

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

“Face to Face”

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 protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through 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 **Ruth 1:1-22**

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah.

But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.” Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said,

“Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.
Where you die, I will die—
there will I be buried.
May the Lord do thus and so to me,
and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!”

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her,
she said no more to her.

So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.
When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was
stirred because of them; and the women said, “Is this
Naomi?” She said to them,

“Call me no longer Naomi,
call me Mara,
for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me.
I went away full,
but the Lord has brought me back empty;
why call me Naomi
when the Lord has dealt harshly with me,
and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?”

So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

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

LayReader Join me in reading **Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b**
by half phrase.

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the LORD our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."

45b Hallelujah!

The Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

“Face to Face”

Compassion Camp Song

The Dismissal

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