

**Saint George's
Episcopal Church**

Milford, Michigan

God Loves You.

No Exceptions!



**9th Sunday after Pentecost
August 7, 2022**

**Holy Communion, Rite II
at 10:15 a.m.**

**The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams,
*Interim Rector***

**Mr. John Potter,
*Music Minister***

*In Person, Outdoors
(Weather permitting)*

Prelude

Gavotte

Matthew Camidge

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise H82, #637 vs 1-3,5 *"How firm a foundation"*

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- 1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?**
- 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

3 “When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

5 “The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson | Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

A reading from the Book of Isaiah, chapter 1, beginning at the first verse.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation— I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if

you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter | Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24, said responsively by verse

1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, ***

God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *

before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

4 **He calls the heavens and the earth from above ***

to witness the judgment of his people.

5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

6 **Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; ***

for God himself is judge.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *

for I am God, your God.

8 **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; ***

your offerings are always before me.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *

lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 **Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; ***

but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

Sequence Hymn LEVAS II #210 *Down by the Riverside* Words Public Domain

1. **Goin' to lay down my sword and shield, Down by the riverside...
Goin' to lay down my sword and shield, Down by the riverside,
To study war no more.**

Refrain

**I ain't goin' to study war no more, Ain't goin' to study war no more,
Ain't goin' to study war no more. (repeat)**

2. **Goin' to lay down my war shoes, Down by the riverside...**
Goin' to lay down my war shoes, Down by the riverside,
To study war no more. *Refrain*

Holy Gospel | Luke 12:32-40

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

[Jesus said to his disciples:] “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn *concludes*

3. **Goin' to put on my long white robe, Down by the riverside...**
Goin' to put on my long white robe, Down by the riverside,
To study war no more.

Refrain

I ain't goin' to study war no more, Ain't goin' to study war no more,
Ain't goin' to study war no more. *(repeat)*

4. **Goin' to meet my loving savior, Down by the riverside...**
Goin' to meet my loving savior, Down by the riverside,
To study war no more. *Refrain*

The Sermon

Rev. Susan

The Nicene Creed, *said by all, standing as able*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People, *in August*

Adapted from the ELCA worship website

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. We pray, holy God, for the church universal— for the unity of the church, expressed through ministries, sacraments, and scriptures; for the Anglican bishops meeting in Lambeth; for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Bonnie our Bishop; for Susan our Priest and for all the clergy. We also pray for Grace Church in Southgate, and for St Mary the Virgin, Montillano, and St. Joseph's, Boca Chica, in the D.R. (*Silent prayer*)

O God, our Sanctuary, empower the church, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, omnipotent God, for the well-being of creation— for the will and wisdom to care for the earth; for wise leaders and helpful laws to safeguard our planet's future; for all

who are in danger from wild-fires, drought, hurricanes and flooding, as the earth suffers from climate change. *(Silent prayer)*

O God, Rainbow-maker, preserve the earth, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, righteous God, for peace and justice in the world— for efforts toward international cooperation; for peace in Ukraine and for the victims of that war; for all places where violence has become the way of life and death. *(Silent prayer)*

O God, our Sovereign and Judge, guide the nations, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, benevolent God, for people who are poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, or lonely today—remembering those who are hungry or homeless; persons without family or friends to help; those who are isolated because of Covid, unemployment, mental illness, or poverty. *(Silent prayer)*

O God, our Shepherd and Mother, protect the needy, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, compassionate God, for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit— for those in hospitals and other institutions of care, for those who have no medical care, for those who are incarcerated or institutionalized, for those on our Prayer List: Avis, Anne, Barb, Brayden, Carl, David, Glen, Hailey, Herb, Joan, Judi, Judy, Kim, Leeland, Lisa D, Lisa E, Lisa S, Liz, Marcia, Mary Lou, Michael, Pam, Robert, Ruth, Sharon, Sue, Tim R. and others we name at this time. . . *(Silent prayer)*

O God, our Healer and Nurse, bless the sick, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, faithful God, for our congregation— for deeper faith and stronger commitment as we remember our 76 years of Episcopal witness; for our Vestry and their leadership; for the members and work of our Rector Search Committee. We give thanks with those celebrating their birthday this week; and those celebrating anniversaries, reunions, and other special events. *(Silent prayer)*

O God, Everlasting Arms, embrace this assembly, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our thanksgiving, eternal God, for all who have died in the faith, especially [and] those we name at this time.... That at the end, we will join with them and all your saints to rejoice in your presence. *(Silent prayer)*

O God, our Creator and Redeemer, gather us to yourself, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. The priest begins:

**Most merciful God, 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 neighbors 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.**

The Celebrant declares Absolution of Sin:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**
Let us share the Peace of Christ, safely!

Welcome and Announcements *(see last page)*

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn MHSO #151 *Let there be peace on earth*
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- 1 Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be,
With God as creator, brothers and sisters are we,
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

- 2 Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'-ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

Please stand as able, when the ushers come forward

Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Supplemental Prayer 2

Enriching Our Worship

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord: *WLP #858*

Land of Rest

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**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.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we

were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts + that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ + given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed George, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread (*silence follows*)

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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Principal Canon

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

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Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God: Holy gifts for holy people.

Communion Hymn LEVAS II #151 *One bread, one Body, one Lord of all*
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Refrain:

**One Bread, one Body, one Lord of all,
one Cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one Body in this one Lord.**

1. **Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. *Refrain***
2. **Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. *Refrain***
3. **Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. *Refrain***

Post Communion Prayer, *said together*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

1. **Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!**
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;
up, watch with expectation! at the midnight comes the cry.
2. **See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;**
look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;
Rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!
3. **Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;**
Arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

Dismissal response: Thanks be to God!

Postlude *Fanfare in D for Organ*

Jâcques-Nicolas Lemmens

Announcements -August 7

- ★ Rev. Susan will be vacationing with her family this coming week. She plans to be back in the office on Tuesday, Aug. 16.
- ★ Help us present St George's to those attending **Milford Memories, August 12-14.** There's a sign-up in the Narthex, which is nearly complete; but the last shift each day really needs 3 people. We also need cases of water. Can you help?
- ★ **Please pray daily for our Rector Search Committee, and their work.**

Everlasting God: Give to our Rector Search Committee grace and wisdom, as they build a profile of our church, to attract and evaluate prospective candidates for the position of our next priest. Infuse their hearts with your Holy Spirit, to enlighten them as they review and prioritize the desires of your congregation.

Lord, we also ask you to lead them to your will and desire for St. George's, so that we may faithfully fulfill the mission of your church. We ask this for the sake of him who dwelt among us, Jesus your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.