



Saint George's Episcopal Church
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 11, 2018
8:00 a.m.



HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance (Congregation Stands)

Penitential Order

Book of Common Prayer p.319

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

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

Celebrant: Seeing that we have a great high priest, that has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

Confession

Book of Common Prayer p.320

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Kyrie

Book of Common Prayer p.324

Celebrant: Lord have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

The First Lesson

Numbers 21:4-9

All are seated

Lector: A reading from the Book of Numbers.

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

BCP p. 606

Confitemini Domino

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.

They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.

He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 2:1-10

Lector: A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

John 3:14-21

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Shearon Sykes Williams

A brief period of silence

The Nicene Creed

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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.

Prayers of the People (Form II)

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I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Shannon, Susan, and Robert; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially _____.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died, especially _____.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Announcements (30 second limit per announcement)

Offertory Sentence

Improvisation

Presentation Hymn

My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with love doth o - ver - flow; be
Let not_ thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the world thy truth has run, till
all thy child - ren thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
with this Bread shall all_ be blessed who see the light or feel_ the sun.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer II)

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant continues: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God... Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues: All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption... By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*The Bread and Wine are distributed to the communicants. Communion may be received around the Altar platform. **Gluten-free wafers and chalice are available; please make your need known to the priest.** If you do not wish to receive communion, please come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing. Intercessory prayer is offered during the administration of communion in the small sacristy (room to the right of the baptismal font).*

Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant and People: **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.***

The Blessing

Hymn 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Herzlich tut mich erfreuen

Johannes Brahms

Today

- + **Nursery Care.** Infants and children up to age five are welcome in the church nursery. The nursery is open from 7:45 am - 12:15 pm. Crayons and paper are also available in the Buddy Baskets at the back of the Nave.
- + **Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00 am, Nave.**
- + **Sunday School, 9:30 am, upstairs classrooms.**
- + **Lenten Forum Series: What Can We Gain? 9:30 AM, Parish Hall.** *See below for more information.*
- + **Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30 am, Nave.**
- + **Coffee Hour following the 10:30 am service, Parish Hall**
- + **Contemplative Eucharist, 4:00 PM, Nave.**

The Week Ahead

Monday, March 12

Food Pantry, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM, Door #3.
HOST, 5:30 – 6:30 PM, Parish Hall.

Tuesday, March 13

Food Pantry, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM, Door #3.
HOST, 5:30 – 6:30 PM, Parish Hall.
Bell Choir, 6:00 PM, Nave.
Life, Community, and Faith Class, 7-9 PM, Rhodes Room.

Wednesday, March 14

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Noon, Nave.
Food Pantry, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM, Door #3.
Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, Room 114.

Thursday, March 15

Food Pantry, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM, Door #3.
Children's Choir, 6:30 PM, Music Room.
Families of Faith, 6:30 PM, Rhodes Room.
St George's Choir, 7:30 PM, Music Room and Nave.

Friday, March 16

Food Pantry, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM, Door #3
Sea Scout Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction, 5:30- 8:00 pm, Parish Hall. *See below for more information.*

Saturday, March 17

Rise Against Hunger Meal Preparations, Saint Peter's Episcopal Church, 8am to 1:00 pm. *See below for more details!*

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- + **Stewardship of Creation: Lenten Practices, Green Coffee Hour following the 10:30 am service.**
More info below!

St. George's is looking for new lectors. If you are interested in reading the lessons, please contact Toby Walter at 703-314-0168 or twalter8@aim.com.

Nominate an Outstanding Young Person- Top 10 Under 20. The *Virginia Episcopalian* is accepting nominations for its first "Top 10 Under 20" issue. The magazine seeks to feature young people who are making a difference in their congregation and/or community. Nominees must be under the age of 20 and live in the Diocese of Virginia. (College residency counts.) Anyone can nominate someone. (Kids can nominate kids.) To make a nomination, visit http://www.thediocese.net/Customer-Content/www/CMS/files/Christian_Formation/Top_10_Under_20_Nomination_Form.pdf. The deadline for nominations is March 15.

Aging Support Group, Information Session, Monday March 19, 7:00 PM, in the Saint George's Room.

Looking for advice, guidance and support as you assist or care for an aging loved one? Saint George's is starting a support and education group for caregivers of aging family or friends! Join Elena Keydel, geriatric social worker, on March 19th at 7pm in the Saint George's room for the first meeting. Questions? Contact Elena at keydelena@gmail.com.

