

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

“Come to the Table”

(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, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament

LayReader A Reading (Lesson) from
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The servant said to Laban, “I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’”

“I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going!’”

I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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

LayReader Join me in reading **Psalm 45:11-18**
by half verse.

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father's house.

12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honor.

13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor."

14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.

15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

16 With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.

17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.

18 I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

The Gospel (*Compassion Camp Reading*) **Luke 15:11-32**

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

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

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."'"

So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

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, 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

“O beautiful for spacious skies”

Hymn 719

The Dismissal

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