

# SAINT GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ASTORIA



Service of Ante-Communion  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 18  
September 8, 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.

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PRELUDE

Canon in D

J. Pachelbel

*All stand at the sound of the bell.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *On this day, the first of days* (H 47)

1 On this day, the first of days,  
God the Father's Name we praise,  
who, creation's Lord and spring,  
did the world from darkness bring.

2 On this day the eternal Son  
over death his triumph won;  
on this day the Spirit came  
with his gifts of living flame.

3 Maker, who didst fashion me  
image of thyself to be,  
fill me with thy love divine,  
let my every thought be thine.

4 Holy Jesus, may I be  
dead and buried here with thee;  
and, by love inflamed, arise  
unto thee a sacrifice.

5 Thou, who dost all gifts impart,  
shine, blest Spirit, in my heart;  
best of gifts, thyself bestow;  
make me burn thy love to know.

6 God, the blessed Three in One,  
dwell within my heart alone;  
thou dost give thyself to me:  
help me give myself to thee.

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant*  
  
Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

*People*  
  
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (S277)**

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.**

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

*The People are seated.*

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 125** *Qui confidunt*

*Said responsively by whole verse*

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

2 **The hills stand about Jerusalem; \***  
**so does the Lord stand round about his people,**  
**from this time forth for evermore.**

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 **Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good \***  
**and to those who are true of heart.**

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
but peace be upon Israel.

**SECOND READING:** James 2:1-10, 14-17

A reading from the letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take

notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *When Christ was lifted from the earth* (H 603)

1 When Christ was lifted from the earth,  
his arms stretched out above  
through every culture, every birth,  
to draw an answering love.

2 Still east and west his love extends  
and always, near or far,  
he calls and claims us as his friends  
and loves us as we are.

3 Where generation, class, or race  
divide us to our shame,  
he sees not labels but a face,  
a person, and a name.

4 Thus freely loved, though fully known,  
may I in Christ be free  
to welcome and accept his own  
as Christ accepted me.

**THE GOSPEL:** Mark 7:24-37

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

*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed

down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

## THE SERMON

Mr. James Olszewski

## 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; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; 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, remembering especially all those who are sick and recovering from illness.

*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.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*All kneel or stand. Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, **most merciful Father;**  
**in your compassion forgive us our sins,**  
**known and unknown,**  
**things done and left undone;**  
**and so uphold us by your Spirit**  
**that we may live and serve you in newness of life,**  
**to the honor and glory of your Name;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with a suitable 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**



OFFERTORY HYMN *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* (H 423)

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient  
of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we  
praise.

2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in  
might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring  
above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of  
goodness and love.

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and  
small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the  
tree,  
then wither and perish; but nought  
changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in  
light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their  
sight;  
All laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

*The service concludes with the Lord's Prayer and the Grace.*

*The People stand.*

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.

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Celebrant*     The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
*People*         **Amen.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *Give praise and glory unto God* (H 375)

1 Give praise and glory unto God,  
the Father of all blessing;  
his mighty wonders tell abroad,  
his graciousness confessing.  
With balm my inmost heart he fills,  
his comfort all my anguish stills.  
To God be praise and glory.  
2 The host of heaven praiseth thee,  
O Lord of all dominions;  
and mortals then, on land and sea,  
beneath thy shadowing pinions,  
exult in thy creative might

that doeth all things well and right.  
To God be praise and glory.  
3 What God hath wrought to show his  
power  
he evermore sustaineth;  
he watches o'er us every hour,  
his mercy never waneth.  
Through all his kingdom's wide domain,  
his righteousness and justice reign.  
To God be praise and glory.

**POSTLUDE**

*Voluntary in C*

John Zundel

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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 immediately following the service.

**Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on **Sundays at 10am.**  
**Morning Prayer** is said in the church on **Sundays at 9am.**  
Morning Prayer on Wednesdays is on hiatus for the summer.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Edward Alex†, Barbara Bains, Jerry Baptize, Symonne Coombs, Yvonne Coombs, Diane Cottrell†, Teriann E., Kirk Gardner, Nancy Ghee, Theresa Garren†, Sydney Kornegay, The Martin Family, Carolyn Morris, Theresa Oliver, Rev. Olabanji Onamuti, MaryLou Perhacs, Carrol Pottinger, Marsha Rhodes, Josiah Sterling, Lavert Stuart†, Max Thorn, Pedrin Montesdeoca Torres, The Walking Buddy Ministry, Vernie Ward†, Alba Weinrich, Jordan Wesley

*(The Prayer List is now updated quarterly. To add or remove a name, simply write them on the form on the usher's desk or email the parish office.)*

**Parish News and Announcements:**

\* **Lay Liturgical Ministries Training:** Calling all new and longtime LEMs and Acolytes – on **Sunday, September 15** immediately following the 10am service, we will hold a training for all those interested in serving in these liturgical capacities in the coming year. Please make every effort to join us!

\* **New Seminarian:** We are blessed to welcome **Jordan Wesley** to our ministry team beginning on **Sunday, September 15**. Jordan is a Master of Divinity student at General Theological Seminary in Manhattan and a resident of Astoria. She will serve as our Seminarian Intern throughout the coming academic year. Please plan to come and give her a warm welcome!

\* **Community Choir:** Have you been a singer in the past at Saint George's or would like to try? Please speak to organist Karen Olszewski to learn more about choir singing beginning in the fall.

\* **Kickoff Sunday:** A new program year is just around the corner at Saint George's! Join us on **Sunday, September 22** for a festive **Holy Eucharist with Baptism** as we kick off Program Year 2024-25.

\* **Our Regular Worship Schedule** resumes from **September 22**, with Morning Prayer returning to 8:30am on Sundays and 10am on Wednesdays via Zoom. Holy Days are as announced. All are welcome.

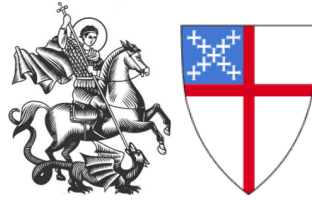
\* **New Social Media:** Do you follow us on Facebook and Instagram? Find us online to stay connected!

Facebook: [facebook.com/stgeorgeastoria](https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeastoria)

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\* **Altar Supply Dedications:** If you would like to remember a special person or event in church (“in memory” or “in honor of”), you are most welcome to make a donation for the altar supplies of a specific Sunday. The names and events will be memorialized in that week's bulletin. Sign-up is via the calendar sheet on the Usher's desk. Please speak to Barbara Yelverton (Treasurer) for more information.

# WELCOME TO SAINT GEORGE'S CHURCH



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Andre Wallace - 2025, Jann Weinrich - 2025,

Judith Hishikawa - 2026, Sean Ramzan - 2026

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Barbara Yelverton (Treasurer)