

Welcome to St. George's

Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Feast of St. George

April 21, 2024

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST



We are a Christian church within the Anglican tradition and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. If you are a visitor or newcomer, please introduce yourself to one of our Wardens, Greeters, or Clergy. Welcome to our church family! If you need to have communion brought to you in the pew, please let the Greeter know before the service begins.

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The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

- **Worldwide Anglican Communion** – The Anglican Church of Australia
- **Anglican Church of Canada** – Linda, Primate; Chris, National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, Metropolitan
- **Diocese of Niagara** – Susan and Colin, Bishops; the people of St. James' Church, Dundas
- **St. George's** – thanksgiving for the faithful ministry of this congregation throughout the history of this parish

We wish to acknowledge that we meet on land that, at the time of contact, was held by the Attawandaron as an area of trade and ceremony by the two rivers. At various times, the land was occupied by both Haudenosaunee from the south and Anishnaabe from the north. In more recent times, the Huron Treaty gave rights to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. May we who dwell on or visit this land also be good stewards and honour those who came before us.

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Prelude *Adagio from Sonata No. 1*

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY (*stand*)

Hymn 425 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Hymn to Joy

Children's Focus The Rev. Victor Kischak

Greeting (*stand*)

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider May his grace and peace be with you.

All **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Collect for the Day

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, who called your holy martyr George to bear before the rulers of this world the banner of the cross, grant that we may be strong in every battle against sin, and attain to the crown of eternal life; though Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading (*sit*)

Reader A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

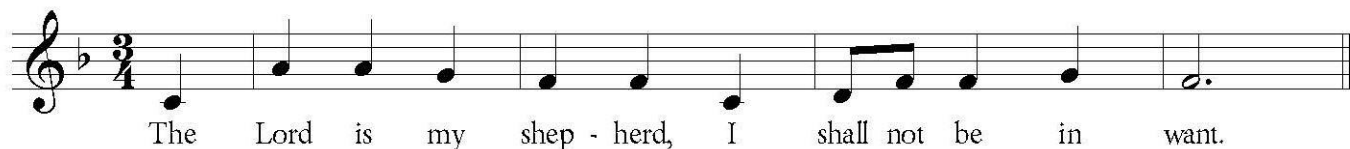
But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups

to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God. Ephesians 2:13-22

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (*choir and congregation*)



*The Lord is my shepherd; **

I shall not be in want.

*He makes me lie down in green pastures **

and leads me beside still waters. R

*He revives my soul **

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

*I shall fear no evil; **

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me. R

*You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; **

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

*Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, **

and I will dwell in the house of the house of the Lord for ever. R

Gospel Reading *(remain standing)*

Reader The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

John 10:11-18

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily The Rev. Victor Kischak
(followed by silence for reflection)

Anthem *The Lord Is My Shepherd*

Howard Goodall

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Presider The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and sponsors,

I present George, Caroline, Hannah, and Alfred to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Presider Will you be responsible for seeing that these children you present are nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents and sponsors I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and sponsors I will, with God's help.

The presider asks the parents and sponsors the following questions:

Presider Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and sponsors I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and sponsors I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and sponsors I renounce them.

Presider Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Parents and sponsors I do.

Presider Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and sponsors I do.

Presider Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Parents and sponsors I do.

The presider addresses the congregation, saying,

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support
George, Caroline, Hannah, and Alfred in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Prayers for the Candidates (*stand, kneel or sit*)

Intercessor Let us now pray for George, Caroline, Hannah, and Alfred
who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver George, Caroline, Hannah, and Alfred, O Lord, from
the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Grant, O God, that all who are baptized into the death of
Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his
resurrection and look for him to come again in glory;
who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Thanksgiving over the Water

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider 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.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider 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.

Presider Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the Life of the Earth?

People I will, with God's help.

Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the presider who then baptizes the candidate, saying,
George / Caroline / Hannah / Alfred, I baptize you in the name
of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The presider makes the sign of the cross on the forehead (using chrism) saying,
I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

After all are baptized, the presider prays over the newly baptized saying,
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon this your servants George, Caroline,
Hannah, and Alfred the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them
to the new life of grace. Sustain them in your Holy Spirit. Give
them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and
to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy
and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Giving of the Light

Presider Receive the light of Christ,
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

**People Let your light so shine before others that they may see your
good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith
of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with
us in his eternal priesthood.**

Sharing of the Peace *(stand)*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn 519 *The Lord's My Shepherd*

Crimond

Prayer over the Gifts *(remain standing)*

All **O God, behold the needs of your Church and give aid to our weakness, that your mercy may attend our praise and our hearts may render you thanks. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
6 Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your
13 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who
19 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night when he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All 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 them that 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.

Breaking of Bread

Presider Lord, we have died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

Presider We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Presider Live in us, that we may live in you.

Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

(if you need gluten-free bread, please request it before extending your hands)

During Communion

Lamb of God

Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world, have mercy up-on us. Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn 521 *Dear Shepherd of Your People, Hear*

Stockton

Prayer after Communion *(stand)*

Presider Let us pray.

All Holy God, who gave to your martyr George the reward of service under Christ, grant us by this holy banquet so to persist in the way of baptism, that we may vanquish the works of sin and enter the gates of victory. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider Glory to God,

All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing *(remain standing)*

Presider May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, and those that you love,

All **and those that you should love,**

Presider now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Hymn 444 *Your Hand, O God, Has Guided*

Thornbury

Dismissal

Presider Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord Alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude *Postlude in G Minor*

Denis Bedard

(please remain seated until the end of the Postlude)

Announcements

Assistance Needed for Refugee Family

We have received word from Immigration Canada, through the Refugee Office at the Niagara Diocese, that our refugee family has received their visas and will be arriving in Canada in the next 7-12 weeks (mid May to June timeframe). We need your help to support their settlement in Guelph, including finding housing, furnishing their apartment, and supporting them in adjusting to Guelph. St. George's is responsible for supporting this family for the next 12 months. Proceeds from the Soup and Buns lunch which took place on April 7 will directly support our refugee ministry. More detail to come on how you can help furnish their apartment. If you are aware of a 2- or 3-bedroom apartment coming available in the next 12 weeks, please contact a member of the Refugee Committee. Please indicate your area of interest on the sign-up sheet in the cloister.

