



CHRISTMAS EVE

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

DECEMBER 24, 2023

3:00PM

WELCOME TO ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to worship as we express praise and thanks to God for the gift of Christ.

We know that following the beautiful and ancient worship of the Episcopal Church is not always easy for those unfamiliar with the Anglican tradition. Please do not feel obligated to do anything but to enjoy the service reverently and expectantly.

At the time of Holy Communion, *all baptized Christians* are welcome to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. Ushers will direct you.

We invite newcomers to fill out a Connect card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to a member of the clergy. You can also scan the QR code on the back of this bulletin.

Nursery is available for 8-week-old infants to 2-year-olds born in 2021. Please ask an usher for assistance.

We are grateful for your presence.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Each year, St. George's Christmas offering is dedicated to meet a particular need of our neighbors in our community. This year our offering will be split evenly between two initiatives responding to critical needs in our community. **Matthew 25** seeks to alleviate homelessness by providing the resources for men to build a foundation on which they can transition to self-sufficiency. **Bellevue Community Food Bank** provides non-perishable items, fresh produce, and other essential goods to families who own or rent their homes and are gainfully employed, yet still struggle to make ends meet without support from the food bank. To make a contribution to the Christmas Offering, please use the offering envelopes in the pews or include "Christmas Offering" in the memo line. You may also give online at stgeorgesnashville.org or by texting "George Christmas" to 73256. *Message and data rates may apply.*

Thank you in advance for your generous participation in this offering, and may God bless you in this Christmas season.

On the cover:

The Adoration

Designed by Sir E. Burne-Jones

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On display in the Gathering Space, St. George's Episcopal Church, Nashville

The people's responses are in bold.

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

Pastorale and Fugue on 'Vom Himmel hoch'
2 Chorale Preludes of Gregorian Chant Themes, Op. 8
Prelude on GREENSLEEVES
Prelude on Es IST EIN ROS
Prelude on CRANHAM

Johann Pachelbel
Jeanne Demessieux
Richard Purvis
Auden Krebs
Pamela Decker

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand, as you are able.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 213

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 83 vv. 1–3, 6 O come, all ye faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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| 1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord. | 3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord. |
| 2. God from God, Light from Light eternal,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Only begotten Son of the Father;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord. | 6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord. |

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, p. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE Angels we have heard on high

(Hymn 96 vv. 1 and 3) GLORIA

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| 1. Angels we have heard on high,
Singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their brave delight.
<i>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</i>
<i>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</i> | 3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
<i>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</i>
<i>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</i> |
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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96:1-9 *Sung by the choir.*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN • 78 vv. 1-3, 5 O little town of Bethlehem

FOREST GREEN

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

3. How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him,
Still the dear Christ enters in.

2. For Christ is born of Mary;
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

5. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20 (KJV)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

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

HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. David Barr

All children are invited to come forward to the chancel steps for the homily.

Please stand, as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

BCP, p. 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 360

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated.

THE OFFERTORY

A gallery carol

Robin Wells

Rejoice and be merry in songs and in mirth,
O praise our Redeemer, all mortals on earth.
For this is the birthday of Jesus our King,
Who brought us salvation, his praises we'll sing.

A heavenly vision appeared in the sky;
Vast numbers of angels the shepherds did spy,
Proclaiming the birthday of Jesus our King,
Who brought us salvation, his praises we'll sing.

Likewise a bright star in the sky did appear,
Which led the wise men from the east to draw near;
They found the Messiah, sweet Jesus our King,
Who brought us salvation, his praises we'll sing.

And when they were come, they their treasures unfold,
And unto him offered myrrh, incense and gold.
So blessed for ever be Jesus our King,
Who brought us salvation, his praises we'll sing.

A Babe is born all of a may,
To bring salvation unto us.
To him we sing both night and day.
Veni Creator Spiritus [Come, Creator Spirit].

At Bethlehem, that blessed place,
The Child of bliss now born he was;
And him to serve God give us grace,
O lux beata Trinitas [O light of the blessed Trinity].

There came three kings out of the East,
To worship the King that is so free,
With gold and myrrh and frank incense,
A solis ortus cardine [From the East].

A fair song that night sung they
In worship of that Child:
Gloria tibi Domine [Glory to you, Lord].

A Babe is born all of a may,
To bring salvation unto us.
To him we sing both night and day.

Veni Creator Spiritus.
O lux beata Trinitas.
A solis ortus cardine.
Gloria tibi Domine.

Noel!

Please stand, as you are able.

