

# ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## *Season after Pentecost Worship Bulletin*

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# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

## The Word of God

### Processional Hymn

“I Have Love to Share”

Compassion Camp Song

## The Word of God

### 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 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 God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## Old Testament (*Compassion Camp VBS Reading*)

LayReader    A Reading (Lesson) from **Deuteronomy 6**

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

When the Lord your God has brought you into the land that he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—a land with fine, large cities that you did not build, houses filled with all sorts of goods that you did not fill, hewn cisterns that you did not hew, vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant—and when you have eaten your fill, take care that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. The Lord your God you shall fear; him you shall serve, and by his name alone you shall swear. Do not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who are all around you, because the Lord your God, who is present with you, is a jealous God. The anger of the Lord your God would be kindled against you and he would destroy you from the face of the earth.

Do not put the Lord your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah. You must diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his decrees, and his statutes that he has commanded you.

Do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may go in and occupy the good land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give you, thrusting out all your enemies from before you, as the Lord has promised.

When your children ask you in time to come, “What is the meaning of the decrees and the statutes and the ordinances that the Lord our God has commanded you?” then you shall say to your children, “We were Pharaoh’s slaves in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. The Lord displayed before our eyes great and awesome signs and wonders against Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his household. He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land that he promised on oath to our ancestors. Then the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our lasting good, so as to keep us alive, as is now the case. If we diligently observe this entire commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us, we will be in the right.”

LayReader    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

LayReader Join me in reading **Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23**  
by half phrase.

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
**you know my sitting down and my rising up;**  
**you discern my thoughts from afar.**

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
**and are acquainted with all my ways.**

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
**but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
**and lay your hand upon me.**

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
**it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
**where can I flee from your presence?**

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
**if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
**and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
**and your right hand hold me fast.**

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
**and the light around me turn to night,"**

11 Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day; \*  
**darkness and light to you are both alike.**

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \*  
**try me and know my restless thoughts.**

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \*  
**and lead me in the way that is everlasting.**

**The Gospel** (*Compassion Camp Reading*) **Mark 12:28-31**

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

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

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Celebrant The Holy 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, 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**

“I Have Love to Share”

Compassion Camp Song

## **The Dismissal**

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