St. George's EYC support for St. Mary Magdalene EYC in Coral Springs, Florida

On February 25th, St. George's EYC sent notes of support for their peers in the EYC group at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, as their peers grieved the passing of Carmen Schentrup, a 16-year-old student and a leader in the Episcopal youth group there in Coral Springs. Carmen Schentrup was one of the 17 individuals who lost their lives in the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Our hearts are with all those who have lost friends or loved ones in the tragedy there.

Rise Against Hunger- Lenten Opportunity for Helping Others – Rise Against Hunger presents a two-pronged approach for Saint George's Parishioners along with the other Region III Episcopal churches to help those in need of food:

- donate dollars (even coins) on the Sundays before March 17 in the Donation Jar after the two services
- and/or volunteer to assist on Saturday, March 17 at Saint Peter's Episcopal Church in packing meals for people in developing countries. There is an 8:00-9:00 block that requires 10 or so individuals to load-in. Each block (9:00-10:00 / 10:00-11:00 / 11:00-noon) will require 80 people to be on-hand. People can spend time in more than one block. There is a final block from 12:00-1:00 that will again require 10 or so to help with the load-out. This is a fun, high energy event for all ages! Additional details will be available from the volunteer in the Parish Hall after Services to enable you to sign up to help with food packing and/or make your donation. Contact edmottii@gmail.com.

Sunday School Service Project for the Food Pantry

The Sunday school children are sponsoring a service project for the Food Pantry. Throughout the Lenten Season (February 14-March 29), we will collect toothpaste, toothbrushes, adult-size socks, bars of soap, and bottled water. These items are of greatest need in the Food Pantry. Donations can be given to any Sunday school teacher, or placed in the donation box in the narthex. Additionally, during the Offertory portion of the 10:30 service, Sunday School students of any age are invited to bring an item forward to place in the basket in front of the Altar, as a symbolic complement to the Sunday School service project for the Food Pantry. Thanks for your support!

Lenten Forum Series: What Can We Gain? February, 18, 25 and March 11, 18, 25 9:30 - 10:15 a.m., Parish Hall and 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., Rhodes Room (20s and 30s). We usually think of Lent as a 40-day period of time when we give something up. But Lent is not just a time of fasting or self-denial; it is a time of reflection and self-examination. Join us during Lent as we explore the discipline of Christian meditation practices and how they can help us discover the depths of our spirituality for not just the season of Lent but the whole of our Christian lives. We will explore and practice meditation techniques, centering prayer, reading icons, and lectio divina. Questions? Contact Daniel Johnson at djohnson2@vts.edu.

Samaritan Ministry Next Step Breakfast, March 15, 7:30 am to 9:00 am, National Press Club. Annually a group of St. George's parishioners attend the Next Step Breakfast at the National Press Club which recognizes the work and mission of Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington. This year's breakfast is on March 15 from 7:30 am – 9:00 am. Click here for more information. The breakfast is complimentary but you will be invited to make a treasure commitment. This year's emcee is Kojo Nnamdi from The Kojo Nnamdi Show and the Politics Hour. If you're interested in joining St. George's table please contact Ed Mott (edmotti@gmail.com) or Montserrat Miller (Montserrat.miller@agg.com).

Families of Faith—Responsibility, Thursday, March 15 at 6:30pm, Rhodes Room.

How can students be empowered by responsibility, and keep from being overwhelmed by it? What do we want our youth to know about responsibility? All parents and others acting in a caregiving role for children or youth are invited to gather in the Rhodes Room from 6:30-7pm on Thursday March 15th for an lively discussion. Please talk to Rev. John with any questions.

Sea Scout Ship 1942 cordially invites you to its Gourmet Pasta Dinner Fundraiser!

WHEN: Friday, March 16, 2018, 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

WHERE: St George's Episcopal Church

915 N. Oakland Street, Arlington, VA 22203

DETAILS: A gourmet pasta dinner prepared by Chef Pasquale Esposito from Café Oggi and a silent auction that will run throughout the evening

COST: \$25 per adult (13 and older); \$10 per child (6-12 years old); free (5 years old or younger)

QUESTIONS: Contact Mike Taylor at: mlftaylor@att.net or (703) 867-7472

Silent Auction Items include . . .

• Half Day Sailing on the Bay and Patuxent River • Dinner for Two at McLean's Café Oggi • Gift Baskets of Italian Wine and Goodies • Weekend at Bethany Beach House • Sailboat / Ship Models • Navigational Instruments • Half Day Home Repair / Yard Cleanup • Bird Houses • Canon Rebel T6i Camera with Lens and Accessories • and more!

