



Welcome to St. George's
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 12, 2025
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 Church of the Province of Uganda
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- St. George's** – The following members of our parish family: Bev Davidson, Shirley Day, Paul Deacon and Christine Osborne

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Prelude *Prelude on Royal Oak*

Mary Beth Bennett

Welcome and Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY *(stand)*

Hymn 262 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

St. George's, Windsor

Children's Focus

The Rev. David Shumaker

Greeting *(stand)*

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty God

All **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you
no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name:
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie *(Choir)*

Catherine Palmer

Collect for the Day

Presider Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for your
own. Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us, that we,
being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you
in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading *(sit)*

Reader A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100 (Congregation)

Refrain



Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song. (R)

Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. (R)

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name. (R)

Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age. (R)

Hymn 292 *We Cannot Measure How You Heal (verses 1,2)*

Ye Banks and Braes (Candler)

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 Luke.

All



Reader On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Luke 17:5-10

Reader The Gospel of Christ

All



Hymn 292 *We Cannot Measure How You Heal (verse 3)*

Ye Banks and Braes (Candler)

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

Anthem *O Be Joyful in the Lord*

Eleanor Daley

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before His presence with a song,
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God
it is he that hath made us.
and not we ourselves;
we are his people,
and the sheep of His pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise;
be thankful unto him,
and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious,
his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

Apostles' Creed *(stand)*

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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. 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. Amen.

Prayers of the People (*stand, kneel or sit*)

Confession and Absolution

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

(silence is kept)

Presider Most merciful God,

All we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

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 259 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

Ar Hyd Y Nos

Prayer over the Gifts

All **God of truth, receive all we offer you this day. Make us worthy servants, strong to follow in the pattern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing,

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Hymn 732

Presider We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, 'Take and 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." In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

All Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Presider Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with

love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. **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 "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry:
Whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**All Taste and see that the Lord is good;
Happy are they who trust in him!**

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

Hymn 403 *Let All Things Now Living*

Hymn 745

The Ash Grove

Prayer after Communion *(stand)*

Presider Let us pray.

All Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Saviour who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 399 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Nun Danket

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Paeon*

Philip Moore

Rector's Thanksgiving Letter

Thanksgiving 2025

"Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore" (Ps. 113:2)

As I sat down to write this letter, I found myself thinking about what it is that I'm thankful for. Because I believe we're called, especially on Thanksgiving, we're called to offer thanks to God for the whole of our lives, for both the good and the bad, which is not always an easy thing to do.

Sure there are those moments when there is joy and celebration, and there is this overwhelming sense that life is good. But then there are other times when our hearts are breaking, and we're stuck dealing with grief and sorrow and loss.

Three thousand years ago the Israelite people formulated blessings for every circumstance of their lives. If it was good news, then blessed be God who is good and does good. And if it was bad news, then blessed be the judge of truth. Which is basically the ancient Hebrew way of saying, "Well, that's above my pay grade, but God probably knows what He's doing."

So I think our challenge every Thanksgiving is to learn how to give thanks for the messiness of life; thanks for the things we welcome, as well as the things we would do absolutely anything to avoid. And I think the answer to this lies in an action that we at St. George's take every time when we stand together, we raise our hands, and we ask for God's blessing on something.

Because by asking for God's blessing, you start to think about what's all involved. For example, you start to wonder whether your blessing makes something holy, or recognizes its holiness. You also think about which things do you agree to bless, and which things do you decline to bless, and on what grounds do you decide which is which. Like a couple years ago I was asked to bless a Toronto Maple Leafs jersey, and I tell you as a life-long Montreal Canadiens fan, that felt like Sophie's Choice, only colder and with worse playoff odds.

Now we Christians bless things all the time. We bless bread, wine, water, oil, babies, marriages, the sick, and the dearly departed. But as Anglicans, we're Olympic-level blessers because we will even bless houses, church furniture, wall hangings, candles, books, bells, dogs, cats, cars, vestments, embroidered kneeling cushions, religious jewelry, and, yes, even silverware. If you invite an Anglican priest to dinner, don't be surprised if the forks get a short liturgy. However, my favourite blessing of all is the one we offer for backpacks.

Just a few weeks ago our young people gathered together at the chancel steps with their backpacks to be blessed. When I asked how many were excited to be going back to school, a few hands were raised. (Don't think I didn't see all the parents sitting in the pews raise their hands). When I asked how many were nervous or scared to go back to school, a few more hands were raised.

Then we laughed, talked about the reasons why they go to school, and then with everyone standing, backpacks raised up into the air, we asked for the following blessing: *"Gracious God, bless these backpacks and all the children who will use them. Give them courage as they start a new school*

year. Be with them as they learn and grow. Show them how to serve you, and help them to teach us all about your love. We also ask your blessing on all teachers, parents and mentors who will work with and support them in their education. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.” And you know what? You could feel it - the holiness of ordinary life right there in the zippers and pencil cases.

