



THE GOOD NEWS AT ST. GEORGE'S

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SOMETHING NEW

You have noticed that we used a slightly different version of the service during Lent and are using another new setting for the season of Easter. You might be wondering "Where did these come from and why are we using them?"

Well, the source of the new services is the Episcopal Church's 79th General Convention in 2018. At that meeting a trial service of Holy Eucharist in "expansive language" was authorized. This means that the use of gender-specific pronouns and words such as "Lord", etc., are minimized, but are by no means eliminated. The trial period for this service is to last until the next revision of the Book of Common Prayer, which will not happen for a good number of years.

In addition to more inclusive language, the wording of the Eucharistic Prayer draws on a broader range of Biblical imagery offering fresh perspectives.

Wisdom of God

For example, the language we are using for Easter draws on imagery from the book of Job and also identifies Jesus as the Wisdom and Word of God. In the Old

Testament the Wisdom of God came to be understood as a manifestation of God, an agent of creation and salvation. The early Christians quickly made the connection that the familiar language and ideas of divine Wisdom were beautifully personified in Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

Familiar language is always a comfort but can also become overly familiar. The new wording can be an opportunity for deeper understanding and engagement in worship. May God's Spirit lead us to approach worship with fresh eyes and open hearts.

Pastor Steve Sathre

Episcopal Prison Ministry in Bismarck

As the chaplain at Ministry on the Margins I was given permission by Diocesan Council to have a preaching station. Briefly, that means I am the celebrant or celebrant/preacher wherever people are receptive. It can be a “moving church,” meaning that it goes wherever it is needed. I began the preaching station at Ministry on the Margins in 2014 with a Sunday night Eucharist for those who were homeless or felt no sense of church home. In 2016 circumstances changed and I took the preaching station inside the men’s maximum security prison. That move to inside the prison rather than the street was to connect the men, first of all, with an Episcopal Eucharist that had not been available to them. Also, it connected MOTM in a faith-based manner with those who would need re-entry assistance.



Every Wednesday evening and every other Sunday I am the celebrant/preacher inside the prison. On Wednesdays after the service we pray with scripture using Lectio Divina. During Holy Week on Good Friday, I led Stations of the Cross, a service they had not had in at least 15 years. Several of the men commented that it was the holiest service they had ever attended. Overall, we have excellent attendance and participation.

It is important to me and to MOTM that the men have the option of a liturgical service. While there are numerous opportunities for spiritual events, the only other liturgical option for them is a Catholic service on Tuesday evenings. In the immediate future, Trinity Lutheran is going to have a service twice a month on Thursday evening.

We prioritize our place inside the prison and are well-respected and graciously included in prison activities. It is a sacred honor for me to be part of this. I would welcome your interest in this important ministry.

Canon Zanne

Confirmation and Reception into the Episcopal Church

St. George’s will be holding classes for those interested in joining the Episcopal church by reception or confirmation. Please contact the church office or Deacon Beth, blipp@bis.midco.net if you are interested in the class. Bishop Provisional Brian Thom will be visiting St. George’s June 16, 2024.



Palm Sunday at St. George's

Photos by Joanne Lassiter

After the final class of Job with Pastor Steve was held before the church service, the congregation gathered for a beautiful Palm Sunday service. The congregation processed around the inside of the church while singing and holding palms and finally the Passion was read by Anne Reynolds, Elton Lassiter, and Kate Hanlon.



Summer Tours of St. George's



Last summer, on the afternoon of the ice cream social at the Old Governor's Mansion, St George's was open for tours. This was very successful.

This summer, I would like to expand on this and have St. George's open for tours each week on Thursdays and Fridays from 11 am until 2 pm. Three members of St. George's would be available at the church during each time period.

You don't need to be a history major to participate. A short written history of St. George's is available for the tour conductors to use, and the booklet setting out the history of the windows is also available.

I see this as a great marketing opportunity for St. George's. Please contact me if you would like to participate, or if you would like more information about this project.