Stewardship of Creation: Lenten Practices, Green Coffee Hour on March 18th following the 10:30 am service.

We began the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday by repenting "our waste and pollution of (God's) creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us." (BCP p.268). This year, the Church of England is offering a thought-provoking way to live into that repentance in its Lent Plastic challenge: <http://www.churchcare.co.uk/images/Plastic-Free-Lent.pdf>

In addition, following a successful January event, our second St. George's Green Coffee Hour is slated for March 18. Contact Kristine Montamat (k.montamat@gmail.com) or Jill Nusbaum (jennusbaum@aol.com) for more information or to help.

Holy Hour: Evensong & Happy Hour returns this Tuesday, March 20 at 6:00pm. Holy Hour combines the beauty and holiness of the Choral Evensong, with the fellowship and conversation of a happy/social hour. Its a time for you to experience God's beauty, pray, connect, rest, and recharge during the week. Holy Hour is offered the third Tuesday of each month. Invite your friends!

March for our Lives, Saturday, March 24th, Meet at Saint George's at 9:30 a.m. We will meet in the nave for a 15 minute prayer and then take Metro to the demonstration that begins at 12:00 Noon. Please join me as we support this non-partisan demonstration organized by the students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida to advocate for the end of gun violence. Bring a lunch. The march will take place along Pennsylvania Avenue NW, between 3rd NW and 12th NW. The Rev. Shearon Sykes Williams, Rector

NOVA Friends of Refugees (a grassroots coalition born out of St. George's Refugee Ministry) will co-host the One Journey Festival together with the National Cathedral on Saturday, June 2, 2018 on the the Cathedral's front lawn. The all-day Festival celebrates the talents, stories and contributions of refugees and the resilience of the human spirit through the shared languages of humanity: food, art and music. Celebrities, including Jose Andres and Ger Duany, will showcase refugee accomplishments. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up [here](http://www.onejourneyfestival.com) (visit www.onejourneyfestival.com) or contact Wendy Chan (wendy.chan.wg08@wharton.upenn.edu). We can use all kinds of talents: event planning and production, fundraising, marketing/ communications, logistics, or simply anyone with a desire to help. Join us for a cocktail reception benefit event on Friday, March 23 from 7-9 P.M. at the Warner Building, 1299 Pennsylvania Ave. NW to support the One Journey Festival. The event features prominent speakers such as Ambassador of Jordan, the CEO of Hult Prize (a DC-based mega entrepreneur and CEO of the Falafel Inc.) and a refugee and girls education advocate. Tickets can be purchased here (<https://1journey.eventbrite.com>). This is a wonderful way to support the festival and be part of this movement.

Register for Shrine Mont!!!

Shrine Mont online registration is open! Be sure and register on Saint George's website (on the homepage banner) before April 1st. Reserve your spot today for our parish retreat April 20-22nd! Registration is online this year. Questions or concerns? Contact Elena Keydel at keydelena@gmail.com

A few Shrinemont thoughts from Anna C. Alt-White. I'm looking forward to my fourth Shrinemont retreat! What I treasure is the continuum and contrast of the activities. Family style meals and the Saturday evening social are noisy, boisterous and fun. The morning and noonday prayers, compline and Sunday service provide community reflection and centering. Sitting alone on a porch or walking around the grounds show evidence of the glory of God in nature. These activities recharge and renew my spirit, fill me with joy and feel blessed to be a member of the Saint George's community.

Grace-on-the-Hill Accepting Application. Grace-on-the-Hill is a ministry of St. Andrew's Church, Richmond, in partnership with the Diocese of Virginia that invites young adults in their twenties to engage their Christian faith through a 10 month period of service, vocational discernment, and leadership formation. To register, visit: <https://esc.hiretouch.com/>



THE LITURGICAL DRAMA OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Saint George's Episcopal Church, 2018

March 25, Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. The Palm Sunday liturgy is built around paradox. We begin outside in the courtyard with the Liturgy of the Palms. We hear the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the people waving leafy branches and shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" After the palms are blessed, we process into the church singing "All Glory Laud and Honor." Once inside, the tone of the service shifts abruptly as we sing "Ride on, Ride On in majesty." We move from joy to sorrow. The Passion Gospel is read in parts with the congregation taking the part of the crowd, saying "Crucify him! Crucify him!" This is a powerful experience and speaks of the vicissitudes of human nature and God's great love for us.

