffering], where the cross looms large, **usher us into the cadences of Resurrection, so that we might engage in the stewardship of life amid the trappings of death.**

**Come, Lord Jesus!  
Come, Lifegiving Spirit!**

**Come, Universe-Creating, Circumstance-Transforming God!  
Come and bring wholeness in our brokenness, hope in our despair, healing in our hurting, life in our death.**

Reform our hearts, O God.  
**Redirect our way. On the canvas of our journey,  
display the colors of your grace.**

Rework our desires, O God. Recreate our will.  
**Like a Poet come and rewrite our song,  
that we might sing for you.**

## **Confession of Sin**

**BCP 359**

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*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 Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

## **The Absolution**

**BCP 360**

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**

Celebrant      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People**        **And also with you.**

## **The Blessing**

*The Priest, gives the blessing.*

## **Recessional Hymn**

## **The Dismissal**

Celebrant      Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**People**        **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**