

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

GERMANTOWN, TENNESSEE • FOUNDED 1934

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2026

TEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER AND CONFIRMATION



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 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER AND CONFIRMATION

THE ENTRANCE RITE

VOLUNTARY

All stand.

HYMN 495

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

IN BABILONE

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p.299

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

BCP p. 226

Celebrant: The LORD be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader: The Word of the LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

the Choir chants Psalm to Anglican chant by Percy Buck (1871-1947)

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| <p>1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.</p> <p>2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.</p> <p>3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.</p> <p>4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!</p> <p>5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!</p> <p>6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.</p> <p>7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,</p> | <p>8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.</p> <p>9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.</p> <p>10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.</p> <p>33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.</p> <p>34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.</p> <p>35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.</p> <p>36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!</p> |
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THE SECOND LESSON: A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the LORD.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 218

A hymn of glory let us sing

DEO GRACIAS

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus

Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the LORD.

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

HOMILY

The Rt. Rev. Phoebe A. Roaf

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation: Chayah Arevalo-Fagan, Emma Bass, Campbell Clark, Andy Draper, Gayle Keels, May LaCroix, Tucker LaCroix, Gerald MacNeil, Seth Sharp, Tyler Sharp, Calvin Wilson.

Reception: Abby Ables, Patrick Brannon. Reaffirmation: Fielding Ables

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

BCP P.415

The Candidates stand and the Bishop says

The Candidates for Confirmation will now be presented.

The Rector presents the candidates

We present _____ for confirmation.

We present _____ to be received into this Communion.

We present _____ who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

The Bishop then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP P. 304

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Bishop: Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Bishop: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in this your servant the covenant you made with her at her Baptism. Send her forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before her; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FOR CONFIRMATION

Candidates come forward one at a time toward the Bishop.

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Defend, O Lord, your servant N., with your heavenly grace, ✠ that *s/he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *s/he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of the Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop says

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the LORD be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEDICATION OF A PATEN

The gift may be presented to the Presider with these words

Celebrant: I (We) present to you this paten to be set apart for the service of Christ's holy Church.

The following versicles and prayer may be said

Bishop: All things come from you, O Lord;

All: **And from your own gifts do we give to you.**

Bishop: Prosper the work of our hands;

All: **Prosper our handiwork.**

Bishop: Show your servants your works;

All: **And your splendor to their children.**

THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

AT THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

God is gone up

Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:
The Lord with sounding 'Trumpets' melodies:
Sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praises
out,

Unto our King sing praise seraphicwise!
Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing,
And let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,
In flakes of Glory down him to attend,
And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody
Surround his Chariot as it did ascend;
Mixing their Music, making ev'ry string
More to enravish as they this tune sing.

Edward Taylor (1646-1729)

HYMN 307

Lord, enthroned to heavenly splendor

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Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

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

Bishop: 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 S 128

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 Bishop 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 Chr-

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.

ist: 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM S155

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.

Usbers 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.

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, 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, Roger Ryan, Leonnette Dockery, 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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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*
John Planchon, Sr., *Clerk*
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