

MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020 | 10:00am

The people's responses are in bold.

OPENING VOLUNTARY Preludium in C

D. Buxtehude

Please stand, as you are able, for the Opening Hymn.

OPENING HYMN • 381 vv. 1 and 3 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

Ton-y Botel

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
at thy speaking it was done;
for created light we thank thee,
while thine ordered seasons run:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous;
bright with thine own holiness,
glorious now, we press toward glory,
and our lives our hopes confess:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 77

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

Lord, open our lips.

BCP, p. 80

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

Jeffrey Rickards

Sung by St. George's Choir virtually from our homes

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!
Not with the old leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

Please be seated.

PSALM 66:7–18 *Said responsively by whole verse.*

BCP, p. 674

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip.**
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows,
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth,
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;**
- 17 But in truth God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his love from me.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 17:16–31

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the market-place every day with those who happened to be there. Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, ‘What does this babblers want to say?’ Others said, ‘He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.’ (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, ‘May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.’ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new. Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity

is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

IF YE LOVE ME

T. Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, e’en the spirit of truth.

THE SECOND READING

John 14:15–21

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Colin Ambrose

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

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

BCP, p. 96

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 225

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

BCP, p. 100

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin, and for the Anglican Church of Korea.

In the Episcopal Church, we pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael.

In the Diocese of Tennessee, we pray for our Bishop, John, and St. Paul's Church in Murfreesboro.

In the Community, we pray for Granny White Church of Christ and Buena Vista Elementary School.

In Our Parish, we pray for our Farmers Market Co-Chairs Lauren Isenhour, Catherine Grace, and Jennifer Orth and Volunteers; and our Nashville Fellows Catherine, Anna, Andy, and Will.

We pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world, and for all who are threatened for their religious beliefs.

We pray for the members of the armed forces serving our country; Donald, our president; Bill, our governor; John, our mayor; and for our enemies and those who wish us harm.

We pray especially for all who are affected by coronavirus, either through illness or isolation or anxiety, that they may find relief and recovery.

We pray for those who are ill, especially Reba Barker, Anne Carter Brothers, Betty Graham, Lynn Grassmeyer, Lois Holt, Marge Maxwell, Buist Richardson, Acra Samuels, Betty Cook Sanders, Tim Stinson, and Mary Ready Taylor.

We pray for those who have departed this life.

You are invited to add your own intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

PRAYER FOR MISSION

BCP, p. 100

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP, p. 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Please stand, as you are able, for the Closing Hymn.

CLOSING HYMN • 657 vv. 1 and 3 Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 102

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Piece de orgue

J.S. Bach

WORSHIP NOTES

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

Lector Mary Jackson

Prayers of the People Frank Puryear

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.

The aumbry candle in the church this week is given to the Glory of God.

The aumbry candle in the Jane Tompkins Weeks Chapel this week is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bert Craig Bates and Leigh Marschalk Terry by Lynn and Richard Terry.

MUSIC NOTE Today's anthem is in place of where we would usually sing a canticle, Gloria, Magnificat, Benedictus es, or many others the *Book of Common Prayer* suggests. However, members of our choir will be singing *If ye love me* by Renaissance composer Thomas Tallis. The text comes directly from our Gospel reading, and this well-known anthem brings a comforting and gentle introduction to the Gospel for today. Tallis is an interesting figure who served the English throne through the turbulent Tudor period, each monarch having a different demand for music style based on the reigning denomination. He was a master adapter and wrote in many different styles and his musical works are faithful and extremely high in quality. We also thank our choir members who are unable to join us physically, as are all of you, instead joining us to lead out worship virtually.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Healing Prayer Phone Calls For in person healing prayer over the phone, call 615-385-215 directly following the service. Our prayer ministry team will respond between 11:00 and 11:30am on Sunday morning.

Deepening Our Faith Through Music Dr. Woosug Kang, our Director of Music Ministries, is offering a webinar series to promote a deeper understanding of music and its role and legacy at St. George's Wednesday, May 20, at 7:00pm. Music has been one of the most delightful gifts that God has given us, but because of its strong character of "enjoyment," sometimes we miss the full potential of this wonderful gift. This series of webinar classes offers ways to deepen our understanding and appreciation in a simple format led by Dr. Kang. We hope this series will help us to grow and deepen our faith not just during this pandemic, but as we continue to grow into the future. To join the webinar or watch the first two sessions, go to stgeorgesnashville.org.

Prime Time Speakers Series May 21 is cancelled. Please watch the bulletins and emails for information on upcoming Prime Time events.