Refugee Committee: Maria Fage, 2fages@rogers.com, Laura Keller, thekellerkrew@gmail.com or Margaret Rich, m.rich222@gmail.com.

St. George's Day Carillon Concert

St. George's Anglican will celebrate St. George's Day **today** with a special carillon concert performed by **carillonneur Deborah Hennig** (Stratford, Ontario). The 20-minute program will **begin at noon** shortly after the service and features music specific to the occasion including favourite hymns "Jerusalem", "Thaxted" and "On Eagle's Wings", Welsh folk melody "The Ash Grove", and nods to the legend of St. George with "Puff, The Magic Dragon" and "Test Drive" from *How to Train Your Dragon*. The grounds around the church and Douglas Street provide good listening locations.

Saturday Night Supper – April 27

The next Saturday Night Supper is coming up on April 27. Consider being a part of this rewarding outreach work of St. George's that benefits those of our local community that are in need of a nutritious, home-cooked meal. This is a wonderful fellowship and community-building opportunity and all are welcome to join us. Volunteers are needed to prepare food (mashed potatoes, meat and desserts) and to assist with the serving and clean-up. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the cloister. **For more information, please contact Jon Fage at (519) 766-3417 or by email at 2fages@rogers.com.**

St. George's Craft Guild Spring Meetings

- Knitting, crocheting, embroidery, card making, beading, etc.
- All skill levels are welcome – we'll even teach you if you want to learn.
- First and Third Sunday afternoons each month from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Library!

Newcomers' Lunch – Sunday, April 28 – 12 to 1pm

So who says there is no Free Lunch?

If you are new to the Church, we would like to invite you to a "Newcomers' Lunch" in the chapel, hosted by Victor. It's our way of welcoming you to our Church and getting a chance to know you a bit better.

Over sandwiches and munchies, Victor will host an interactive discussion on:

- the history of the Anglican Church and the worldwide Church today
- St. George's: what we are, what we do and where we are going

So that we can plan, please **sign up on the list on the bulletin board or email office@saintgeorge.ca**.

Evensong

The next Evensong service will be on **April 28 at 4:00 pm**.

Bishop's Company Dinner

The Diocese of Niagara is excited to resume the annual Bishop's Company Dinner! Members and their guests will be invited to a special dinner taking place on **Tuesday, May 7** at the Royal Botanical Gardens. During the event, Bishop Susan Bell will be in conversation with the Reverend Michael Coren, priest, author, and columnist. The Bishop's Company provides resources that help the bishop respond compassionately and strategically to the urgent needs of our diocesan leaders, as well as respond to the needs of fellow siblings in Christ within our diocese and beyond. Members make an annual contribution of \$250/individual or \$450/couple in support of the bishop's important pastoral ministry. Membership also comes with an invitation to the annual gathering with the bishop. To become a member, or renew a membership, visit niagaraanglican.ca/bishops-company. If you need help, please email Hannah Keller, registrar for the Bishop's Company, with any questions you may have at hannah.keller@niagaraanglican.ca or call 1-905-527-1316, ext. 380.

Historical Society – Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the St. George’s Historical Society will be on **May 15** starting at 7:00 pm in the church library.

Guelph Connections Concerts

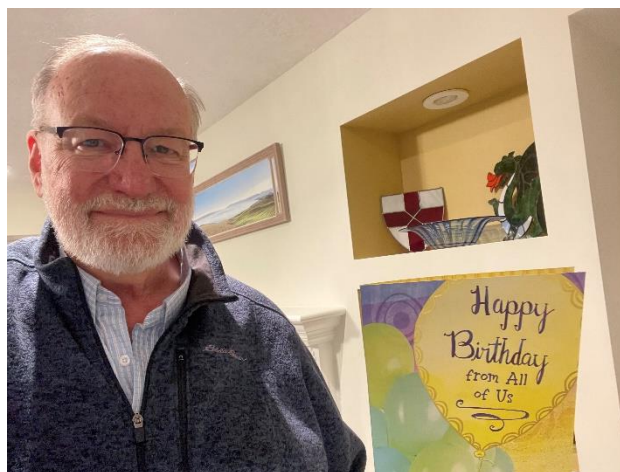
The Guelph Connections Concerts Spring cycle begins on **May 7** with the Penderecki Quartet. Concerts are Tuesdays starting at 4:30. Free admission.

Thank You from Canon Pratt

Thank you for the card with the many kind 70th Birthday wishes from so many members of the Parish Family at St George’s. I value and appreciate your kind thoughts and am grateful for the ministry we have shared.

Happy St George’s Day!!

Warm Regards,
Canon Christopher Pratt



Children's Ministry at St. George's

We have a number of new families attending St. George's, and we just want to make sure that you know all of the resources available to you on Sunday morning.

- Parents and small children are always welcome to use the family area at the back of the church.
- There are colouring packets available at the back of the church – ask a Greeter or Warden and they can help you find them.
- School-aged children are encouraged to attend Church School if they'd like.
- All children are invited to take part in the Children's Focus at the beginning of the service.
- If small children or babies need to "escape" for a time, the service is being broadcast in the library. You can take a break and still not miss the service.
- There is a change table available in the Accessible Washroom.

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