

# Saint George's Church

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## CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY

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At the Back of the Church*



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## Welcome to St. George's Church!

*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, participate as you feel comfortable.*

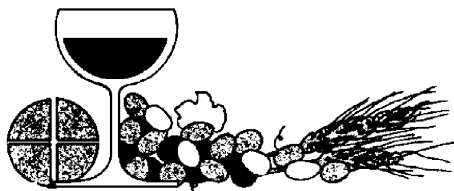
### **THE ENTRANCE AT THE PREPARATION**

**9:00 a.m.**

#### **The Preparation of the Sacred Ministers**

*(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.**



## **Private Prayers Before Mass**

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 are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your 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)

*stand*

**INTROIT** – (refer to insert)

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**, *BCP, pg. 323*

*kneel*

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

**KYRIE** – (*Hymnal 710*) — *Healy Willan, 1928*

*kneel*

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**GLORIA**

*stand*

Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth, peace, good will towards men. We praise thee,  
we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give  
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God, heav'n - - - ly  
King, God the Fa - ther Al - migh - - - ty.  
O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God,

## GLORIA - Continues

Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have  
mer-cy up-on us. Thou that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our  
prayer. Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us.  
For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord; thou on-ly, O Christ with the  
Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glo-ry of God the  
Fa-ther. A - - - - - men.

## 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** – *[Today's Lesson can be found in the insert.]*

*sit & listen*

## GRADUAL PSALM

**THE EPISTLE** – *[Today's Epistle can be found in the insert.]*

*sit & listen*

## ALLELUIA OR TRACT

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** – *[Today's Gospel can be found in the insert.]*

*stand & listen*

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to (Gospel of).

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

## THE SERMON

*sit & listen*

**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.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN, *BCP*, pg. 331

*kneel*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*sit*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE – (refer to insert)

HYMN – (refer to insert)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The image shows four lines of musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving. Each line consists of a five-line staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line is for the Celebrant and the People. The second line is for the Celebrant and the People. The third line is for the Celebrant. The fourth line is for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord. Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God. It is meet and right so to do."

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you.      And with thy spi - rit.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

*People*  
It is meet and right so to do.

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.  
*(The celebrant continues, concluding with...)*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - - ly, Lord God of hosts,  
 heav-en and earth are full of thy - glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord most High.  
 Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**THE CANON OF THE MASS**, *BCP*, pg. 334-336

*kneel*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*(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**

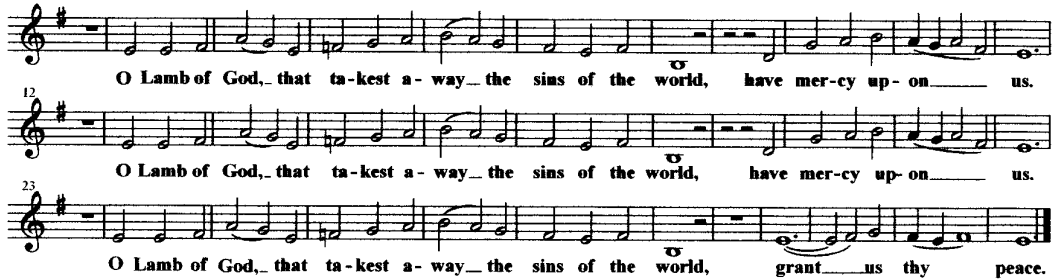
*kneel*

**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 – *Willan*



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

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

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, 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,

*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 shouldst 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:* 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)

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*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!*