

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8–9*

Please kneel, as you are able.

THE CONFESSION

BCP, p. 352

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

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 ELEISON

(Hymnal S89) McGregor

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 218

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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

Please be seated.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:8–14

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.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Please stand, as you are able, for the hymn.

HYMN • 538 God of mercy, God of grace

Lucerna Laudoniae

God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of thy face.
Shine upon us, Savior, shine,
fill thy Church with light divine,
and thy saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

Let thy people praise thee, Lord;
be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Savior King;
let all be, below, above,
one in joy, and light, and love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1–41

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

Glorify you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus 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."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. R. Leigh Spruill

Please stand, as you are able, for the Creed.

THE NICENE CREED

**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 V

BCP, p. 389

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming. In the Anglican Communion, for the Church in Hong Kong. In the diocese, for the Episcopal Church Women. In our community, for Covenant Presbyterian Church and Buena Vista Elementary School. In our parish, for our Vergers and Acolytes; our Nashville Fellows Catherine, Anna, Andy, and Will; and for our Choral Scholar Matthew and staff singer Joshua who are students at Vanderbilt University. We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for John our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald, our president, Bill, our governor, and John, our mayor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person; and for those serving in the armed forces, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, especially Reba Barker, Anne Carter Brothers, Luke Bourlakas, Greg Flanagan, Betty Graham, Murray Lynch, Marge Maxwell, Acra Samuels, Betty Cook Sanders, Tim Stinson, Mary Ready Taylor, and Patsy Weigel; and for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those affected by the coronavirus, for the sick, and for those who care for them; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church especially Brownlee Currey, Jr., and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence is kept.

The celebrant prays the concluding Collect and the people respond 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 for the Offertory.

THE OFFERTORY

Ordinarily we would have passed offering plates during the service. If you feel called to give to the church, please give online at stgeorgesnashville.org/give. Even while business as usual is suspended for the time being, the needs of our church and community continue.

The Call

A.B. Smith

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way as gives us breath;
Such a Truth as ends all strife;
Such a Life as killeth death!

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light as shows feast,
Such a Feast as mends in length,
Such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart;
Such a Joy as none can move;
Such a Love as none can part;
Such a Heart as joys in love!

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; through Jesus Christ our Lord; you bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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:

The people sing Holy, holy, holy Lord

(Hymnal S121) McGregor

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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

Lamb of God

(Hymnal S161) Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant

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.

Please kneel, as you are able, for the prayer.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

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 stand, as you are able, for the Processional Hymn.

HYMN • 645 vv. 1, 2, 5, 6 The King of Love my shepherd is

St. Columba

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

Please kneel, as you are able, for the Solemn Prayer.

SOLEMN PRAYER

Let us kneel and bow down before the Lord.

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

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Fantasia in G Minor, BWV 542

J.S. Bach

WORSHIP NOTES

Clergy The Rev. Colin Ambrose, celebrant; The Rev. Dr. R. Leigh Spruill, preacher, The Rev. Margery Kennelly; and the Rev. David Barr

Lector Emily Walker

The aumbry candle in the church this week is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Hudson Goodyear Walker by Shawn Curley.

The aumbry candle in the Jane Tompkins Weeks Chapel this week is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Martha Hackney Livengood by Mary Jo, Steve, Madison, and Ben Shankle.

MUSIC NOTES As we come together to worship in this new format, we are so grateful for the gift of music. With the change to streaming our service, we invite you to sing along with our hymns. The first verse of our sequence hymn (#538) is so fitting for our time. The text of hymn 645 is by Henry Baker who paraphrased it from Psalm 23. It cannot be more fitting during our troubled times. A sense of guidance, protection, and assurance can be felt throughout this hymn, and we hope it brings you comfort and healing. Today's offertory anthem, *The Call*, is a familiar setting heard in every baptism service at St. George's. The text itself is beautifully fitting for these troubled times, and it reminds us of when we renew our Christian lives during the baptism liturgy, calling to Christ in times of trouble and need. The text is written by George Herbert (1593-1633) and is simple and beautiful.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Easter Flower Deadline is Wednesday, April 1. Please go online to stgeorgesnashville.org/news to make a gift in memory of a loved one.

Get Connected! St. George's online directory is coming soon and we need you to help make it complete. To protect your online security, you will only be included if you opt-in to the directory. Complete a quick online form at stgeorgesnashville.org/directory. Note: You will receive an email from the church confirming your inclusion in the directory. Questions? Contact Martha Rodes, Director of Lay Ministry Engagement, at martha.rodes@stgeorgesnashville.org.

Read the Bible Together Our Bible reading plan organizes the lectionary readings into a pattern of daily readings and provides a way for parishioners to deepen their knowledge of the Bible, prepare for Sunday worship, and become more familiar with the enduring themes of the church calendar. To receive a weekly email message from clergy, join the Bible Reading Plan group in Realm or contact Rebecca Teel at rebecca.teel@stgeorgesnashville.org or 615-385-2150 x 213. For more information and a reading list, visit stgeorgesnashville.org/biblereadingplan.

