



**St. George's**  
Episcopal  
Church

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**Holy Eucharist**  
**Rite II**  
**11:15 am**

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 26, 2023**

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

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# Welcome to St. George's!

View Our Complete Weekly  
Worship Schedule on our Website:  
[StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/worship](http://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/worship)

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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](http://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](mailto: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.
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[StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/giving](http://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!

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# Formation for All Ages: Sundays at 10 am

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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**

This week, all Sunday School classes through grade 5 will meet together in the large Preschool room (follow signs for Grades 1-2 or follow the crowd). We will be preparing for the Liturgy of the Light, a simplified Easter Vigil for children, learning music, making decorations, and learning about the journey to Easter. The Liturgy of the Light takes place April 8 at 5 pm in Sydnor Hall. All are welcome, whether your child regularly attends Sunday School or not.

## **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](http://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/staff)  
**Or call the church office: 540.373.4133**

## **Adults**

This Sunday we are joined by the Rev. Deacon Frederico Garza, an Episcopal deacon who serves Food for the Poor, an international organization serving the needs of marginalized people in Latin America and the Caribbean. He will be in conversation with our community about food-centered ministry and how we can learn from one another. *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:

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[office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

Children: age 3 - 5th grade

Rev. Dr. Rosemary Beales

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Youth: 6th - 12th grade

Rev. Will Dickinson

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Young Adults: age 18 - 45

Rev. Ethan Lowery

[missioner@thehousefxbg.org](mailto:missioner@thehousefxbg.org)

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# The Fifth Sunday in Lent March 26, 2023

from the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and *Enriching Our Worship*, supplemental liturgical materials approved by the Episcopal Church.

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*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!*

**Prelude:** Jesu meine Freude

Johann Crüger

**Opening Hymn 51:** "We the Lord's people"

*Decatur Place*

## **Penitential Order<sup>1</sup>**

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People: His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in times of need. (*Hebrews 4:14-16*)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor  
*Silence may be kept.*

**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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

**Kyrie: S96**

Franz Schubert

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

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<sup>1</sup> During the season of Lent, we begin our service with a reminder of God's infinite forgiveness and our need for it, using a form common to the Church for hundreds of years.

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## The Word of God

Celebrant: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect (Prayer) of the Day*

**BCP 219**

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Ezekiel 37:1 - 14** *New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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## ANTIPHON

Psalm 130: 6b-7a

*Organ:**Everyone:*

With the Lord there is mer-cy; with  
him there is plen-teous re - demp-tion.

*Choir:* Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

**ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON**

*Choir:* If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, O LORD, who could stand? For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.

**ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON**

*Choir:* I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope. My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

**ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON**

*Choir:* O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy; with him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON****Romans 8:6 - 11** *New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Hymn 516:** "Come down, O Love divine"

*Down Ampney*

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## The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John 11:1 - 45

**People: Glory to you, O Christ.**

*New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a

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stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

the Rev. Dcn. Frederico Garza

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

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## Prayers of the People

That we might become the Gospel we proclaim, and trusting in God's steadfast love throughout this season of Lent, let us pray to God as we say, "And we put our trust in You."

For all followers of Christ in every land and nation, for Anglicans around the globe, and for those who seek after God but have not yet been found.

We pray to you, O God:

**And we put our trust in You.**

Faithful God, we lift up Mark, our bishop, our clergy and lay leaders, and all the people of St. George's. That the prayer and fasting of Lent may bring a new springtime of faith in our Church,

We pray to you, O God:

**And we put our trust in You.**

For the nations and peoples of the earth, and for all the ways we struggle with attraction to control, wealth, and power.

We pray to you, O God:

**And we put our trust in You.**

For all who have no choice but to fast, who have no home but the Kingdom to come. For those sick and suffering, and for those who are alone, and for all others on our hearts, silently or aloud. Silence

We pray to you, O God:

**And we put our trust in You.**

God our promised land, in whom all peoples may find a home, we bless you for the Patawomek and Manahoac people who first knew this land on which our church sits. That we may learn to share this earth, which belongs only to You,

We pray to you, O God:

**And we put our trust in You.**

God who gives life to the dead, we pray for those who have died, that your will for all may be fulfilled.

