

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The First Sunday After Christmas December 27, 2020

Virtual Service 9:30 a.m. on Facebook:

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Welcome to St. George's! We are blessed by your attendance at our worship today.

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude Hymn

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Hymn 83

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

BCP 356

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Reader A Reading (Lesson) from **Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

John 1:1-18

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Robin Reeves-Kautz

We invite your prayers of Thanksgiving and Supplication as modeled in the Lord's Prayer.

Thank you God that you are _____
praise God for His character—sovereign, gracious, creator, redeemer, sustainer)

Thank you for blessing us with _____
(a loving family, friends, nice weather)

We pray Thy Will Be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven,

Thank you for your provision of _____
(healing, provision, peace, . . .)
for _____ *(those with covid, . . .)*

Forgive us for _____ *(our complacency, not putting you first, not having faith over fear, not trusting you)*

We forgive others for _____ *(holding a different view than ours, not caring for the most vulnerable in our society, inciting violence, spreading fear with false news, betraying us)*
as we have been forgiven.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil of _____
(hatred, fear, apathy, luke-warm faith, doing life on our own and not relying on you)

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

Celebrant 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 Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Absolution

BCP 360

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.*

Offertory

The Peace

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Blessing

The Priest, gives the blessing.

Recessional Hymn

“Joy to the World”

Hymn 100

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. *Alleluia. Alleluia.***