



## **Anglican Fellowship of Manhattan – Church of Saint Michael & Saint George**

### **FAQ's**

- Q.** What is the Anglican Fellowship of Manhattan?
- A.** Founded in 2025 as a place where people who value the Christian Faith in the Anglican expression can gather both virtually and physically, based in but not limited to the Borough of Manhattan, AFM is a place where you can find fellowship with other like-minded people, free from the growing secularism and politicization that has killed almost all of our main-line denominations in America today.
- Q.** What is the Church of Saint Michael & Saint George?
- A.** Also founded in 2025, The Church of Saints Michael & George is they physical home of the congregation in Manhattan. We worship at 344 East 69<sup>th</sup> Street and are hosted through the kindness of the First Hungarian Reformed Church of New York whose building we share. Currently we have one service per week. Holy Communion and Sermon at 5pm each Sunday. We have a hybrid Zoom option for those away from town or joining us from afar and upload the service and sermon to FaceBook & YouTube soon after the service.
- Q.** What is the distinction between AFM and CSsMG?
- A.** AFM is the Umbrella Group and acts like any other Religious Non-profit organization and has more programs than the local Congregation. CSsMG (Church of Saints Michael & George) is the local Congregation and functions as any other Parish Church.
- Q.** Are you Episcopalian?
- A.** Well...Our church is episcopal – insofar as it is a church overseen by bishops (Gk word for bishop is episcopo) We are not Episcopalian (The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America) – one of the aforementioned dead (or rapidly dying) due to putting societal trends and secular politics in the place of worshipping God and the Gospel of Christ. Our priest, Father Montgomery was ordained in the Episcopal Church in 1998 and left it in 2025 because he saw a better way was possible.
- Q.** Are you Anglican?
- A.** Yes. And No. We are a member of the Diocese of the Northeast of the Anglican Church in America. A denomination that continued the Anglican traditions and Catholic faith at a time when a growing number of people felt that the “established” Anglican Church: the Episcopal Church, the Church of England, et Al – were losing their way. We are not members of the American Episcopal Church or the Church of England though, as they are descended directly from the Church of Rome, so are we descended from them.
- Q.** Are you Catholic?
- A.** Yes. And No. The Anglican Church, when founded in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century was the Catholic Church in England. There was no other – until the acts of Toleration in the later centuries which allowed followers of the Church of Rome (Roman Catholics) freedoms in Britain. The Anglican Church in America, when founded was called the Anglican Catholic Church – and is in the process of joining with that body again and doubling its size. Catholic means universal rather than local. It



means a church with bishops, priests, and deacons whose bishops descend, through the laying on of hands, one on the next, from Peter and the Apostles. With a reverence for the Communion of the Saints and the Virgin Mary and the Seven Sacraments. It does NOT mean (but MAY mean) obedience to the Bishop of Rome (the Pope).

**Q.** Are you Conservative or Liberal?

**A.** Yes and No. Or Neither. We have not engaged any of the changes other Anglicans have since 1976. We ordain men to the priesthood. We use traditional language (1928 Prayerbook, 1940 Hymnal, King James Bible) in worship. We believe the Holy Matrimony is a Sacrament celebrated in church between one man, one woman, and God.

AND...We do truly welcome ALL in our fellowship and pews. We have gay and straight, male and female, politically liberal and politically conservative, single and married and divorced and remarried persons and seek and serve Christ in all persons.

**Q.** Do I have to leave my church to join?

**A.** No! You do not even have to join to join! We welcome you just as you are. On your terms. Some of our folks worship elsewhere with their families in the morning and come to us in the afternoon. Some engage during the week and worship elsewhere on the weekends. We are complementary to the spiritual life of some and ARE the full context of the spiritual life for others.