We pray to you, O God:

**And we put our trust in You.**

### *The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Gracious and loving God, you are in the water that restores our soul and in the night when we lose our way. Make your presence known to us as we journey through our days, as we discern and work, as we grieve, pray and hope. Accept the prayers of your people and breathe your life into us as we seek to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*All are 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](http://bit.ly/stggive)) or text to give (send a text message with the dollar amount [e.g. \$50] to: 540.701.4133).*

**Anthem:** Agnus Dei

Thomas Morley

*Translation: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, grant us peace.*

**Presentation Hymn 705 (st. 3):**

**"With gratitude and humble trust"**

*Forest Green*

**With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee**

**To serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.**

**O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son,**

**Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

**The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B Expansive)**

**BCP 367**

Celebrant: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

*It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.*

*The Celebrant proceeds using a Proper Preface*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.*

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Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus S124**

David Hurd

**Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People may stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory.**

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*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ \_\_\_\_\_and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:  
**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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**Fraction Anthem S161**

David Hurd

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

**Invitation to Communion**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. *and may add*

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

*All are welcome at St. George's to receive communion. Please come forward, as invited by an usher. Approach the priest with your hands over each other, palms up. You may then receive the wine if you wish. If you require a gluten free wafer, please approach with your palms down or make your need known. If you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. After, please return to your pew by the side aisle.*

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**Hymn 312: "Strengthen for service"**  
**Strengthen for service, Lord,**  
**the hands that holy things have taken;**  
**let ears that now have heard thy songs**  
**to clamor never waken.**

*Malabar*

**Lord, may the tongues which "Holy" sang**  
**keep free from all deceiving;**  
**the eyes which saw thy love be bright,**  
**thy blessed hope perceiving.**

**The feet that tread thy hallowed courts**  
**from light do thou not banish;**  
**the bodies by thy Body fed**  
**with thy new life replenish.**

**Music During Communion**  
**Intrumental Music**

**"De noche iremos"**

*Taize*

**De noche iremos, de noche, que para encontrar la fuente.**  
**Solo la sed nos alumbra, solo la sed nos alumbra.**

*Translation: By night, we hasten in darkness to search for living water.*  
*Only our thirst leads us onwards.*

**The Prayer after Communion**

**BCP 365**

**Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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## **Solemn Prayer over the People<sup>2</sup>**

*Takes the place of the Blessing during Lent*

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel as able.*

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn 473:** "Lift high the cross"

*Crucifer*

### **The Dismissal**

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** Kyrie, Gott Heiliger Geist

J.S. Bach

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<sup>2</sup> During the season of Lent, in lieu of a blessing, the Celebrant prays over the whole people gathered. This is a tradition begun in the 9th Century, and invites our anticipation of the blessing of Easter.

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# Holy Week and Easter Worship

## **Palm Sunday – April 2: *Note Special Worship Schedule and Procession!***

7:45 am, 10 am (livestreamed on YouTube Live) with procession with the Presbyterian Church beginning at Hurkamp Park, 5:30 pm Celtic, and 8 pm Compline (livestreamed on Facebook Live).

## **Taize Worship – Tuesday, April 4, 7 pm:**

Also livestreamed on Facebook Live

## **Maundy Thursday – April 6 at 7 pm:**

With footwashing and stripping of the altar

## **Good Friday – April 7**

12 pm: Service with sermon (livestreamed on YouTube Live)

2 pm: Micah Ministries Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

7 pm: Sung passion (livestreamed on YouTube Live)

## **Holy Saturday – April 8**

8:30 am: Morning Prayer in our Nave (also livestreamed on Facebook Live)

5 pm: Liturgy of the Light in Sydnor Hall – for children, ages 3 and up.

8 pm: The Great Easter Vigil in the Nave.

