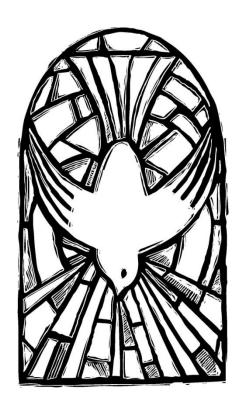
ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Worship Bulletin

Sunday, June 13th, 2021 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

Processional Hymn

"Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates" Hymn 436 Lift your heads, gates; up blest the land, the blest, where Christ the 0 ty Fling wide the por tals your heart; make it heart deem - er come! I wide my to pen So Sov - ereign; in! Let new and come, my en ter of 1 King glo waits! The King of kings is ry is fessed! and con hap py hearts 3 tem from for ple, set part earth - ly use 4 thee: here, Lord, bide! Let me thy in ner life bler gin; thy Ho 5 no near; the Sa - vior the world is here. 1 draw - ing of King whom this of tri - umph comes! 2 hap py homes to ploy, a - dorned with 3 heaven's em prayer and and love joy. 4 pres ence feel: thy grace and love in me veal. 5 guide on, un - til glo rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) Music: Truro, melody from Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

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*.

The Collect of the Day

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Reader Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Old Testament

Lector A Reading (Lesson) from 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Robin Reeves-Kautz

We invite your prayers of thanksgiving and supplication at this time.

Thank you God that you see our hearts and not our outward appearances.

Thank you for blessing us with your presence through the Holy Spirit, freedom from sin, redemption, and a new way of life different than the world.

We pray Thy Will Be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Thank you for the youth in our midst and others seeking to know you, for the times of rest, and restore our leaders and members with your Holy Spirit.

Forgive us for thinking we can do anything without you.

We forgive others for hurting us as we have been forgiven.

We pray you give us courage, tenacity, and hunger to do your will and seek justice.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil of doing life on our own and not relying on you.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 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.

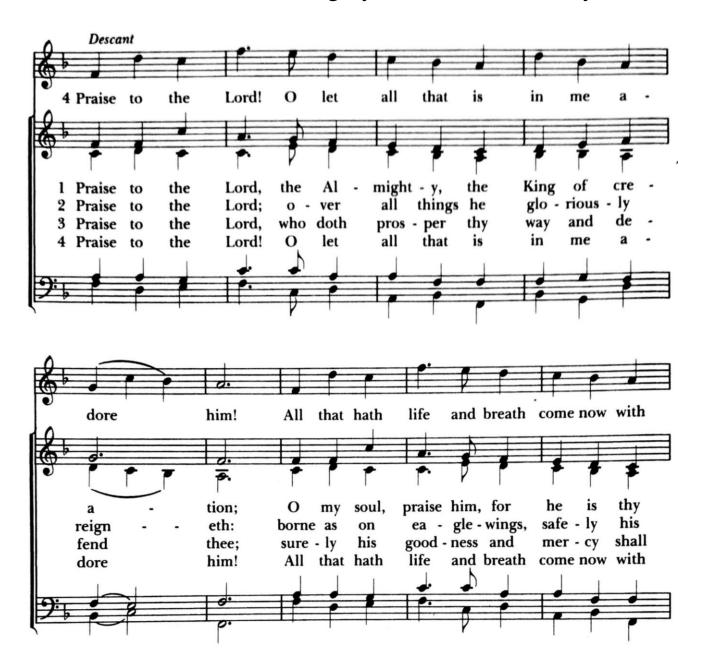
People And also with you.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Hymn 390



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The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.