

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

GERMANTOWN, TENNESSEE • FOUNDED 1934

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

EIGHT-THIRTY O'CLOCK AND TEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



WELCOME

Welcome to St. George's Episcopal Church, Germantown. We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today! We invite you to immerse yourself and engage all of your senses in this worship experience: in taking in the beauty of God's creation around us, in hearing the Holy Scripture and the Word of God proclaimed, and in lifting our voices together in prayer. Our liturgy is fully found in this bulletin. It is also in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and all of our hymns and service music can be found in the blue hymnals. It is our sincere hope that you will leave having sensed the Presence of God in both Word and Sacrament.

Children are welcome at all of our worship services. Children's activity bags can be found in the narthex. Should you have a need, a nursery is available for children through age Infant to 3 years old during our 10:30 a.m. worship service, and it is located just a few steps west of the narthex, next to the Parish Hall. The nursery is staffed by trained persons who have satisfied the requirements of The Episcopal Church's Safeguarding God's Children.

If you are new among us, please take a visitor information bag found on the parish information table in the Narthex. It is our hope that you will complete the visitor card found in the pew rack and return it to our offering plate, so that we may get to know you better, share more information about our parish, and send you our bi-weekly e-newsletter, *The Tip of the Lance*. You can find more information about us at our parish website.

We gather as one humanity at God's Table. We share a journey of discovery as a welcoming community of ever-deepening faith. We rejoice in serving one another and our neighbors through the love and grace of God in Christ. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are part of the tapestry that makes us one.

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THE ENTRANCE RITE

VOLUNTARY Grave, Adagio from Sonata no. 2, op. 65 Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

All stand.

HYMN 191 Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise LUX EOI

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen! BCP P.355

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 (8:30am)

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.

GLORIA S278 (Spoken at 8:30am)

William Mathias (1934-1992)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -

might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

BCP p. 225

Celebrant The LORD be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 17: 22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all

things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader: The Word of the LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66: 7-18

Jubilate Deo

BCP p. 673

At 8:30 a.m. the people read the Psalm as directed.

At 10:30 a.m. the Choir chants Psalm to John Davy (1763-1824)

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| 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard; | 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats. |
| 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip. | 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for
me. |
| 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried. | 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue. |
| 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. | 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me; |
| 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of re-
freshment. | 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer. |
| 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in
trouble. | 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my
prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me. |

THE SECOND LESSON: A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

1 Peter 3: 13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the LORD.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14: 15-21

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Gospeler The Gospel of the LORD.

People: **Praise to you, LORD Christ.**

HOMILY

The Rev. Chris Robinson

THE NICENE CREED

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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 FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FORM III BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Phoebe, our Bishop, Chris our Priest, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Donald our President, the Congress, all state and local legislators, all judges and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world. We pray for our armed

forces, for those deployed, and for all those in danger around the world. We pray for the people in the Middle East and Ukraine that you would bless and comfort those in need.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for Don, Whit, Jean, Ian, Anna, Birdie, Carolyn, Bud, Cali, Mary Ruth, Marla, Trevor, Karla, George, Dana, Wendel, Cheryl, Judy, Annie, David, George and Karen, Greta, Penny, Roger, Leonnette, Burgess, Charlotte, Miro, Wes, Robert and all those on our parish prayer

list. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed ☩ eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

The Celebrant continues

O LORD our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the LORD be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

AT THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM I will not leave you comfortless Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you yet again: Alleluia.

And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia.

John 14:18

HYMN 405 All things bright and beautiful ROYAL OAK

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (8:30am)

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.

SANCTUS S 128 (Spoken at 8:30 a.m.)

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection,

as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Ruth, Esther and Rahab; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM (8:30 a.m.)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

FRACTION ANTHEM S155 (10:30 a.m.)

Gerald Near (b.1942)

This setting is not used in Lent.



The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Ushers will invite worshippers forward. You may receive the bread in your hands, with palms crossed and turned upward. To receive the wine by drinking, please assist the Eucharistic Minister by guiding the chalice to your lips by its base. For intinction, process with your wafer to the Eucharistic Minister and touch your wafer into the wine or hand your wafer to the Eucharistic Minister for them to touch your wafer to the wine for you. To receive a blessing from the priest, please stand and cross your arms over your chest. To receive gluten-free bread, please process to the left after a blessing from the priest to the table where you may receive Communion.

AT HOLY COMMUNION

MOTET

If ye love me

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments and I will pray the Father, and he will give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

John 14:15-17

HYMN 292

O Jesus, crowned with all renown

KINGSFOLD

THE CONCLUDING RITE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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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.

if Lay Eucharistic Visitors are being sent out

Celebrant In the name of God and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS

Gracious Lord, we ask your blessing on these prayer shawls. Bless the hands which prayerfully knit them and those who will be warmed by them. May those who use them be comforted by your healing Presence. In the Name ✠ of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING –

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN 492

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

FINNIAN

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

VOLUNTARY

Allegro maestoso e vivace, Fuga from Sonata no. 2, op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Evalyn Skinner Wonderly by Jim and Bobbie Wonderly McLaughlin and in memory of Priscilla LaBrake by Catherine Wark.

Please Pray For Ronald Valentine, Renee Clark Guibao, Beth Beston, Erin Brophy, Mary Newman, Wendy Stoltz, Barbara Apperson, Don Cook, Brenda, Yolanda, Linda Miller, Sarah Long, Whit and Jean Stuart, Ian McDevitt, Ashley Fields, Pam Williams, Judy Freeman, Barbara Conaway, Carole Freeman, Fela Torres, Martha Crook, Anna Ruby, Nancy Dick, Annette Main, Birdie Barker, Carolyn Mason, Natasha Griffin, Audri Erfort, Bud Wilson, Cali Garcia, Mary Ruth Bales, Marla Neals Wilson, Trevor, Grant Sperry, Janet Beasy, Karla Albertson, George Nichols, Dana Flowers, Wendel Stoltz, Cheryl McCormack, Judy Bratton, Annie Taylor, David, George and Karen Geerdes, Greta Coger, Penny Mays, Roger Ryan, Leonnette Dockery, Burgess Hocevar, Charlotte Hayes, Miro Antic, Wes Donaldson, Robert Hoover.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Children's Chapel

CLERGY, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

The Rt. Rev. Phoebe A. Roaf, *Bishop of West Tennessee*
The Rev. Chris Robinson, *Priest*

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Eileen Fields, *Parish Administrator for Operations and Finance*
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Annie Twaddle, *Nursery Coordinator*
Andrew Proctor, *Cantor*
Kit Decker, *Volunteer, Communications*
Tom Fields, *Volunteer, Exultemus Director*
Andrew Proctor, *Volunteer, Sanctifica Director*
Joe Austin and Steven Cooper, *Volunteer, Video and Live-streaming*

THE VESTRY

Courtney Felts, *Senior Warden* • Jon Sharp, *Junior Warden*
Sheila Tomlinson, *Treasurer* • John Planchon, Sr., *Clerk*
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