March 29, Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m. During the Maundy Thursday liturgy, we celebrate Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples before his betrayal and crucifixion. Maundy comes from the Latin *mandatum* and refers to the new commandment that Jesus gave his disciples to love one another. There are two special focal points for this service, the foot washing and the institution of the Eucharist. After the sermon, those who wish to participate are invited to come forward to have their feet washed and to wash one other person's feet. We do this to commemorate Jesus' symbolic action of washing his disciple's feet in anticipation of his death. He tells them "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." As we celebrate the Eucharist on Maundy Thursday, we become aware that we carry on the tradition that Jesus himself instituted on the night before his death. The Holy Eucharist is at the very heart of our life in Christian community. After the Eucharist, we strip the altar in preparation for the starkness of Good Friday. This reminds us that Jesus' body was stripped before he was crucified. A member of the choir will chant Psalm 22, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" while this is being done. We depart in silence and deep contemplation. Note: The church will remain open for prayer for one hour after the service has concluded.

March 30, Good Friday, Noon and 7:30 p.m. We enter a very stark church on Good Friday as we prepare to commemorate Jesus' crucifixion. The Good Friday liturgy helps us to reenter that moment in history and reflect on the brokenness of the world. The procession is silent. The Passion Gospel will be sung in parts by three cantors, taking the parts of Jesus, Pilate and others. Special prayers are offered that are specific to Good Friday. Confessing our sins takes on a particular poignancy on this darkest of days in the church year. There is no celebration of the Eucharist on Good Friday, but we receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood that was consecrated on Maundy Thursday. Receiving the bread and wine reminds us that even on Good Friday, Christ is still present to us. Jesus died once and his Resurrected Presence is with us now and forever more.

March 31, The Great Vigil of Easter, 7:30 p.m. The night before Easter is the Christian Passover. We commemorate Jesus passing from death into new life. We begin in the courtyard and light a fire against the darkness of the night. From the fire, we light the Paschal candle, the big candle that represents Christ as the Light of the world. We then light our individual candles from the Paschal candle and process into a darkened church that has been adorned for Easter. The Paschal candle is placed beside the baptismal font and we gather around to hear the cantor sing a beautiful, ancient piece called the Exsultet that expresses the mystery and majesty of this most holy night. Then, we are all seated and hear the story of salvation history, readings from the Old Testament, interspersed with especially lovely music. Then, we proclaim, "Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!" All of the lights are lit and we ring bells, sing an Easter hymn, and hear the Epistle and Gospel reading. Then we celebrate the Eucharist with special joy and fervor, giving thanks for all that Christ has done and is doing for us and through us. (Note: In the early church, this was THE night for baptism.) We conclude by "breaking our Lenten fast" with a sparkling cider, champagne and chocolate reception.

April 1, The Day of the Resurrection: Easter Day, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. NOTE THE SPECIAL SERVICE TIMES. Choirs and Brass at Both Services. We continue the Easter celebration that was begun at the Vigil the night before. We have a joy-filled liturgy and give thanks for Jesus' triumph over death and the new life that he shares with us. Children can process and fill a cross with flowers. There will also be an Easter egg hunt in between the services at 10:30 a.m. and a special festive coffee hour hosted by the vestry after both services. It will be wonderful to share our Nave with family, friends and neighbors! Note: Easter is a season that just begins on the Day of the Resurrection. The Easter season is called the Great Fifty Days. The Great Fifty Days culminate with the Day of Pentecost (the coming of the Holy Spirit) on Sunday, May 20, 2018.



Diocese of Virginia to Elect Bishop Suffragan in November 2018

A Search Committee has been appointed by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Virginia, and it is hard at work. A number of listening sessions were held around the Diocese and a survey has been distributed, in order to learn what the people of the Diocese are thinking. A profile will be published soon and, beginning on April 2, applications will begin being received. As we undertake this process, it is important to highlight what Bishops are called to do.

It is the ministry of all Christians to represent Christ and his Church. Within the Church, lay and ordained believers are called to different aspects of this shared ministry. "The ministry of a Bishop is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as apostle, chief priest, and pastor of a diocese; to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the whole Church; to proclaim the Word of God; to act in Christ's name for the reconciliation of the world and the building up of the Church; and to ordain others to continue Christ's ministry." (Outline of Faith in the Book of Common Prayer, page 855)

In the service of ordination, the Bishop-elect is told, "Your heritage is the faith of patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and those of every generation who have looked to God in hope. Your joy will be to follow him who came, not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." Those who have been elected to the office of Bishop commit themselves to this ministry by publicly making a series of powerful vows (See pages 517-518 in the Book of Common Prayer.)