St. George's Farmers Market Opens Thursdays 3:30 - 6:00pm It's time for fresh veggies, fruit, meats, fish, and much more! Due to COVID-19, current Market guidelines for a safe shopping environment are wear a mask, maintain social distance of 6 feet, keep hands clean and avoid touching face, stay home if you are sick or have a fever, refrain from touching products - please point or say your selection, leave reusable bags at home, and credit card or pre-order payment preferred. Go to stgeorgesnashville.org/farmersmarket for more information.

Access the New Online Directory Visit onrealm.org/stgeorges or download the Realm Connect mobile app to log in to your Realm account. Find the search bar at the top of the screen to type in the name of a person. (Spelling counts!) If they've joined the online directory, their information will be available. Don't have an account? No problem - just go to onrealm.org/stgeorges to register as a new user.

Haven't opted-in to the Online Directory yet? 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 at martha.rodess@stgeorgesnashville.org.

Donations Needed for Buena Vista Elementary School St. George's is still working closely with Buena Vista Elementary School (BVES) to make sure that families are receiving adequate recovery resources for those impacted by the tornado and the Coronavirus. Please drop off non-perishable food donations for the Buena Vista community at the back of the Chapel (open 24 hours a day; enter through the side entrance) if you'd like to help. Email the Rev. David Barr with any questions at david.barr@stgeorgesnashville.org.

Donations Needed for Room in the Inn Room in the Inn is in need of men's socks and underwear in all sizes. Please drop your donations off at the back of the Chapel (open 24 hours a day; enter through the side entrance) if you'd like to help. Email the Rev. David Barr with any questions at david.barr@stgeorgesnashville.org.

Bible Reading Plan for May and June Available 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. For more information and a reading list, visit stgeorgesnashville.org/biblereadingplan.

St. George's Music Online Music provides a beautiful way to worship God. At St. George's, we do this through our Table Troubadours and choirs leading worship on Sundays as well as special musical offerings throughout the year. During this time of online worship, our Music Ministries have been very creative in how they are bringing this vital aspect of worship to you, our parishioners. To see and hear them in action, go to stgeorgesnashville.org/watch.

How to Use the *Book of Common Prayer* The Rev. David Barr leads this four part series of short videos on how to use the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP). The BCP is an ordered way of moving through the scriptures in prayer. It shows you how to become a Christian for the long haul. Tune in at stgeorgesnashville.org/watch.

Care + Connect 2.0 Is Launching! Our ongoing COVID-19 communications initiative is shifting into its next phase and dusting off the old tradition of writing notes. Contact Martha Rodes at martha.odes@stgeorgesnashville.org for more information or to volunteer.

Neighborhood Groups Forming We are forming Neighborhood Groups to help us stay connected to each other and within our neighborhoods. If you are interested in learning more about this initiative, please contact Martha Rodes at martha.odes@stgeorgesnashville.org.

Daily Noonday Prayers Join your clergy each day at noon (Monday through Friday) for noonday prayers. This 10-minute service is composed of scripture reading, prayers, and a short biblical reflection. Worship with us online at stgeorgesnashville.org/watch.

Stewardship in Times of Crisis St. George's is continuing to serve our parish and community even while we are not able to be together. We hope you will continue to honor your pledge so that the work of the church can continue through this crisis. Together we will remain a strong, vibrant community. Thank you. If you would like to make a pledge or gift to St. George's, you can do so anytime. Pledge online at stgeorgesnashville.org/give, via Realm, or you may contact Catherine Beemer, Director of Parish Giving, with your pledge information at catherine.beemer@stgeorgesnashville.org.

Resources for Children & Youth Please visit us online to learn more about new opportunities available for families with children and youth. We will continue to communicate with you and provide resources you can use at home.

Inreach Shepherd for May | Susalee Spruill, 615-385-2150 x 247

Next Sunday's Readings:

The Seventh Sunday of Easter | May 24, 2020

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11



CONSTRUCTION CORNER

Nave work is currently focused on improving acoustics and crews are hanging drywall. Demolition in the ground floor area adjacent to the kindergarten is almost complete and structural steel erection on the second floor above the kindergarten is well underway. Finally, the courtyard located between the Nave and the Gathering Space is being renovated. The existing pavers will be removed, leveled and reinstalled along with new landscaping.

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.



STAFF MINISTRY TEAM

The Rev. Dr. R. Leigh Spruill, Rector
The Rev. Colin Ambrose, Vice Rector
The Rev. David Barr, Assoc. Rector
The Rev. Margery Kennelly, Assoc. Rector
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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

WEEKDAY SERVICES (CHAPEL)

7:00am Monday – Saturday | Holy Eucharist
10:00am Wednesday | Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer



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