

# ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## *Epiphany*

*Worship Bulletin for the Epiphany & the Season of Epiphany  
February 7, 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

## Prelude Hymn

“Songs of thankfulness and praise”

Hymn 135

## 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**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

## **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant     The Lord be with you.

*People*       *And also with you.*

Celebrant     Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The First Lesson**

Reader   A Reading (Lesson) from **Isaiah 40:21-31**

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

    Has it not been told you from the beginning?

    Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

    and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

    and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught,

    and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

    scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither,

    and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

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

## The Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

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

*People           Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Celebrant     The Holy 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 as modeled in the Lord's Prayer.

**Thank you God that you are** \_\_\_\_\_  
(praise God for His character—sovereign, gracious, creator, redeemer, sustainer)

**Thank you for blessing us with** \_\_\_\_\_  
(a loving family, friends, nice weather)

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

**Thank you for** \_\_\_\_\_  
(healing, peace, . . . those with covid, . . .)

**Forgive us for** \_\_\_\_\_ (our complacency, not putting you first, not having faith over fear, not trusting you)

**We forgive others for** \_\_\_\_\_  
(holding a different view than ours, not caring for the most vulnerable in our society, inciting violence, spreading fear with false news, betraying us) **as we have been forgiven.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil of** \_\_\_\_\_  
(hatred, fear, apathy, luke-warm faith, doing life on our own and not relying on you)

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

## 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.*

## **Offertory**

### **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**

“Praise to the Lord”

Hymn 390

### **The Dismissal**

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