

SAINT GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ASTORIA



The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 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 all our blessings.

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PRELUDE

Variants on *Now the Green Blade Riseth*

Robert Lau

All stand at the sound of the bell.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *O Jesus, crowned with all renown* (H 292)

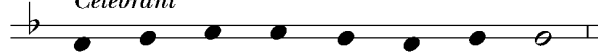
1 O Jesus, crowned with all renown,
since thou the earth hast trod,
thou reignest and by thee come down
henceforth the gifts of God.
Thine is the health and thine the wealth
that in our halls abound,
and thine the beauty and the joy
with which the years are crowned.

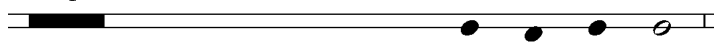
2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat,
and winds and dews be given;
all fostering power, all influence sweet,
breathe from the bounteous heaven.
Attemper fair with gentle air

the sunshine and the rain,
that kindly earth with timely birth
may yield her fruits again:

3 that we may feed the poor aright,
and, gathering round thy throne,
here, in the holy angels' sight,
repay thee of thine own:
That we may praise thee all our days,
and with the Father's Name,
and with the Holy Spirit's gifts,
the Savior's love proclaim.

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.

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.**

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

The People are seated.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for

baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98 *Cantate Domino* (metrical setting)

The People remain seated.

1 Sing to the Lord new songs, proclaim
 The marvels he has done
 With his right hand and holy arm,
 The triumph he has won.

2 He has made known his righteousness
 For all the world to see;
 Israel has known his faithfulness,
 The earth his victory.

3 All nations, shout with joy to God,
 Lift up your voice and sing;
 Sing to the Lord now with the harp,

Let harp and voices ring.

4 With trumpets and the sound of horns
 Rejoice before the Lord;
 From all who dwell on land and sea
 Let praises be outpoured.

5 Let hills ring out with joy to God
 Let rivers clap their hands;
 In righteousness shall all be judged,
 In equity all lands.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *As those of old their first fruits brought* (H 705)

1 As those of old their first fruits brought
of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield;
so we today our first fruits bring,
the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind, and heart, and hand.

2 A world in need now summons us
to labor, love, and give;
to make our life an offering
to God that all may live;
the Church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:

a world redeemed by Christ-like love;
all life in Christ made new.

3 With gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best to thee
to serve thy cause and share thy love
with all humanity.

O thou who gavest us thyself
in Jesus Christ thy Son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

ALLELUIA TRACT *Celtic Alleluias* (MHSO 20)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Cantor, then Congregation*

THE GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Spencer D. Cantrell

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation; **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, our bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers; **For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

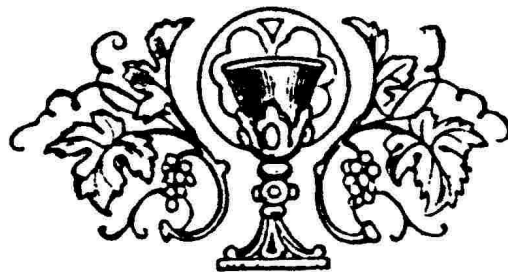
THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN *Lord, we have come at your own invitation* (H 348)

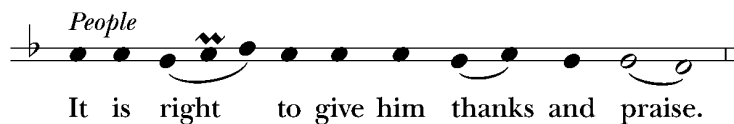
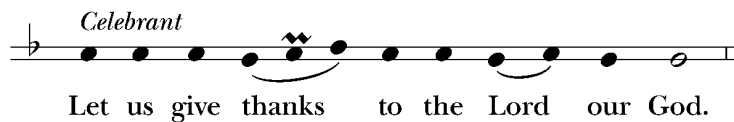
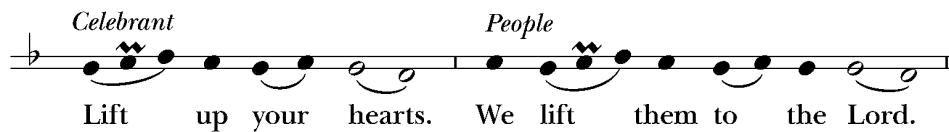
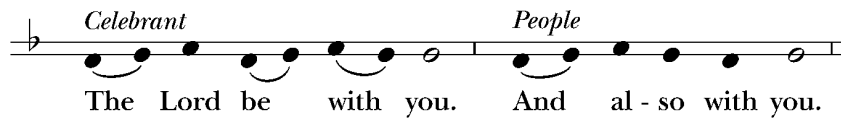
1 Lord, we have come at your own
invitation,
chosen by you, to be counted as friends:
yours is the strength that sustains our
vocation,
ours a commitment we know never ends.

2 Here, at your table, confirm our
intention
ever to cherish the gifts you provide;
teach us to serve without pride or
pretension,
led by your Spirit, defender and guide.

3 When, at your table, each time of
returning,
vows are renewed, and our courage
restored:
may we increasingly glory in learning
all that it means to accept you as Lord.

4 So, in the world where each duty
assigned us
gives us the chance to create or destroy,
help us to make those decisions that bind
us,
Lord, to yourself, in obedience and joy.

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.

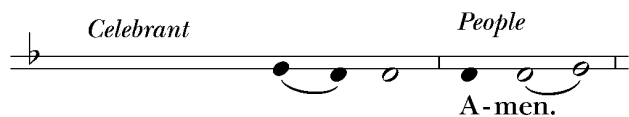
Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

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 *I sing the almighty power of God* (H 398)

1 I sing the almighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command,
and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord,
that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,

if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below,
but makes thy glories known;
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that I could be,
thou, God, art present there.

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 *Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise* (H 208)

1 Alleluia, alleluia!
Hearts and voices heavenward raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross a victim,
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

2 Now the iron bars are broken,
Christ from death to life is born,
glorious life, and life immortal,
on his resurrection morn.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer
by his mighty enterprise:
we with him to life eternal
by his resurrection rise.


3 Christ is risen, Christ, the first-fruits

of the holy harvest-field,
which with all its full abundance
at his second coming yield:
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine
from the furrows of the grave.

4 Christ is risen, we are risen!
Shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain and dew and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that, with hearts in heaven dwelling,
we on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.


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.

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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, Kirk Gardner, Andrea Johnson, the Martin Family, Alyssa Kate Ogawa, Lena Perry, Marsha Rhodes, Martha Sewell, "Walking Buddy Ministry", Dennis Lee Warner, Pamela Windham, 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:

* **Ascension Day:** This **Thursday, May 9 at 7pm**, we will observe Ascension Day with Holy Eucharist (hymns and organ). All are welcome!

* **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 books is also available on Amazon and the audiobook read by the author is on Audible.

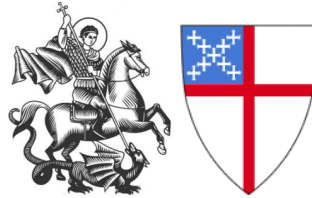
* **Sacred Sites Open House:** On **Saturday, May 18 from 11-2pm**, the church will be open to receive visitors touring sacred sites throughout the city. Tours will be offered of the church building and graveyard, as will organ demonstrations. Tell your friends! Visit <https://nylandmarks.org/sacred-sites-open-house/>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

* **Walking Buddy Ministry:** Are you trying to get more steps in? Members of Saint George's are organizing a "Walking Buddy Ministry" as the weather improves this spring. Please speak to Rosemarie Gallinari for more information.

* **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. Thank you for your generosity.

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