

# SAINT GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ASTORIA



The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
Saint George's Day  
April 28, 2024 10am

Welcome to Saint George's Church. This bulletin contains everything you need to fully participate in the liturgy, but please don't hesitate to ask for assistance.

*The sanctuary light, hosts, and wine are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the birthday of Emrick Snaggs.*

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**PRELUDE**

*Arioso from Cantata No. 156*

J.S. Bach

*All stand at the sound of the bell.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *By all your saints still striving* (H 232)

1 By all your saints still striving,  
for all your saints at rest,  
your holy Name, O Jesus,  
for evermore be blessed.  
You rose, our King victorious,  
that they might wear the crown  
and ever shine in splendor  
reflected from your throne.

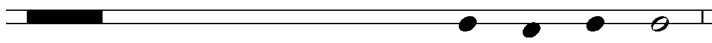
2 Praise, the, Saint George, our Patron,  
who is our help and guide,  
For conscience sake, a Martyr;  
for love of Christ he died.  
Unto Christ's throne of splendor,  
we pray thee intercede

for us and for the faithful, who ever stand  
in need.

3 Then let us praise the Father  
And worship God the Son  
And sing to God the Spirit,  
Eternal Three in One,  
Till all the ransomed number  
Who stand before the throne,  
Ascribe all power and glory  
And praise to God alone.

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant*  
  
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

*People*  
  
The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (S280)

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*Celebrant*                    The Lord be with you.  
*People*                        **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*                    Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose cross did seal your servant George: Grant that we, strengthened by his example and prayers, may triumph to the end over all evils, to the glory of your Name; for with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Revelation 12:7-12

*The People are seated.*

A reading from the book of Revelation.

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, ‘Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of

our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 3** *Domine, quid multiplicati* (metrical setting)

*The People remain seated.*

1 O LORD, how my foes have increased!  
How many rise up against me!  
They say, “There is no help in God,  
There’s no deliv’rance for his plea.”

3 And as for me, I lie and sleep;  
I wake, the LORD is always near.  
Though thousands come against my life,  
I will not be afraid or fear.

2 But You, LORD, are my strength and  
shield,  
My glory, who my head lifts still.  
Unto the LORD I cry aloud;  
He answers from His holy hill.

4 Arise, O LORD, and save me, God!  
Strike all my foes upon the jaw.  
Deliv’rance comes from God the LORD,  
May You bless all who on You call

**SECOND READING:** 2 Timothy 2.3-13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier’s aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *Blesséd feasts of blesséd martyrs* (H 238)

<p>1 Blesséd feasts of blesséd martyrs,     holy women, holy men,     with affection's recollections     greet we your return again. Worthy deeds they wrought, and wonders,     worthy of the Name they bore; we, with meetest praise and sweetest,     honor them for evermore.</p> <p>2 Faith prevailing, hope unfailing,     loving Christ with single heart, thus they, glorious and victorious,     bravely bore the martyr's part,     by contempt of every anguish,</p>	<p>    by unyielding battle done; victors at the last, they triumph,     with the host of angels one.</p> <p>3 Therefore, ye that reign in glory, fellow-heirs with Christ on high,     join to ours your supplication when before him we draw nigh, praying that, this life completed,     all its fleeting moments past, by his grace we may be worthy     of eternal bliss at last.</p>
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**ALLELUIA TRACT** *Celtic Alleluias* (MHSO 20)  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Cantor, then Congregation*

**THE GOSPEL:** John 15:18-21

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

‘If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, “Servants are not greater than their master.” If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

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

Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life.  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, George our patron, and of all your Saints,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

*After a brief silence, the Celebrant concludes with the following Doxology*

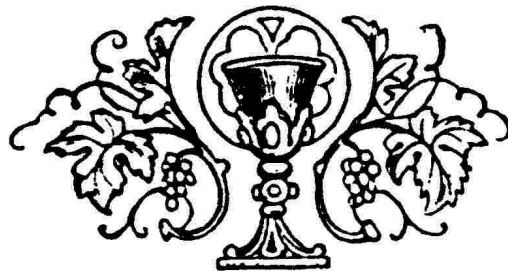
	Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;
<i>People</i>	<b>For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;
<i>People</i>	<b>And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.</b>

## THE PEACE

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS





## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY HYMN *Leader now on earth no longer*

1. Leader now on earth no longer,  
soldier of th' eternal king,  
victor in the fight for heaven,  
we thy loving praises sing.

*Refrain* Great Saint George, our patron,  
help us, in the conflict be thou nigh;  
help us in that daily battle,  
where each one must win or die.

2 Who, when earthly war was over,  
fought, but not for earth's renown;  
fought, and won a nobler glory,  
won the martyr's purple crown.

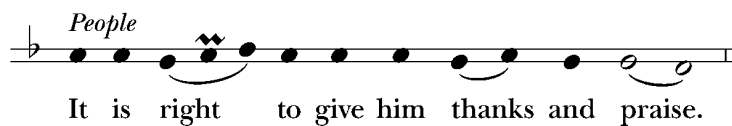
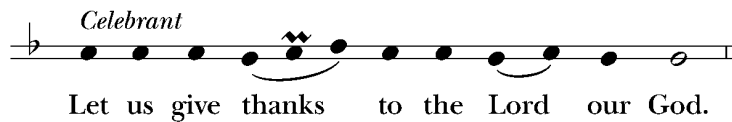
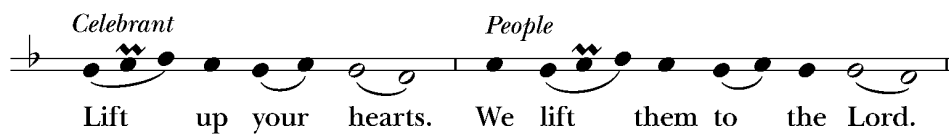
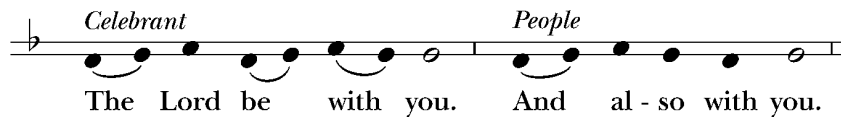
3 Help us when temptation presses,

we have still our crown to win,  
help us when our soul is weary  
fighting with the powers of sin.