It is clear that the ministry of Bishop is an important one for the Church, and has been from apostolic times. All Bishops share in this ministry and the ordination service itself highlights the collegial nature of this ministry. At the same time, it is important to note that there are several functional differences between a Bishop Diocesan and a Bishop Suffragan.

There are a number of canonically mandated responsibilities that are designated for the Bishop Diocesan and cannot be delegated. Also, the Bishop Diocesan sets the vision for the Diocese, while a Bishop Suffragan assists in the implementation of that vision and undertakes work specifically designated to him or her by the Bishop Diocesan. Being a Suffragan is a bit like "leading from the second chair," to quote the title of a popular book. The Episcopal Church has 111 dioceses, and there are currently only nine Bishops Suffragan overall.

The new Bishop Suffragan in Virginia will share in the depth and breadth of episcopal ministry and will provide specific leadership for the pastoral care of clergy and their families, support and development of campus ministries, and ecumenical and interfaith relationships. Working primarily out of the Northern Virginia office, the second Suffragan will serve as the "first responder" for clergy and congregations in that region, and will also support episcopal ministry throughout the Diocese.

You can read more about the search on the diocesan website. Go to "thediocese.net," and on the left hand side of the home page, scroll down and select "Bishop Suffragan Search."

You can e-mail the search committee at bpsuffsearch@thediocese.net

Do you know someone who would make a great Bishop Suffragan? Please be in touch with them, tell them to visit our website and make an application. Applications will be accepted beginning on April 2.

FOR CHRIST. FOR THIS TIME. FOR ALL TIME.



Prayer List

To make or renew a prayer request, please contact the parish office at 703.525.8286 or info@saintgeorgeschurch.org

Flower donations will resume after Easter. To donate flowers, please visit our homepage, click on the “connect” tab, and select “flower guild”. You can also contact the office at info@saintgeorgeschurch.org or 703-525-8286. Suggested \$40 donation.

We pray for:	Submitted by:	Relationship
Rev. Loren Mead	Ed and Priscilla Mott	Friend
Jim Mott	Ed and Priscilla Mott	Son
Neville & Lorraine Fleurs	Loretta Goodwin	Parents
Valentine Nefdt	Loretta Goodwin	Friend
Paula Steward	Mary Yuhas	Brothers fiancée
Robert Brown	Sarah Brown	Father
Micah Musser	Eric Goldman	Family friend
Roy and Nancy Lewis	Anna Alt-White	Friends
John Muehlke	The Reverend John Bolin Shellito	Parishioner’s father
Hopkins Family	Kathie Panfil	Family
Panfil Family	Kathie Panfil	Family
Sarah Fitzgerald	Ken Grundborg	Friend
Debbie Cohen	Ken Grundborg	Friend
Ken Gongaware	Robbie Williams	Friend
Keydel Family	The Rev. Shearon Sykes Williams	Parishioners
Lucy Denny	The Rev. Shearon Sykes Williams	Parishioner
Al Clark	Katie Wells	Grandfather
Pam Hall and family	Loretta Goodwin	Friends
Beth Olson	The Rev. John B. Shellito	Parishioner’s family friend
Erin	Ellen Harpel	Cousin
Zach	Ellen Harpel	Friend
Dan Rhodes	Melissa Maynard	Uncle
Otto Family	Allison Otto	Family
Kenneth Knowles	Ken Grundborg	Friend
John Churchman	The Rev. Shearon Sykes Williams	Parishioner

For the departed we pray for: Helen Tryon, aunt of Seton Droppers; the victims of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida; Elizabeth Vitez Walter, grandmother of Toby Walter; Joe Otto, Uncle of Allison Otto;

Thanksgiving for the Birth of: Josephine and Genevieve Wolbert, parents Melissa Maynard and Paul Wolbert; Rosemarie Athena Lenz Price, parents Ericka Lenz and Brennan Price.

For those deployed overseas: **We pray for:** Shelton Haynie **Submitted by:** Brian Glenn **Relationship:** Friend

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of England The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury

In the Diocese of Virginia Cycle of Prayer: Saint Peter’s, Richmond;

In the Region 3 (Arlington Episcopal) Cycle of Prayer: We pray for all clergy and laity; especially at Saint Michael’s.

In St. George’s Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Buildings and Grounds Committee and all who are homeless and hungry in our community.

This week’s birthdays: Elizabeth Crockett (3/12), Lauren Goldman (3/14), Carolyn Grahn (3/14), Julia Carey (3/15), Larry Carnahan (3/16), Iris Deahl (3/16), Connie McAdam (3/16);

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