



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Holy Eucharist

Rite I - 7:45 am

The Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2023

You are welcome at
St. George's Church:
Regardless of race,
nationality,
sexual orientation,
gender expression,
or tradition.

Welcome to St. George's!

View Our Complete Weekly
Worship Schedule on our Website:
StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/worship

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, we are glad you are here. We hope you will find comfort in the beauty of the worship and encouragement in your personal faith journey.

New to St. George's?

Thank you for joining us today!

You can use this bulletin to follow along with the worship service. We use liturgies based in the red *Book of Common Prayer*. Hymns are from the blue *Hymnal 1982* and green *Wonder, Love, and Praise*. All are located in your pew. Watch fellow worshippers for when to stand or sit, and please only do what is comfortable for you.

We'd love to get to know you and help get you connected with our parish ministries, formation, and fellowship groups.



Visit StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/connect or scan the QR code and we'll be in touch. You can also fill out the Newcomer Card in your pew and drop it in the offering plate.

Our rector (lead priest), Rev. Joe Hensley, would welcome the chance to speak with you. Please introduce yourself after the worship service. You can also contact him at: joe.hensley@stgeorgesepiscopal.net

Thank You for Your Generous Gifts!

Your financial gifts fund our ministries so we may show the Love of God to all. This month your gifts have helped:

- Empower the 20 members of Team St. George's to raise over \$5,000 during the Coldest Night of the Year walk
- Host artist Jonathan Randall Grant for Lenten Weekend, share creativity with one another, and dream about Becoming Creative Community



You can make a financial gift:

- **In-person:** place gift in collection plate in the aisle.
- **Online - one-time or recurring:** StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/giving. Or scan the QR code.
- **Text:** Send a text message with the dollar amount [e.g. \$50] to: 540.701.4133)

You can also mail a check to the church office:
P.O. Box 7127
Fredericksburg, VA 22404 Thank you!

Formation for All Ages: Sundays at 10 am

One way we explore our spirituality is through learning - be it presentations, reading, or even talking with one another during coffee hour.

Nursery

Nursery care is available for little ones ages 0 - 4 years old during the 9 am and 11:15 am worship services and the 10 am formation hour. Please see an usher for directions to the nursery.

Children

Montessori-based faith exploration

Age 3 - K: Godly Play, a Montessori-based program of stories, wondering, and expressive art or play. In the Godly Play room of the Preschool floor.

Grades 1 - 2: Seasons of the Spirit, an interdenominational program that follows the same schedule of readings used in church, with age-appropriate story and crafts. In the large Preschool room

Grades 3 - 5: Seasons of the Spirit, adapted for older children. In the Youth area on the 3rd floor.

Youth

An inclusive, welcoming community

Youth Café: Middle schoolers and high schoolers meet up with adult leaders in the small side of Sydnor. We travel in two groups to nearby cafés or rooms in the church for conversation and are back by 11 am.

Youth Group meets for fellowship 5 - 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, on the Youth Floor

View staff directory on our website:
StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/staff
Or call the church office: 540.373.4133

Adults

Rest and Money: in this season of repentance and renewal, we look at rest and sabbath as a core practice of our faith and how our views about money impact our willingness to stop and rest, individually and collectively. Led by Rev. Joe Hensley and Rev. Jake DeNap. *Forum presentation in Sydnor Hall.*

Meeting ID: 857 9269 1981

Dial in: 301.715.8592

No passcode is needed for this meeting.

Questions about formation offerings?

General inquiries:

Church Office - 540.373.4133

office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net

Children: age 3 - 5th grade

Rev. Dr. Rosemary Beales

rosemary@stgeorgesepiscopal.net

Youth: 6th - 12th grade

Rev. Will Dickinson

will.dickinson@stgeorgesepiscopal.net

Young Adults: age 18 - 45

Rev. Ethan Lowery

missioner@thehousefxbg.org

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from the red Book of Common Prayer
(BCP)

We invite you to prepare for worship by observing silence or taking time for private prayer. Please take a moment to silence cell phones and alarms. We are glad you are here!

Penitential Order

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

The Decalogue

BCP 317

Celebrant: Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

People: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy Holy Name. Amen.

Celebrant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Kyrie

BCP 324

Celebrant: Lord, Have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Word of God

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day

BCP 167

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1 Samuel 16:1 - 13 *New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

BCP 612

Ephesians 5:8 - 14 *New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light-- for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 9:1 - 41

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents

said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

the Rev. Dr. Rosemary Beales

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

Prayers of the People

BCP 328

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

All are now invited to exchange a sign of peace with a wave or bow.

Announcements

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. We invite you to share your gifts in support of our ministry within and beyond our congregation. You may place your gift in the offering plate. You can also give online (bit.ly/stggive) or text to give (send a text message with the dollar amount [e.g. \$50] to: 540.701.4133).

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer I	BCP 333
Sanctus + Benedictus	BCP 334
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 337
O Lamb of God, Prayer of Humble Access	BCP 337

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people are seated. All are welcome at St. George's to receive communion. Please come forward and approach the altar rail, kneeling if you wish. Receive the bread with your hands over each other, palms up. You may then receive the wine if you wish, by taking a sip or intincting (dipping). If you require a gluten free wafer, please hold out your hands palms down or make your need known. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms over your chest. After, please return to your pew by the side aisle.

The Prayer after Communion	BCP 339
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Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

All kneel.

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The congregation responds **Thanks be to God!**

Announcements

For the latest news and events,
sign up for our weekly e-newsletter,
The St. Georgian:
StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/enews

Communion Workshop: Save the Date!