4 Clothe us in thy shining armor,  
place thy good sword in our hand;  
teach us how to wield it, fighting  
onward t'wards the heavenly land.

5 Onward, till, our striving over,  
on life's battlefield we fall,  
resting then, but never ready,  
waiting for the angel's call.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

**SANCTUS** *Holy, holy, holy* (S125)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

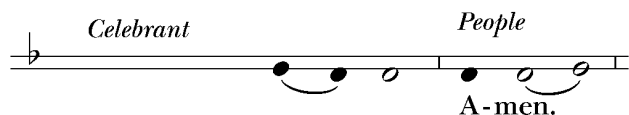
Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Saint George and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*Celebrant and People*

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**FRACTION ANTHEM** *Pascha nostrum* (WLP 880)

God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;  
forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**

**COMMUNION HYMN** *O day of peace that dimly shines* (H 597)

1 O day of peace that dimly shines  
through all our hopes and prayers and  
dreams,  
guide us to justice, truth, and love,  
delivered from our selfish schemes.  
May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
our hearts from envy find release,  
till by God's grace our warring world  
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,  
nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,  
a little child shall lead them all.  
Then enemies shall learn to love,  
all creatures find their true accord;  
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,  
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*The Priest may bless the people.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *Ye watchers and ye holy ones* (H 618)

1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 O higher than the cherubim,  
more glorious than the seraphim,  
lead their praises, Alleluia!  
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
all saints triumphant, raise the song,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!


**DISMISSAL**

*Deacon*



Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*People*



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Finale*

Thomas Bliss

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## WELCOME TO SAINT GEORGE'S CHURCH

We are grateful for the presence of visitors and guests among us. Please introduce yourself to someone, and join us for Coffee Hour in the Community Room immediately following the service.

**Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on **Sundays at 10am**.

**Morning Prayer** is said in the church on **Sundays at 8:30am** and on **Wednesdays at 10am** via Zoom (email the parish office for link).

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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jerry Baptiste, Leejay Butler, Addie and Kevari Hudson, Andrea Johnson, the Martin Family, Lena Perry, Marsha Rhodes, Dennis Lee Warner, Barbara Yelverton

*(The Prayer List is updated at the beginning of each month. To add or remove a name, please email the parish office.)*

### Parish News and Announcements:

\* **Happy Saint George's Day!** We are blessed to celebrate our feast of title this morning, which is transferred from its proper date of April 23.

\* **Eastertide Adult Forum:** Join us at our new Adult Forum time of **9am on Sundays** as Fr. Spencer leads study of the text *What Is The Bible?* by pastor, author, and speaker Rob Bell. This five-week study series runs from **April 28 through May 26**. A limited number of books are available for purchase from the parish office. The audiobook read by the author is also available on Audible.

\* **Vigil Mass for Bike Tour 2024:** In order to accommodate for traffic difficulties related to the Five Boro Bike Tour, those who wish are invited to gather for a Vigil service of Holy Eucharist with hymns and organ on **Saturday, May 4 at 7pm**. This may serve as the Sunday service for those who are unable to attend at the regular Sunday time. Holy Eucharist will still be offered for those able to attend on Sunday, May 5 at 10am.

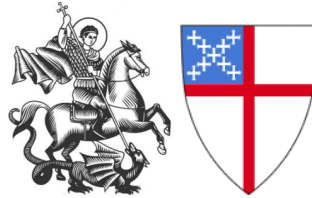
\* **Sacred Sites Open House:** On **Saturday, May 18 from 11-2pm**, the church will be open to receive visitors touring sacred sites throughout the city. Tours will be offered of the church building and graveyard, as will organ demonstrations. Tell your friends! Visit <https://nylandmarks.org/sacred-sites-open-house/> to learn more.

\* **Wednesday Morning Prayer:** Would you like to be a part of the group that receives weekly email reminders on Wednesdays for Morning Prayer via Zoom? Sign up on the sheet on the Usher's desk

or send us an email at the parish office (stgeorge.astoria@gmail.com) to be included in our mailing list.

**\* Episcopal Ministries of Long Island (EMLI) Annual Appeal 2024:** You're invited to join with Episcopal Ministries of Long Island to bring the love of Christ "from the pew to the public square" by investing in parish-based ministries right now during their Annual Appeal. In the past year, parish-based ministries have served over 115 thousand meals, volunteered for nearly 20 thousand hours, and reached 25 thousand neighbors in need with financial support from Episcopal Ministries. During this appeal, you can play a vital role in equipping this network of ministries to serve even more of our siblings in Christ in the coming year by making a gift before May 21st. Your gift right now helps to ensure that parishes in our diocese can respond with compassion to the needs of their neighbors. Your support transforms parishes, transforms lives, and transforms our diocese into the Body of Christ across Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk. Please, make your gift today at [episcopalministries.org/donate](https://episcopalministries.org/donate). Thank you for your generosity.

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