## **Easter Sunday, April 9**

6:30 am: Micah Sunrise Service at Fredericksburg Fairgrounds

7:45 am, 9 am (also on YouTube Live), 11:15 am, 5:30 pm:

Joyful Easter Eucharist

10:15 am: Our Easter Egg Hunt returns! Locations TBA.

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learn more



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## Announcements

For the latest news and events,  
sign up for our weekly e-newsletter,  
The St. Georgian:  
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### 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 ([office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)).

### God is Unity Color

Come celebrate St. George Day and Earth Day at Monroe Park (Goldvein, VA) with the Daughters of the King at their retreat "God is Unity Color" on Saturday, April 22 from 10 am - 2 pm. Each adult/child pair will be given slip supplies to mine your own hidden gems and various colorful souvenirs as well as a lunch for each participant for the one price of \$20 per pair. We will be covering the use of color for prayer, music, church linens, minerals from the earth, bounty blessing from the garden, and unity of our parish. You can sign up at <https://stgeorgesepiscopal.wufoo.com/forms/m15cyunf0azw-mzw/>.

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### Today's Altar Arrangement:

is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gary Nuckols, from Alice.

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### Youth Confirmation Classes Coming!

Classes for youth (13 and up) interested in confirmation will begin April 16 during the Formation Hour at 10 am and continue for 7 weeks, taught by Fr. Will and some guest stars. We'll explore owning our own faith, what role church might play in our lives as we mature, and what in the world the bishop has to do with it. These classes will prepare youth for our bishop visitation on May 7 and continue until the end of the program year.

### Welcome to our Guest Preacher

The Rev. Deacon Frederico Garza, a friend of both Pastor Joe and Fr. Will, joins us today as guest deacon and preacher and a representative of Food for the Poor. Please see the insert to learn more about this international feeding ministry. Deacon Garza will also be part of our adult forum at 10:00 am.

### Easter Egg Hunt

We have loads of plastic eggs for the Easter Bunny's helpers to hide, but we need your help providing the contents to fill them! Please donate small toys such as stickers and treats, keeping safety in mind as well as fun. Individually wrapped candy is also welcome (please no chocolate – regular M&M's ok and no peanut butter or nuts). You may put donations in the narthex or bring them to the church office no later than Sunday, April 2.

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# St. George's Prayer List

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## 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](mailto: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; *Anne Koefinger*

## 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:

Robert Johnston

## In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. John's, Tappahannock

## In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Anglican Church of South America

**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

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# Vestry

If you have questions or concerns,  
please reach out to our Vestry  
(elected lay leaders).

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*To reach the Vestry, please email: [vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net). To reach an individual vestry member, please contact the church office at [office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net) or 540.373.4133.*

**Jane McDonald, 2023**

Senior Warden

**Michele Prout Alston, 2024**

Junior Warden

**Meghan O'Connor, 2023**

Finance Warden

**Mac Smith, 2024**

Grounds Warden

**Casey Hu, 2023**

**Beth Klein, 2023**

**John Graham, 2024**

**Anne Carey O'Connor, 2024**

**Brian Davis, 2025**

**Brooke Di Lauro, 2025**

**Pete Kelly, 2025**

**Peggy Verdine, 2025**

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# Serving This Sunday

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

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**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. Dcn. Frederico Garza

**Liturgical Coordinator:**

Liz Talbot

**Readers:**

Mary Ryan  
Cynthia Ellis

**Lay Eucharistic Minister:**

Cynthia Ellis  
Connie Smith  
Liz Talbot  
Ralph Powell

**Crucifer:**

Cynthia Ellis

**Gospel Book Bearer:**

Ann Tebbutt

**Greeter:**

Debbie Swartz  
Peggy Conway

**Ushers:**

Dori Eglevsky  
Ron Tebbutt

**Lay Eucharistic Visitor:**

Ann Holt

**Altar Guild:**

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

**Flowers:**

Jeanette Cadwallender

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**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](mailto:vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

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