AT THE PRESENTATION Joy to the world! the Lord is come

(Hymn 100 v. 1) ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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:

Holy, holy, holy

(Hymnal S128) Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,—
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Please kneel or remain standing, as you are able.

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 Lord 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 he 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 his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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 & THE FRACTION ANTHEM

BCP, p. 364

Christ our Passover

(Hymnal S152) Martens

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

NOTES ON RECEIVING COMMUNION All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to a blessing—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. If desired, you may intinct (dip) your wafer at the altar rail or have the LEM intinct it for you. Gluten-free wafers are available at the side station.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The shepherd's carol

John Wells

We stood on the hills, Lady, our day's work done,
Watching the frosted meadows that winter had won.

The evening was calm, Lady, the air so still,
Silence more lovely than music folded the hill.

There was a star, Lady, shone in the night,
Larger than Venus it was, and bright, so bright.

Oh, a voice from the sky, Lady, it seemed to us then
Telling of God being born in the world of men.

And so we have come, Lady, our day's work done,
Our love, our hopes, ourselves, we give to your Son.

Sussex Carol

arr. D. Willcocks

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring.
On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring
News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad?
Then why should men on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place.
When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place.
Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night.
All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace to men, now and for evermore. Amen."

Coventry Carol

arr. B. Smith

Soloist: Debra Lee Williamson

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child,
By by, lully lullay.
Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child,
By by, lully lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do
For to preserve this day this poor youngling,
For whom we do sing, By by, lully lullay?

Herod, the king, in his raging,
Charged he hath this day his men of might,
In his own sight, all young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child for thee!
And ever morn and day, for thy parting
Neither say nor sing, By by, lully lullay!

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child,
By by, lully lullay.

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
2. Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

HYMN • 101 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed

CRADLE SONG

1. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

HYMN • 105 God rest you merry, gentlemen

GOD REST YOU MERRY

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray,
- Refrain*
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!
2. From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came,
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.
 3. "Fear not, then," said the angel, "Let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and might."
 4. Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
and with true love and charity each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace.

Please kneel, as you are able.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his 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 Lord. Amen.

Please remain kneeling, as you are able.

HYMN • 111 Silent night, holy night

STILLE NACHT

1. Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

3. Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

2. Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

THE BLESSING

The Book of Occasional Services, p. 11

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Please stand, as you are able.

1. Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

3. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *In Dulci Jubilo*, BWV 729

J.S. Bach

WORSHIP NOTES

Clergy The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam, celebrant; the Rev. Dr. David Barr, preacher; the Rev. Colin Ambrose; the Rev. Margery Kennelly; the Ven. Dr. Martin Odidi; and the Rev. Richard Kew

Verger Gail Thompson

Acolytes Mills Dale, Reiling Hillenmeyer, Maida Harwell, William Menge, and Ginny McIntyre

Lectors Rebecca Harris and Porter Meadors

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Walter Choate, Michelle Cudd, Stan Graham, Mickey Long, Red Martin, and Brad Pendleton

Greeters Mia & John Abernathy and James Hundley

*The flowers in the Jane Tompkins Weeks Chapel today are given to the Glory of God.
The flowers today in the Nave are given to the Glory of God and for the following:*

In Loving Memory of

Family & Friends
Our Parents
My Grandparents
Veterans
Bettye & John Abernathy, Jr.
Monica Joy Bramblett Adams
Marie & John Aden
R. Benton Adkins, Jr.
Dilly & Harry Allen
Margaret Sharp Alsobrook
Frances Hill Ambrose
Craig W. Arnold
B.W. Arnold
Ms. Edith McNeill Ayers
Richard C. Baker
Iris W. Baker
Dr. Elbert W. Baker, Jr.
Iris & Dick Baker
Nina & Paul Barr
Jennifer Beemer
Andrew Berry
Mr. & Mrs. C.D. Berry
Mr. & Mrs. William Crost Bickel
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Stone Boesel
Lee C. Bowden, Jr.
Marilyn S. Bowers (Beege)
Linda Boyer
Monica Joy Bramblett
Lynn Price Bramblett
Lynn Price Bramblett, Jr.
Marcy Brandau
Mr. & Mrs. Wentworth Caldwell, Sr.
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Mary DeLacey Ferris Cate
Wendy Chalk
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 Our Grandchildren: Mimi, Sophie,
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The aumbry candle in the Nave is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of George Edward Johnson by Lucy, Caroline, George, Nathan, Grace, and David Johnson.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tornado Relief We are all anxious to help folks in our community who have suffered from the recent tornadoes. Staff and lay leaders are working to organize ways to respond that are most helpful to those in need. Thanks for your prayers for those who are recovering from the storms, and stay tuned for more details to come.

