

ST. GEORGE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



*Lenten Worship Booklet*  
*Rite II*  
*Sunday, February 28th*

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

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Hymn 423

## The Word of God

### A Penitential Order: Rite II

**BCP 351**

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever**

### The Decalogue

**BCP 350**

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Honor your father and your mother.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit murder.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit adultery.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not steal.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not be a false witness.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

*Celebrant*

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these. *Mark 12:29-31*

## **The Confession**

**BCP 352**

*Celebrant then says*

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 Absolution**

**BCP 353**

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.*

Lord, have mercy.

*Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy.

### **The Collect of the Day**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The First Lesson**

LayReader A Reading (Lesson) from  
**Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.”

Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

## **The Gospel**

**Mark 8:31-38**

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

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Celebrant     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*       *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Homily**

The Rev. Robin Reeves-Kautz

**Thank you God that you are \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*(sovereign, gracious, creator, redeemer, sustainer, loving, merciful, covenant maker, promise keeper, path maker)*

**Thank you for blessing us with \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*(a loving family, friends, nice weather, health, good food, work, a way back to you through Jesus Christ)*

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

**Thank you for \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*(loving community, peace in the midst of the storm, healing)*

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

**We forgive others for \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*(holding a different view than ours, not caring for the most vulnerable in our society, inciting violence, spreading fear, 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, pride, doing life on our own and not relying on you)*

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

## **Offertory**

### **The Peace**

**BCP 360**

Celebrant     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*       **And also with you.**

### **Solemn Prayer** *(in place of a Blessing)*

Keep this family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

### **Recessional Hymn**

Faith of our Fathers

Hymn 558

### **The Dismissal**

Celebrant     Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*       **Thanks be to God.**