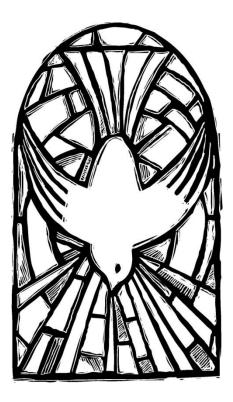
ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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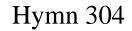
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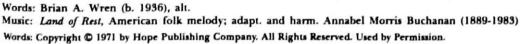
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Processional Hymn

"I Come with Joy"







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The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd 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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Old Testament

Lector A Reading (Lesson) from Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. *People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Robin Reeves-Kautz

The Lord's Prayer

People and Celebrant Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Thank you God that you are _____

(King of Kings and Lord of Lords, sovereign, gracious, creator, redeemer, sustainer, loving, merciful, covenant maker, promise keeper—we worship and adore you)

Thank you for blessing us with _____

(new life through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, a loving family, friends, a way back to you through Jesus Christ) **We pray Thy Will Be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven.**

Thank you for

(your peace in the midst of life's challenges, healing, loving us while we were still sinners and when we've denied you.)

Forgive us for _

(our wrath, envy, lust, gluttony, pride, greed, slothfulness, our complacency, not putting you first, for trusting things of this world over you).

We forgive others (systems & institutions) for ______ (inciting violence, spreading fear, hurting us) as we have been forgiven.

We pray you give us _____

(humility, generosity, moderation, patience, temperance, charity, diligence)

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.

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

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

"Lord Dismiss" Hymn 344 fill our hearts with Lord, dis miss with thy bless - ing; 1 us 2 Thanks we give a - dor - a tion for thy Gos - pel's and Sa - vior, from the 3 that when thy love shall call 50 us, thy joy and peace; let each, love pos - sess - ing, us joy - ful fruits of thy tion sound: may the sal - va world a way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us, tri - umph in 0 fresh us, deem-ing grace: re re -our hearts and lives bound: faith - ful, in a ev er glad thy sum - mons to bey. May we ev - er, 0 D 0 re - fresh us, eling through this wil - der - ness. trav thy be found; faith - ful truth may we ev er to end - less day. with thee in may ev - er reign we

Words: Att. John Fawcett (1739/40-1817) Music: Sicilian Mariners, Sicilian melody; first published The European Magazine and London Review, 1792, alt.

The Dismissal

CelebrantLet us go forth in the name of Christ.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.