Worship on Christmas Day Monday, December 25, at 10:00am in the Nave.

Worship Schedule for Sunday, December 31

7:30am Holy Eucharist

9:00am The Table* (*This is a change from what is published in The Shield.*)

10:00am Holy Eucharist*

5:00pm Evening Prayer with Eucharist

*Nursery available for 8-week-old infants through 2-year-olds born in 2021

Essentials Small Groups Our next series of small groups will dive into the dramatic story of Exodus. In Exodus, we have the story of God's redemptive work through Moses, the shepherding of God's people into a new life with him, and the giving of God's own words in the Law. This spring, please join us as we walk alongside Moses and learn more of God's strength, power, and profound compassion for his people. Join a 10-week, small group study today. Groups launch in mid-January. Details at stgeorgesnashville.org/essentials.

New Opportunities in 2024 There are so many ways to engage at St. George's – from Bible studies to church events, from new college grads to our robust senior adults. We invite you to pick up the new 2024 opportunities brochure or visit stgeorgesnashville.org for a complete list of offerings this season.

Seniors Helping Others Our senior adults gather on Tuesday, January 9, at 10:00am in the Library to write Valentine cards for our veterans. New people are welcome anytime, and we organize a new project each month. Contact church member Karen Lackey if you can help: lackeykab@gmail.com or 615-260-8063.

Youth Group Youth group for 7th-12th graders resumes on Wednesday, January 10, from 6:30-8:00pm in Akers Hall (upstairs). This is a casual time for students to gather for games and fellowship. Each week, we break out into small groups to learn about Jesus.

Journey of Hope Anyone who has experienced a deep loss of any kind is invited to participate in this series

on Thursdays, January 11 - February 15, from 9:00 to 10:30am. This 6-week course is led by a licensed professional counselor who specializes in grief and trauma. Under the care of a professional, you will learn about tools to process your grief in a safe and loving Christian environment. Please contact Robin Puryear to learn more or join the class: robin.puryear@stgeorgesnashville.org or 615-385-2150 x 247.

Coffee and Conversation Seniors are invited to join us in the Gathering Space the second Thursday of every month from 9:00 to 10:30am to enjoy conversation without any agenda. Sweet treats and coffee provided. No reservations, just join us on January 11.

Church in the Yard Volunteers are invited to prepare food Saturday morning (January 13) and to set up worship and serve the meal on Sunday afternoon (January 14) at Church of the Holy Trinity downtown. St. George's supports this ministry the second Sunday of every month. Learn more and sign up online at stgeorgesnashville.org/outreach.

Newcomer Gathering Meet clergy, parishioners, and other newcomers during an informal Sunday morning gathering at 10:05am in the church library. Our next event is Sunday, January 14, at 10:05am.

Choral Evensong Please join us on Sunday, January 14, at 5:00pm in the Nave for a contemplative service of choral music and chant led by St. George's Choir. Stay after the service for a reception with members of the choir.

Application Season for Nashville Fellows Did you know that each year, our church hosts a group of recent college graduates as they study, grow in faith, and pursue their vocations? These Nashville Fellows live with host families from our church, participate in graduate-level seminary classes one day a week, and work in their field of choice four days a week. Do you know a college senior who desires to start their next chapter well? Encourage them to apply now for the 12th Nashville Fellows Class at thenashvillefellows.com. The next application deadline is January 15.

Prime Time Speakers Series This popular monthly series begins with lunch at 11:30am followed by an engaging speaker on a variety of topics. Join us Thursday, January 18, to hear from the Rev. Margery Kennelly on "Glimpses of Christ: Pilgrimage on the Camino." Please make a reservation for the \$12 lunch online at stgeorgesnashville.org/seniors.

Room in the Inn Winter Shelter Our Room in the Inn ministry continues as we host both men and women overnight during the cold months ahead. There are now additional volunteer opportunities posted for our men's shelters on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, and our next women's shelter is Thursday, January 18. We hope you will join us in providing food, shelter, friendship, and care to our unhoused neighbors. Visit stgeorgesnashville.org/riti for details and to sign up.

Sunday School Classes Sunday School classes resume on Sunday, January 21, at 10:05am, with offerings for children, youth, and adults. Newcomers are welcome at any time! Visit stgeorgesnashville.org/ministries for details.

20s & 30s Kick-Off Party Calling all young adults! Join us Sunday, January 21, for a fun event to kick off the semester. Watch for details at stgeorgesnashville.org/youngadults.

