

# ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL MEMORIAL CHURCH

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*by Alekz Thoms*

## OUR DIVINE PURPOSE STATEMENT

- † **WE BELIEVE** that through Jesus Christ we are meant to faithfully and joyfully serve God and our neighbors.
- † **WE WORSHIP** as a community of believers who make people feel welcome from every walk of life. We value and welcome the diversity of all people.
- † **WE SERVE** seekers inside and outside the church to live in accordance with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

*We are honored you are with us today to worship the Risen Lord. –Fr Hal*

**ST. GEORGE'S WELCOMES EVERYONE!**

ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS  
DECEMBER 18, 2022



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## WORSHIPPING THE HOLY TRINITY IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### WHEN DO I KNEEL, SIT, OR STAND?

We pray to the Holy Trinity; with words and with our posture. Directions in this booklet suggest when you should kneel, sit, or stand. These postures are optional and could help you center your thoughts and bodies on worship. If you are confused or don't know what to do, don't worry about "getting it right." God welcomes your prayers. It matters not your posture to the Holy Trinity.

### HOW DO I KNOW WHEN TO SPEAK DURING WORSHIP?

You say the portions which are **BOLDED** in this worship booklet.

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Our diocese includes traditional homelands of Dakota, Lakota, Nakota, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, Mandan, Hidatsa, & Arikara tribes. We acknowledge & understand this land was stewarded by people who lived here for thousands of years before the arrival of Europeans & express our appreciation for their continued faithful stewardship of this land.

### A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

We pray for peace, but maybe we don't have the words. We pray for a just peace, but maybe we don't have the words. We pray that the lives of innocents and the lives of any human child of God will be spared. We pray that our leaders will find a diplomatic way, a nonviolent way of solution. But we don't know how to pray as we are. So, the Spirit must intercede for us at this time.—The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

### LESSONS AND CAROLS

**Prelude:** Pastoral Symphony "Pifa" from The Messiah (*string trio*)

*George Frederick Handel, Daniel Kelley, arr.*

### A BIDDING PRAYER—CONTEMPORARY

**Leader:** Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

## A BIDDING PRAYER—CONTEMPORARY [CONTINUED]

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and *in this city*.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. And now, to gather all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

OUR FATHER . . . . OFFICIANT AND PEOPLE

**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 as who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Officiant** The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. Amen

**THE INVITATORY:** Creator of the stars of night (*Choir*)                      *Conditor alme siderum*

**LESSON 1:**                      Genesis 3:1-15  
(*Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden*)

**HYMN: #82**                      Of the Father's love begotten                      *Divinum mysterium*

**LESSON 2:**                      Isaiah 11: 1-9  
(*The Reign of Jesse's Offspring*)

HYMN:

Rejoice, rejoice, believers

*Haf trones lampa färdig*

1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;  
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ings bore,  
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
 Go forth as he ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.  
 Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.  
 A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.  
 A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The bride - groom is at hand.  
 In tri - umph cast be - fore him Their di - a - dems of gold.  
 The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurentii, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Finallater, 1823-1907, alt.  
Tune: Swedish folk tune

HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG  
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LESSON 3:

Isaiah 40:1-11

*(God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption)*

HYMN: #67

Comfort, comfort ye, my people

Psalm 42

LESSON 4:

Isaiah 7:10-15

(God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as “God with us”)

HYMN: #66            Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus            Stuttgart

LESSON 5:            Luke 1: 26-38  
(The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High)

HYMN: #265            The angel Gabriel from heaven came            Gabriel’s Message

LESSON 6:            Matthew 1: 18-23  
(Discourse on Humility)

INSTRUMENTAL:    A la nanita nana (String Trio)            Traditional Spanish

LESSON 7:            Mark 1: 1-15  
(The Forerunner of the Messiah)

HYMN:                Beautiful Savior            St Elizabeth



1. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of Cre - a - tion, Son of  
2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



1. God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru -  
2. flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je -  
3. spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je -  
4. God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise,



1. ly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
2. sus is pur - er; He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
3. sus shines pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
4. ad - o - ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: 55 7 55 8; Psalm 45:3; *Schönster Herr Jesu*, in *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677;  
tr. by Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904. Music: Trad. Silesian Melody; *Schlesische Volkslieder*, Leipzig, 1842.

Officiant    Let us pray

All: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts. As we wait for the baby to be born again, we ask that you remain present with us. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. AMEN.

**POSTLUDE:** Christmas Concerto Pastorale from Concerto Grosso Op. 6 #8  
(String Trio) *Arcangelo Corelli, Daniel Kelley, arr.*

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Traci Juhala, Music Director  
St George's Choir  
Mary Lou Person, violin – Elizabeth Odegard, viola – Traci Juhala, cello  
Arlene Gray, Organist  
The Rev'd Hal Weidman, Officiant  
The Rev'd Deacon Beth Lipp

## WORSHIP AND EVENTS

- **12/24—CHRISTMAS EVE**  
5- Pageant/Family Holy Communion  
Music- NO incense  
9:30- Carol singing  
10- Communion with Choir, Music,  
Chanting & Incense
- **12/25—CHRISTMAS DAY**  
10- Holy Communion  
No other events
- **1/1—HOLY NAME**  
10- Holy Communion  
No other events
- **1/5—THE EPIPHANY**  
Noon- Holy Communion
- **1/8—EPIPHANY I**  
**BAPTISM OF JESUS**  
[**RED** Shirt Sunday]  
9:15- Choir  
10- Holy Communion  
11- Coffee, Education & Medical Matters
- **1/15—EPIPHANY II**  
9:15- Choir  
10- Holy Communion  
11- Coffee & Education
- **1/22—EPIPHANY III**  
9:15- Choir  
10- Holy Communion  
11- Meal & Annual Meeting
- **1/29—EPIPHANY IV**  
9:15- Choir  
10- Holy Communion  
11- Coffee & Education

# ST GEORGE'S LEADERSHIP

## MINISTERS

Provisional Bishop, Diocese of North Dakota  
Rector  
Canon  
Deacon | Parish Treasurer('22) | Book Club | Homeless | Outreach  
Deacon | Health Ministry | EMs | EVs |  
Educator | Office Ast | Godly Play | Spiritual Direction  
Administrative Assistant [Virtual] | Artist  
Choir & Music Director  
Organist  
Guitarist & Pianist  
Housekeeping  
Sr Warden ('22) Communication | Fellowship | Stewardship  
Past Sr Warden ('22)-Administration | Children's Ed | Worship  
Jr Warden ('22) | Campus | Social Media | Digital Team  
Investments Treasurer ('22)  
Vestry ('22) | Coffee House | Piecemakers | Soup Kitchen  
Vestry ('22) | Music | Outreach  
Vestry ('23) | Prayer Warriors  
Vestry ('24) | Pastoral Care | Prayer Groups  
Vestry ('24) | Altar Guild | Events | Fellowship | Outreach  
Vestry Clerk | ERD | Haiti | Outreach | UTO  
Vocational Diaconate Postulant

## ALL ST. GEORGIANS

Tom Ely  
Hal Weidman  
Zanne Ness  
Beth Lipp  
Ed Wos  
Michelle Weidman  
Aleksz Thoms  
Traci Juhala  
Arlene Gray  
David Sorenson  
Renaevolk  
Joanne Lassiter  
Tom Tudor  
Tom Hopkins  
Steve Tillotson  
Mark Hanlon  
Mary Henderson  
Olasupo "Supo" Olagoke  
Colette Rudolph  
Jacinda Simmons  
Andrea Stomberg  
Jo Ann Keehn



*'God Gives The Growth' 1 Corinthians 3:6*