Update from Search Committee

We have received two applications for the rector position! The search committee is working on questions for the Teams interview of both as well as reviewing video of sermons. After the virtual interviews, we can decide if we need further information, including possibly watching a service that the candidate does in their current locations. Please continue to pray for a rector that is a great fit for St George's and that we are a great fit for the rector.



Respectfully submitted, Jannelle Combs, Chair of Search Committee

Good Friday Offering

St. George's Good Friday offering was raised in support of the Diocese of Jerusalem. Episcopal and Relief and Development is also partnering to help the hospitals in Gaza. So far, St. George's raised just under \$500 for this cause. It is not too late to join in ACTION by GIVING. Indicate Middle East Fund on your check, or donate online. *Below is a note from ERD Vice President*

As you read this, Episcopal Relief & Development continues our relief work in the Middle East in Gaza and the West Bank. In fact, we're actively expanding our support.

Through our partner, the Diocese of Jerusalem, we are providing fuel and supplies to the Al-Ahli hospital in Gaza, which has been performing life-saving emergency procedures, offering first aid and sheltering displaced people in northern Gaza.

If you're in a position to do so, please support these efforts with a gift to our Middle East Fund. And keep all Al Ahli staff and patients — as well as peace in the Middle East — in your prayers.

With my deep appreciation,

— Betsy Deisroth
Vice President, Advancement



Decorating the church for special events and services is a team effort. Thank you to Sharon & Tom Tudor, Jacinda Simmons, Mark & Kate Hanlon, Alison Hiatt, Tom & Sherrie Hopkins, and Shirel Zillier for spending hours preparing the sanctuary for Palm Sunday and/ or Easter Services. We appreciate your efforts and talents!

Little Free Pantry Ministry

Our little free pantry ministry needs some TLC (tender loving care). Can you purchase a few non perishable items and leave them in the basket in the narthex?

Meals	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boxed/bagged grains/beans
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dry pasta, sauce in plastic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boxed/bagged pasta meals
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hormel Completes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Campbell's Ready Meals
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna pouches
<input type="checkbox"/>	Peanut butter/jelly in plastic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hot/cold cereals

Snacks	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Peanut butter snack crackers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Applesauce/fruit squeezes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dried fruit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Granola/breakfast bars
<input type="checkbox"/>	Beef jerky
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nuts



April Birthdays: Perry Sullivan, Hayleigh Labelle, Dr. Christie Iverson, Jade Gross, Heather Banker, Skyy Fox, Dennis Lipp, Tom Hopkins, Melissa Schoellkopf, Emily Henderson, Ted Poppke, Kyra Sullivan, Tasha Schatz, Patrisha Schmacher, Bridget McDowell, Jodi Sullivan, Fred Kitko, Samantha Kramer, Rhys Harries, Michaela Goecke

April Anniversaries: Rick and Tamara Olson

Wish them a Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary!

We received word that former member, Jane Harrison, died on Easter Sunday at the age of 101. Jane was residing at an assisted living facility in SD and was still active in that community. Jane and her late husband were faithful and generous members of St. George's for decades. She will be interred in Minnesota with her husband, Ed.



St. George's on Easter Sunday. Thank you to all who provided Easter Lilies!

St. George's 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.

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.

St Georges Episcopal Memorial Church

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Let's Get Social

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YouTube Channel: [St Georges Memorial Church](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

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April 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	
	11 am Centering Prayer	530pm Holy Eucharist 6pm Potluck 645pm Choir Rehearsal	5pm Executive Committee	10 am St. G's Delivers Sr. Meals	10 am St. G's Delivers Sr. Meals	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10am Holy Eucharist 11am Coffee Fellowship	2pm Unteachable Lessons Book Discussion	530pm Holy Eucharist 6pm Potluck 645pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Vestry Meeting	530pm Holy Eucharist 6pm Potluck 645pm Choir Rehearsal	10 am St. G's Delivers Sr. Meals	10 am St. G's Delivers Sr. Meals	
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