Bradford Gallery Event Save the date for our next Bradford Gallery Event. On Thursday, January 18, all are welcome to join us at 5:30pm for a light reception and another engaging talk inspired by the work of artist Makoto Fujimura on exhibit in the gallery.

Compline Stemming from monastic practice, Compline is the last service of the day before bedtime. This brief and beautiful service is set in a darkened church and sung by a small men's choir. Remain as long as you wish after the service in this quiet space, departing in silence. Join us for a special matinee Compline on Sunday, January 21, at 5:00pm in the Nave.

The Worry-Free Parent with Sissy Goff Mark your calendars and make plans to join us on Thursday, January 25, at 5:30pm for a special evening with Sissy Goff of Daystar Counseling Ministries. This free event will invite us to reflect on a critical topic for our community: managing worry and anxiety in parenting. Space is limited, so register soon at stgeorgesnashville.org/parenting.

Mozart Birthday Concert Friday, January 26, at 12:00pm in the Nave. Celebrating one of the most remarkable composers in history, the Mozart Birthday Concert has become the annual delight here at St. George's. Led and organized by Nashville-based musician Roger Wiesmeyer, we enjoy the delightful music of Mozart, celebrating his legacy as a composer. This year, donations will be collected for Nashville Freedom Schools, a nonprofit that unites community partners and young-adult mentors to teach literacy and life skills that instill

cultural pride, self-assurance, and active citizenship among marginalized children and youth of color.

Wellness As our bodies age, we can proactively engage in practices that build strength, flexibility, balance, cognition, and overall wellness. Mary Gilliam leads several classes for all ages and abilities. Each week, she offers tai chi, gentle yoga, yoga flow, and seated exercise. Classes are free or for a \$5 donation. Details at stgeorgesnashville.org/wellness.



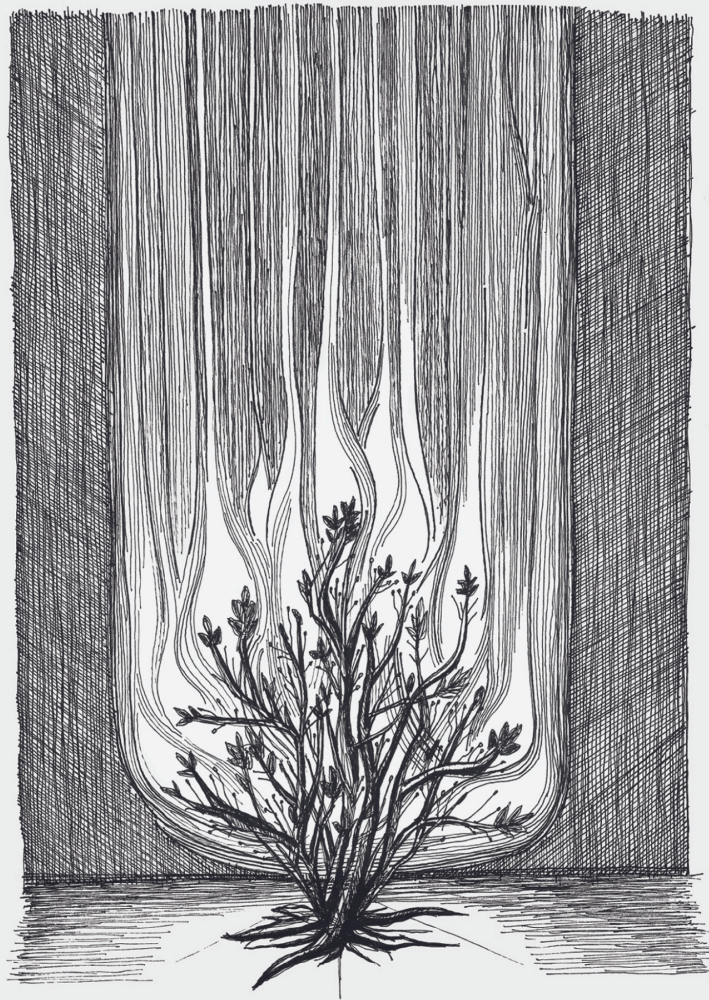
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Sign up now at stgeorgesnashville.org/essentials.*



THE WORRY-FREE PARENT

AN EVENING WITH SISSY GOFF

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
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Register online for this FREE event at stgeorgesnashville.org/parenting.

Space is limited!

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SUNDAY SERVICES

7:30, 8:45, and 11:00am: Holy Eucharist
9:00am: The Table
5:00pm: Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist

WEEKDAY SERVICES (CHAPEL)

7:00am Monday - Saturday | Daily Worship
10:00am Wednesday | Healing Prayer



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