Barbara Brown Taylor, an Episcopal priest and professor of religion, offers a few words of wisdom to those pronouncing blessings. She writes, "you say a blessing when you break a bone, the same as you do when you win the lottery. After all, the two events may be more alike than you know. Live with either of them for very long and you may discover that neither of them is as bad or as good as you first thought it would be.”

But more importantly I think, she suggests that the more we offer blessings, the closer we draw to God. Again, she writes, “by pronouncing a blessing, you learn to look upon someone else with compassion. You look past their terrifying demeanour to see the brokenness within. You open your arms to what is, instead of waiting until it is what it should be. You sacrifice control, to extend love and grace. And when you do this, you occupy God’s own heart.”

Every single occurrence in our lives, good or bad, is to be understood as an invitation to draw closer to God. So ultimately our challenge is to embrace all that God has given us and offer thanks, thereby recognizing our lives as living sacraments, as outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grace.

It is with this spirit of gratitude that we come together here at St. George's to celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday on October 12th at both our 8:30 am and 10:30 am services. As always, I’m deeply grateful for each of you and for all the ways you help make St. George’s such a vibrant, generous, occasionally mischievous, and very blessed community.

Later this autumn on Sunday, November 2nd we will celebrate All Saints Day. Then, on Sunday, November 9th we will observe Remembrance Sunday at both our 8:30 am and 10:30 am services. As well, we have a lot of additional ministries and events happening - more chances to bless, to serve, and to laugh together.

May God continue to bless you and your family this Thanksgiving season, and may you never run out of things to be thankful for (or at least stories to laugh about when things don’t go as planned).

With gratitude and affection,

The Rev. Victor Kischak
Pastor, Priest, & Rector

Announcements

Volunteer Spotlight

An enormous thank you goes to Shirley and Shastyn Griffin, for their wonderful work with our Chancel Guild and Flower ministries. Each week, they oversee the preparation and maintenance of the church and altar for worship, organizing volunteers to handle tasks such as preparing communion vessels and linens, arranging flowers, and decorating the church for special seasons and holidays. If you were here at Easter, you'll remember the astonishingly beautiful flowers organized by Shirley and Shastyn. In addition, they thoughtfully re-purpose our flowers each Sunday by rearranging them into smaller bouquets to give members of the parish to brighten their day. Shirley and Shastyn - you have our very deepest appreciation!



Shastyn Griffin, Florence Kingori, Shirley Griffin, and Grace Gomashie

Festival of All Saints In Memoriam

Each year on the Festival of All Saints we celebrate the Eucharist in thanksgiving for the lives of loved ones who died during the past year. If you would like to commemorate a loved one who has died, or if you know of a family who would appreciate being contacted, please reach out to Bruce, our Parish Administrator, or David, our Assistant Curate.

Parish Survey

We'd love your feedback! Please take a few minutes to help us understand how St. George's is serving you in areas like liturgy, music, Sunday School, events, outreach, youth/young adults, and communication. Your input helps us grow together in faith. Please complete the survey by **October 24**. The survey can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WXD7NZX>

St. George's Book Club Next Meeting

Next Meeting: October 21st, 2025 at 7:00 pm in Church Library and on Zoom

Book: Proof by Beverley McLachlin. This is the story of Attorney Jilly Truitt as she defends a high profile mother accused of kidnapping her own child. The Author a former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada brings her intimate knowledge of the Justice system to highlight the games lawyers play and the risks of wrong choices. As time passes, the police are sure that the child is dead and they are ready to charge the mother with murder. Jilly must use all her skills and resources to try and locate the child before the police charge the mother with murder. Everyone welcome. Contact Anne McGee: amcgee995@gmail.com

Save the Date and Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 21 - Book Club – at 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 2 – All Saints Day

Sunday, November 9 – Remembrance Sunday

Saturday, November 15 - Saturday Night Supper at Royal City Mission

Saturday, November 29, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm – St. George's Christmas Market

ECM Community Supper

It's time once again to welcome back students at the U of G by supporting the **Ecumenical Campus Ministry weekly Community Dinner**. We will be providing dinner for approximately 50 students on **Wednesday, October 22nd**. We need **5 crockpots of main course** (whatever you like to make in a crock pot) with at least one vegan and one gluten-free option. We need **dessert** as well, with vegan and gluten-free options. We ask that you provide a list of ingredients with your dish so students with allergies can make an informed decision. Food can be **brought to the church by 4:00pm hot and ready-to-go** and will be picked up there by the ECM team. Your crockpot will be returned to you the following Sunday (we can get it back to you sooner if you need). Thank you in advance for your support of this important ministry! If you

have any questions, please speak to Laura Keller (519-803-2617). A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

Chamber Music Series at St. George's Continues

The chamber music concerts will continue to be offered at St. George's on Tuesdays at 4:30 during the months of October, March and May. Music at St. George's will feature a wide variety of outstanding soloists and ensembles. The next concert features the Cardinal Consort with Soprano, Meredith Hall.

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