Giving to St. George's Did you know you can make a pledge or a gift to St. George's anytime during the year? It is annual pledges that enable us to maintain the many ministries happening at our parish. Pledge online at stgeorgesnashville.org/give or via Realm anytime. Questions? Contact Catherine Beemer, Director of Parish Giving, at catherine.beemer@stgeorgesnashville.org.

UPCOMING

Noonday Prayers Have Begun Pray with us from your homes each week at noon. Go to stgeorgesnashville.org/worship/watch-listen where we'll be connecting and praying with you by video.

We Want to Pray for You During our new noonday services we want to pray for you, our parishioners, by name. We simply ask that you email Catherine Beemer at catherine.beemer@stgeorgesnashville.org to give us permission to pray for you and your family during this extraordinary time in the life of St. George's and the world. We will pray for you by first name only.

St. George's Email News During this time when we are all feeling a little disconnected from our regular rhythms, you can still stay connected to us. Sign up for our email news to receive all the latest updates from the parish and our many ministries. Email Sandra Beld at sandra.beld@stgeorgesnashville.org to sign up.

Daily Devotional from Father Kew Scripture, meditation, and prayer delivered to your email address each weekday morning. To sign up, contact Fr. Richard at richard.kew@stgeorgesnashville.org.

St. George's Women: Come Away and Renew this Spring at The Assembly April 24 – 26 Come away for a bit of rest and renewal for your body and your soul. Our time will include some reflection on the theme of rest in the Bible and then we will practice it. Sabbath rest includes worship, fellowship, and restorative activities. This retreat will be characterized by large amount of free time for you to enjoy being in the presence of God on lovely Monteagle. We'll begin with dinner at 6:00pm on Friday evening and conclude the retreat after worship and brunch Sunday morning. We are keeping this event penciled in for the time being. Deposits are due April 14. We suggest signing up with a roommate, but we will also be able to pair up women as needed. The cost for the retreat includes all meals. Cost: \$175 (double room) or \$300 (single room). Go to stgeorgesnashville.org/retreat for more details.

Inreach Shepherd for March

Judi Echols, 615-335-6420

Next Sunday's Readings:

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

TORNADO RELIEF AND LENTEN DRIVE FOR BUENA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BVES serves 250 economically disadvantaged students in Pre-K through 4th grade, **more than 50% of whom were directly impacted by the recent tornado.** They are in need of the following:

- new books for elementary aged students (K- 4th grade)
- new long sleeve white t-shirts (Youth xs to xxl)
- new closed-toed shoes sizes 3-7
- flashlights
- body wipes
- disinfecting wipes
- antibacterial soap
- paper towels
- bottled water
- non-perishable food for the emergency pantry including peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese, juice boxes, cereal, granola bars, fruit snacks, pasta/pasta sauce, canned fruit, applesauce, and canned vegetables

Want to learn more about how you can help at BVES? Contact the Rev David Barr at 615-385-2150 x 212 or david.barr@stgeorgesnashville.org.

CONSTRUCTION CORNER



Work continues on Legacy Hall, the new porte cochere entry, and the new bridge. In addition, the erection of structural steel over the current Kindergarten area has begun. Because of this work, many of the kindergarten classes have moved upstairs. The new parking area (previously 104 Belle Meade Blvd.) is available for use. Please respect all barriers, cones, and warning tapes. Due to ongoing construction, the porte cochere doors are limited to emergencies only. If you require a handicap accessible entrance, please use the side door to the nave located closest to the corner of Belle Meade Blvd. and Harding Rd. There is a large button that will facilitate hands free entry, or feel free to use the main doors to the nave located on the circle.

Every Sunday we offer shuttle service to and from overflow parking at Truxton Trust (4525 Harding Pike) starting at 8:15am through the 11:15am service. The shuttle picks up and drops off at the office entrance closest to Belle Meade City Hall. Thank you!

Visit stgeorgesnashville.org/legacy for the latest information about construction.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We invite newcomers to fill out a Connect Card, found in the pew rack, placing it in the offering plate or handing it to an usher or priest.

Nursery care is available for infants, toddlers, and two-year-olds during the 8:45, 9:00, and 11:15am services and during Sunday school at 10:05am. Childcare (for ages 3-5) is also available during the 8:45, 9:00, and 11:15am services.

Large Print Prayer Books and Hearing Assistance Aids are available in the church foyer. Ask an usher for help.

If you have a “T” switch that is compatible with audio induction systems on your hearing aids, you may switch it on in order to hear the service better.



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7:30, 8:45, 9:00, & 11:15am | Holy Eucharist
5:00pm | Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist

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7:00am Monday – Saturday | Holy Eucharist
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