You and your children are invited to a Communion workshop on March 25 from 9 to 11 am in the 3rd floor Youth Room. We'll be baking bread, learning about Jesus' last meal with his disciples, and wondering about what it means for our lives of faith. Those who have not yet begun receiving communion, and those who have been receiving for a long time but would like to deepen their understanding of the sacrament of Eucharist, are very welcome. Families will receive a child-friendly prayer book called "Alleluia, Amen!" Please sign up at <https://stgeorgesepiscopal.wufoo.com/forms/mwswgk4182b9ef/>.

Parish Prayer Partners in Easter (3P in E)

Each spring and fall, we invite all parishioners to a season of praying for each other. From Easter Sunday to Pentecost, each Parish Prayer Partner participant (individual or household) will pray for another participant. Meanwhile, a different participant will pray for them. Participants will not know who is praying for them until we reveal the prayer partners on Pentecost Sunday (May 28). Each week you will receive an email from our rector with suggestions and encouragement as you pray. To sign up please contact the church office.

Today's Altar Arrangement:
is given to the glory of God.

Easter Gratitude Offering

As we prepare for Easter, we are inviting donations to St. George's in gratitude for blessings and/or in honor/memory of people. We will publish these in the Easter Sunday bulletin on April 9. Look for a mailing with a letter and donation envelope, or find envelopes at church or donate online (<https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/stg>). All donations will benefit St. George's overall ministry, from pastoral care to grace in action, from administration to world mission, all for which we are grateful. Submit your offerings before March 24.

Avis Harris ECW Meeting on March 27

The Avis Harris ECW will meet on Monday, March 27 at 5:30 pm for its Spring Dinner at Park Lane Tavern in Spotsylvania Towne Center. Separate checks with 20% gratuity added; cash in exact amount preferred. We invite current/prospective ECW members to attend. RSVP to Cathy Barron (catherine_barron2@gmail.com) or Pat Baughman (patbaughman@cox.net) by Monday, March 20. ECW membership is open to women of all ages, and we look forward to welcoming new members.

Concert Series Continues - March 19 at 3 pm

Don't miss our next concert on Sunday, March 19 at 3 pm! We are welcoming local vibraphonist Harry Wilson with the St. George Jazz Ensemble for an afternoon of Jazz standards you won't want to miss. Concert is free with donations accepted at the door.

St. George's Prayer List

For the most up-to-date list of prayers and thanksgivings, sign up to receive our email prayer list: StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/signup

Regarding the Prayer List:

We strive to extend the power of the congregation's prayer to those who feel they would benefit from its embrace. Please submit prayer requests in writing to office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net. Names remain on the list for 1 month.

Our leadership:

For our bishops, Justin, Michael, and Mark; for Joe, Will, Rosemary, and Ethan, our clergy; for those who are priests and pastors in our community; for our staff—John, Jake, Kevin, Nicholas, Amy, Ballu, Danielle, Lisa, Achim, Laurel, Barbara, Michael, and Riley; and for our Vestry.

Those recently born:

Charlotte Luisa Rivera-Orellano, daughter of Josue and Elvin Rivera-Orellano

Those who have died:

Walt Davis; Burch Mixon, son-in-law of Martha Hearn; Retta Robbins; Jeff Hamlin; Larry Valade; *Luisa Colon*, grandmother of Josue Rivera-Orellano

Those in convalescence:

Al Sharp, Martha Hearn, Daureen Perdue, Suzi Valentine, Elizabeth Martel, Chris Forzano, Kate Hardy

Those serving our country overseas:

Matthew Martinez, Jeff Bryant, Ethan Hardy

Those attending seminary:

Kris Rose

Those homebound:

Betty Stephens, Betty Saunders, Cornelia Bryant

Those with ongoing concerns:

Arya Holmes, Dick Roth, Molly Myers, Randy Donaldson, Martha and Sarah Turner, Claire Simpson, Kristy Fairbanks, Paula Mullins, Billy Withers, Gladys and JohnL Johnson, Karin Weber, *Mina Sabik*

Those needing God's grace:

Lorraine Chavez, Mark and Nancy Williams, *Robert Johnson*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Grace Church, Casanova; St. Anne's Parish (Christ Church, St. Stephen's, St John's), Scottsville

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Our Partners: St. George's Episcopal Preschool; Notre Dame Parish and School (Port-au-Prince, Haiti), Père Geffrard Ricot; The House college chaplaincy and young adult ministry; SAWs Virginia; Rev. Ōshin Jennings, No Barriers Zen Temple; Micah Ecumenical Ministries; Our Little Roses - Honduras

Serving This Sunday

Thank you to our worship leaders
serving today. If you would like to
volunteer, contact the church office:
office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net.

Clergy:

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.
The Rev. William S. Dickinson
The Rev. Dr. Rosemary Beales
The Rev. T. Ethan Lowery

Preacher:

the Rev. Dr. Rosemary Beales

Lector:

Michael Alston

Greeter:

Trip Wiggins

Altar Guild:

Candace Allshouse
CJ Black
Peggy Conway
Julie Lang
Kathy Lober
Karen Reaves-Wright
Marvin Stearns
Ann Tebbutt

Flower Guild:

Sarah Bass

Coffee Hour:

Trip Wiggins
Alexis Grogan

Contact Our Vestry:

The Vestry is our elected, lay leadership council led by our Senior Warden Jane McDonald and Junior Warden Michele Prout Alston.

The Vestry welcomes your questions, concerns, and feedback. Email them at: vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net

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