

Saint George's Church

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ADVENT SEASON

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Welcome to St. George's Church!
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

If you are a visitor, we are happy you are worshipping with us. If you are looking for a parish church and a faith community, please speak to the greeters at the door and take a welcome packet. Please complete the visitation card, enclosed in the welcome packet, and place in the alms basket or mail to the parish office. Please join us following the Mass for refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall.

St. George's is an inclusive sacramental community of love and grace for all people. Everyone is welcome and invited to share in our worship and ministry. The sacrament of communion is available to all baptized persons. If this is your first time worshipping with us, please participate as you feel comfortable.

THE ENTRANCE AT THE PREPARATION

9:00 a.m.

The Preparation of the Sacred Ministers in the Lady Chapel

(Congregation please remain seated or kneeling until Sacred Ministers have finished preparation. The following Preparatory Prayers for the congregation may be used.)

Please prepare to worship Almighty God, in silence and prayer.



O Great and good God, I have come into your presence to share in offering to you the great Sacrifice of your Blessed Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ and to receive the Holy Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Give me grace to worship you, and answer my prayers so far as they are in accordance with your will. (Receive my prayer and intention for_____.) I ask your blessings on those who worship together today, as well as the sick, and all the faithful departed. Accept our prayers during this holy service, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Hail Mary

Hail, Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. *Amen.*

Psalm 84

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!*
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where
she may lay her young;*
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house!*
They will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you!*
Whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

A Prayer for St. George's Church

Almighty God, who of old put it into the heart of your servant David to build a house worthy of your holy Name; be with your servants, the members of St. George's congregation, in their endeavor to build their parish. Open the hearts and quicken the wills of rich and poor alike, that giving generously of their prayers and of their alms, in your own good time, a house of glory and beauty may witness to your Son in this section of our city; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRELUDE - [refer to insert]

HYMN - [refer to insert]

INTROIT – [refer to insert]

stand

THE RITE OF CONFESSION AND SPRINKLING IN ADVENT.

Used only on the second, third and fourth Sunday of Advent. First Sunday in Advent the Great Litany is sung in procession as a penitential rite.

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And with thy Spirit.

Priest: Dear friends, this water will be used to remind us of our baptism. Let us give thanks to God, and ask God to keep us faithful to the Spirit he has given us.

Lord God almighty, hear the prayers of thy people: In this Advent season we celebrate our creation and redemption. Thou didst chose water to show thy goodness when as thou led thy people to freedom through the Red Sea and satisfied their thirst in the desert with water from the rock. Water was the symbol used by the prophets to foretell thy new covenant with man. Thou didst make the water of baptism holy by Christ's baptism in the Jordan: by it thou didst give us a new birth and renew us in holiness. May this water remind us of our baptism and let us share the joy of all who have been baptized into thy new life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The priest sprinkles the people as the Choir sing the anthem

Voice



Wa-ter of Life, Cleanse and re-fresh us; Raise us to Life in Christ Je - sus.

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

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Mass continues with the Kyrie's.

kneel

KYRIE – Nicholson in C

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord, have mer - cy up
6 on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us, Christ, have mer - cy up - on us,
11 Christ have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us,
15 Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us

COLLECT OF THE DAY

kneel

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

[The Collect of the Day can be found in the insert]

THE LESSON – [refer to insert]

sit

PSALM – [refer to insert]

THE EPISTLE – [refer to insert]

sit

ALLELUIA – [refer to insert]

THE HOLY GOSPEL – [refer to insert]

stand

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

THE SERMON

sit

THE NICENE CREED, BCP, pgs. 327-328

stand

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended

into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *Form III*

kneel

Leader: Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church

People: that we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and Humbly serve thee;

People: that thy Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially...

People: that they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

People: that there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

People: that our works may find favor in thy sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially...

People: that they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the +departed eternal rest; especially...

People: let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise thee for the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed George,

and all thy saints who have entered unto joy;

People: may we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of thy people, and strengthen us to do thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

sit

OFFERTORY SENTENCE - [refer to insert]

THE CANON OF THE MASS

kneel

(The celebrant continues, concluding with....)

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER, *BCP, pg. 336*

kneel

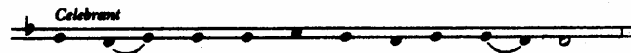
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FRACTION

kneel

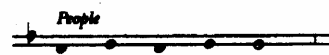
THE PEACE

Celebrant



The peace of the Lord be al-ways with you.

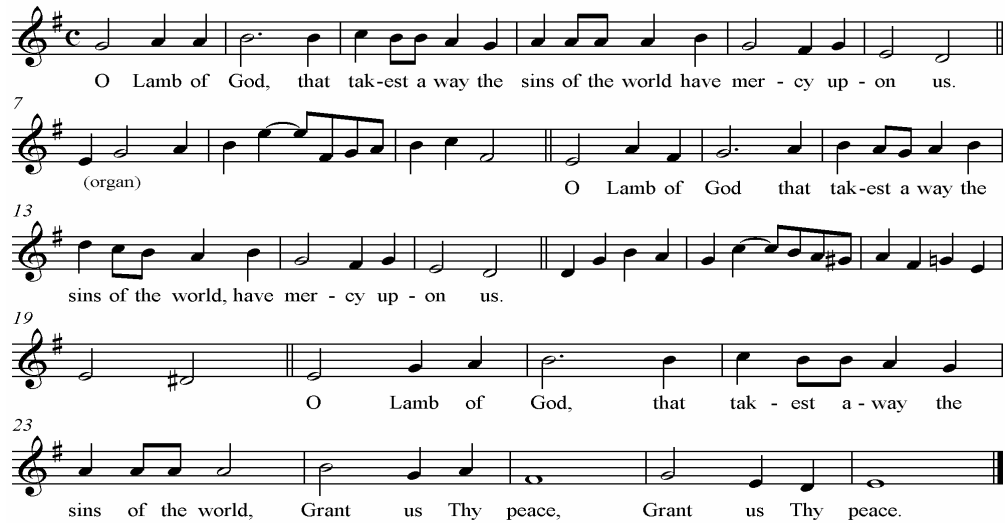
People



And with thy spi - rit.

A period of silence is kept.

AGNUS DEI - *Nicholson in C*



O Lamb of God, that tak-est a way the sins of the world have mer - cy up - on us.

7
(organ) O Lamb of God that tak-est a way the

13
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

19
O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the

23
sins of the world, Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE INVITATION, *BCP*, pg. 338

kneel

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who taketh away the sins of the world.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

(All Baptized Christians, who believe in the presence of Christ in the Sacrament, are invited to come forward to receive at the altar rail.)

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION VERSE - [refer to insert]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER, *BCP*, pg. 339

kneel

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING, *BCP* pg. 339

kneel

THE DISMISSAL, *BCP* pg. 339

Celebrant: The Mass is ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN – *at the procession [refer to insert]*

stand

POSTLUDE - *[refer to insert]*



This Advent and Christmas, let us rejoice in the presence of the Light of our Lord Jesus Christ in our lives, and let us share that Light with all whom we meet!

