

SAINT GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ASTORIA



The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Holy Baptism
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 20
September 22, 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 Cher and in memory of Jairrod.

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PRELUDE

Air

G.F. Handel

All stand at the sound of the bell.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation* (H 390)


1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the
King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health
and salvation:
join the great throng,
psaltery, organ, and song,
sounding in glad adoration.


3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy
way and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever
attend thee;
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

2 Praise to the Lord; over all things he
gloriously reigneth:
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints
he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
how all thou needest hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me
adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now
with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for ever adore him.

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 continues

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

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.

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

The People are seated.

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 54 *Deus, in nomine*

Said responsively by whole verse

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
 in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 **Hear my prayer, O God; ***
 give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
 those who have no regard for God.
- 4 **Behold, God is my helper; ***
 it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
 in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 **I will offer you a freewill sacrifice ***
 and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
 and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

SECOND READING: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

A reading from the letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish

ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *When Jesus left his Father's throne* (H 480)

1	When Jesus left his Father's throne, he chose an humble birth; like us, unhonored and unknown, he came to dwell on earth. Like him may we be found below, in wisdom's path of peace; like him in grace and knowledge grow as years and strength increase.		thus in the circle of his arms may we for ever lie.
2	Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mothers round him pressed; their infants in his arms he took, and on his bosom blessed. Safe from the world's alluring harms, beneath his watchful eye,		
		3	When Jesus into Zion rode, the children sang around; for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their garments on the ground. Hosanna our glad voices raise, hosanna to our King! Should we forget our Savior's praise, the stones themselves would sing.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Spencer D. Cantrell

All are invited to gather around the font at the entrance of the church surrounding the Celebrant, Ministers, and baptismal family.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit* (LEVAS 121)

1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.

2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:

One with his rising, freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:
Born of one Father, we are his children,
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant says

The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Cecelia Rubbo to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsors **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Sponsors **I will, with God's help.**

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the
prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good
News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving
your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant says

People The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues the blessing of the water assisted by the other Ministers.

THE BAPTISM

The Candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant.

Cecelia Rubbo, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying to the baptized.

Cecelia Rubbo, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

A baptismal candle is lit from the Paschal candle and given to the baptized.

The Celebrant concludes with this prayer

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

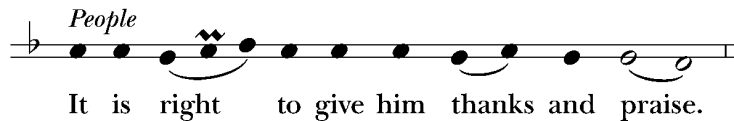
THE PEACE

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



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

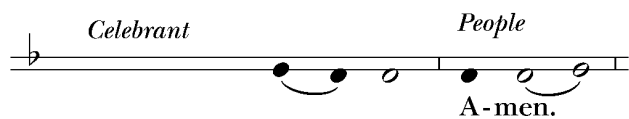
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.



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* (S 154)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

COMMUNION HYMN *O Master, let me walk with thee* (H 660)

1 O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

3 Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,

4 in hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

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 *Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy* (H 482)

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could
destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we
pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break
of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the
plane and the lathe,
be there at our labors, and give us, we
pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the
noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,

your hands swift to welcome, your arms to
embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we
pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of
the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose
presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we
pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end
of the day.

DISMISSAL

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People

o in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude in D

Caleb Simper

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CONGRATULATIONS TO
CECELIA RUBBO ON HER
BAPTISM!

MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS
YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

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 downstairs immediately following the service.

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

Morning Prayer is said on **Sundays at 8:30 am** and on **Wednesdays at 10am** (via Zoom).

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(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:

* **Today is Kickoff Sunday!** The 2024 Program Year begins today at Saint George's.

* **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.

* **The Blessing of the Animals 2024:** This year's Saint Francis Day celebration and blessing takes place on **Saturday, October 5 from 11-2pm**. Come and bring a friend as we meet our neighbors and bless pets of all kinds on the lawn!

* **Food Pantry Pilot:** Beginning in October, Saint George's is excited to begin hosting a pilot food pantry program for residents of our neighborhood on **Friday evenings from 4:30-6:30pm** in the Community Room. We need your support! For more information about the project or to volunteer, please speak to Fr. Spencer.

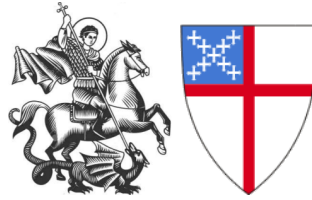
* **New Social Media:** Do you follow us on Facebook and Instagram? Find us online to stay connected!

Facebook: facebook.com/stgeorgeastoria

Instagram: @SaintGeorgeAstoria

* **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.

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