

SAINT GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ASTORIA



The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 25
October 27, 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

Variations on Hyfrydol

All stand at the sound of the bell.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Gracious Spirit, give your servants* (WLP 782)

1 Gracious Spirit, give your servants
joy to set sin's captives free,
hope to heal the brokenhearted,
peace to share love's liberty.
Through us bring your balm of gladness
to the wounded and oppressed;
help us claim and show God's favor
as a people called and blessed.

2 Word made flesh, who gave up glory
to become our great high priest,
taking on our human nature
to redeem the last and least:
let your courage and compassion
shape and guide our ministries;
as our Savior and our Shepherd,
lead us to the truth that frees.

3 Loving God, who birthed creation

from the nothingness of space,
kindling life where all was empty,
turning chaos into grace:
when we feel confused and fruitless,
dawn upon our restless night;
give us faith's imagination,
hope's renewing, love's delight.

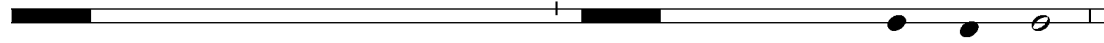
4 Triune God, eternal Being,
never ending, unbegun,
boundless grace and perfect justice,
righteous and forgiving One:
so enfold us in your mercy
that our wills and yours unite;
through us may the world behold you,
find your love, your truth, your light.

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and

reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Job 42:1-6, 10-17

A reading from the book of Job.

Job answered the Lord: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes." And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:1-8 *Benedicam Dominum*

Said responsively by whole verse

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *

and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
 and he will deliver them.
8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *O Christ, the healer, we have come* (WLP 772)

<p>1 O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to be restored, when reached by love that never ends?</p> <p>2 From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed; yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.</p> <p>3 How strong, O Lord, are our desires, how weak our knowledge of ourselves!</p>	<p>Release in us those healing truths unconscious pride resists ourselves.</p> <p>4 In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease; our common life declares our ills: is there no cure, O Christ, for these?</p> <p>5 Grant that we all, made in one faith, in your community may find the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.</p>
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THE GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Spencer D. Cantrell

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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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of
all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect; Lawrence, our Bishop;
and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the
Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this city of New York and this neighborhood of Astoria; for every city and community,
and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through space, let us pray to the
Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and
captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have
mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of blessed Mary, Mother of God, Saint George, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

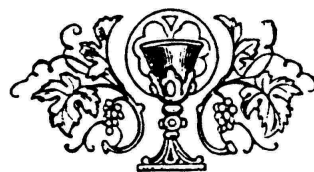
THE PEACE

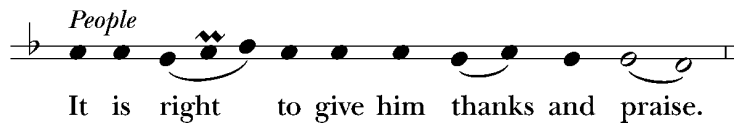
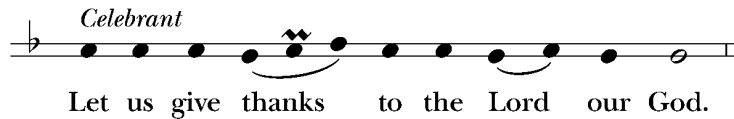
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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."

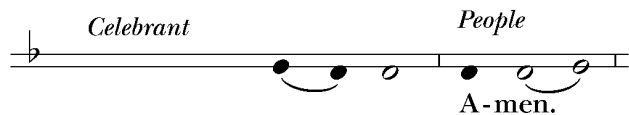
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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 ANTHEM

COMMUNION HYMN *Just as I am, without one plea* (H 693)

1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt;
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am: thou wilt receive;

wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to
prove,
here for a season, then above:
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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 *The Lord ascendeth up on high* (H 219)

1 The Lord ascendeth up on high,
the Lord hath triumphed gloriously,
in power and might excelling;
the grave and hell are captive led.
Lo! he returns, our glorious Head,
to his eternal dwelling.

3 Our great High Priest hath gone before,
upon his Church his grace to pour;
and still his love he giveth.
O may our hearts to him ascend;
may all within us upward tend
to him who ever liveth!

2 The heavens with joy receive their Lord,
by saints, by angel hosts adored;
O day of exultation!
O earth, adore thy glorious King!
His rising, his ascension sing
with grateful adoration!

DISMISSAL

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People

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

POSTLUDE

Recessional

Robert Hughes

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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 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:

* **Fall 2024 Adult Ed Series:** Our fall study of *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* by Henri Nouwen has begun. This five-week scriptural study runs from **October 20 - November 17 on Sundays at 9am in the Conference Room**. There's still time to join! Books are available for purchase from the parish office or can be found on Amazon and other online retailers.

* **Community Food Distribution:** Saint George's is excited to host a pilot food pantry program for residents of our neighborhood on **Friday afternoons from 4:30-6:30pm** from October through December. Thank you for your support! For more information about the project or to volunteer, please speak to Fr. Spencer.

* **Annual Giving Campaign 2024-25:** Our annual giving campaign begins **today!** Please begin to consider your commitment to financial support of the ministries of Saint George's in the coming year.

* **Halloween Trick-or-Treating:** We will once again be out on the lawn to greet our costumed neighbors on Halloween this year. Candy donations are now being accepted.

* **Discovery Cafe:** Our next step in the MAP consulting process is a community meeting known as the "Discovery Cafe". All members of the parish and community partners are invited to join us on **Saturday, November 2 from 10-12pm** in the Community Room for a conversation about our growing mission priorities. Please plan to join us!

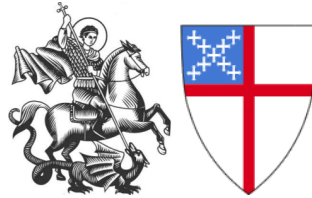
* **All Souls' Requiem Eucharist:** All Souls' Day will be celebrated on **Saturday, November 2 at 7pm**. Please submit names of loved ones you would like remembered at this service by adding them to the book on the Usher's desk or by emailing the parish office.

* **New Social Media:** Find us online to stay connected!

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

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