

Following the 10 am Service, you are invited outdoors as we ask God's blessing on the garden.

The **next three days**: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are called **Rogation Days**. They are kept by the Church as 'Days of Solemn Prayer' (see p. xiii, BCP). To that end, the **Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on Tuesday and Wednesday at 5:00 pm.**

Ascension Day is on **May 26th**. As usual, **Morning Prayer** will be prayed at **8:30 a.m.** and the **Holy Eucharist** is scheduled to be celebrated at **10 a.m.** Prior to Morning Prayer, according to English tradition, at 7am we plan to **climb the stairs to the bell tower** to read Scripture, sing a hymn; and ring the bells. A light breakfast will follow

In keeping the Rogation Days, **Travel to You Petting Zoo** is scheduled to come to the Church Hall on Thursday **May 26th**. **The animals will be in the Hall from 2:00 to 3:00pm.** Then, a children's activity (Bible Story and craft) will follow. There is also the possibility of an early supper together. Please **contact the Office if you are interested in Supper.** Everyone is welcome!

The next **vaccination proof** service is scheduled for **Saturday May 28th** at 10am.

The **Day of Pentecost** is fast approaching on **June 5th**. Once again we hope to read the Epistle on p. 205 in as **many languages** as possible. If you are interested in reading, please **speak to one of the clergy** as soon as possible.

Nicholas Saulnier's ordination is fast approaching. **Donations** toward the stole and Book of Common Prayer are **still being accepted.** Please mark your envelope "**gift for Nicholas**". Thank you!

A **Training Day** for St. George's Morning Outreach Program **Community volunteers** has been scheduled for **Monday, June 6th** from 10am until 2pm. We will focus on Safe Church policy, Suicide Intervention, and discuss our summer plan. Lunch will be provided. Anyone and **everyone is welcome** to attend. For more information, please **contact the Church Office 855-5209.**



St. George's Church is a downtown spiritual center where traditional Anglican liturgy, parishioners and the needs of our community are valued.

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Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever

Fifth Sunday After Easter Rogation Sunday - May 22, 2022



Parish Prayer Chain: To pass a message on to the Parish Prayer Chain, from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. please call Esther @ 855-5209; after Office Hours, please call Cathie @ 855-7969

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8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 107. 1-9	p. 471
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
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Gradual Psalm: 66. 15-19	p. 408
The Holy Gospel	p. 197

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 46, 63	p. 388, 405
First Lesson: Numbers 24. 1-19	(Pew Bible page 148)
Second Lesson: Romans 6. 1-14	(Pew Bible page 912)

10:00 A.M. –HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm – (sung) *With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard. Alleluia: utter it even unto the ends of the earth: the Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia, alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious. Glory be....*

The Exhortation: Dearly beloved, today is Rogation Sunday. It falls every year on the Fifth Sunday after Easter. “Rogation” comes from the Latin verb meaning “to ask”. This, of course, is the Lord’s Word to us in this morning’s Gospel: “Whatsoever ye shall *ask* the Father in my Name, He will give it to you.” For centuries, on this day, the Church has gone out to various stations in the parish – whether into fields or street corners – singing litanies, hymns and psalms, *asking* for God’s blessing upon the fruits of the earth and the labours of His people. After this example, then, let us continue to ask God the Father Almighty to purify the world from all errors, to repel diseases, avert famine, loose captives, break the chains, grant safe return to travellers, health to the sick, a sure haven to those at sea, to give peace to our days, to drive back our enemies who rise against us, and to deliver us from the hand of the evil one, for His Name’s sake.

Hymn: **328** (Martyrdom-382)

“O Canada”

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Children’s Talk	
Hymn: 427 (Monk’s Gate)	
Homily	
Offertory Hymn: 171 (St. Flavian – 238)	
Intercession	
The Confession and Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving and Consecration	pp. 78- 82
Hymns during Communion: 579 (Toplady, AT #41) 779 (What a Friend)	
The Lord’s Prayer	p. 85
Gloria in Excelsis	p. 86
“God Save the Queen”	
Recessional Hymn: Hymn: 398 (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)	

Please join us for coffee and tea in the Hall

5:00- P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalms: 61, 62	p. 404
First Lesson: Deuteronomy 28. 1-13	(Pew Bible page 187)
Second Lesson: Mark 4. 1-20	(Pew Bible page 804)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Frank Pierce, Richard Miller, Gertrude Awanda Stockall

“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”

Sandra Earle, Norma Christie, Joseph Wilson

This Week in the Parish

The Daily Offices of **Morning and Evening Prayer** will be prayed at **8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday – Saturday**, respectively. In addition:

Monday	Office Closed	
	Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Holy Communion	5:00 p.m.
	Scouts	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
	Cubs & Beavers	6:30 p.m.
	Holy Communion	5:00 p.m.
Thursday	Ascension Day Bell Tower/ Breakfast	7:00 a.m.
	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
	Petting Zoo	2:00 p.m.
Saturday	Community Breakfast	9:00 a.m.
	Vaccination Proof Service	10:00 a.m.

The Rector's Corner

The Holy Spirit lives in you. Take a minute to reflect on that, and maybe even a few deep breaths. This is true – not because of who we are or what we have done, but because of God's goodness. We worship and serve the Living God Who is personal – as up close and personal as our very breath. He is the intimate One Who wants communion with His people.

Consider what this means: you are not alone. You are deeply loved. You belong. You are forgiven. You have new life and everlasting Hope. You have Divine Strength to resist the devil. You have the capacity to think and speak and act in a way that is different from the culture. You can be holy.

The Church calls us to think about these things, especially over the next two weeks. We are coming to the end of the Great Forty Days which follow Easter Sunday. During this period of time, the Risen Lord stayed with His disciples. He talked with them and ate with them; and He prepared them for His coming Ascension into Heaven. And then it happened. Here's how St. Luke described it in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles:

“And when Jesus had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into Heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into Heaven? This Jesus who was taken up from you into Heaven will come in the same way as you saw Him go into Heaven.’” (1.9-11)

The Church Calendar marks Jesus' Ascension this coming Thursday, May 26th. It has been our custom to begin the day at 7:00 AM by climbing the bell tower stairs, making an act of worship and ringing the bells. Then we have breakfast in the Hall. (This year it will be delicious but simple: banana, fresh biscuits, tea, coffee and juice.) Later in the morning at 10 AM, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in the main Church.

Then we get ready for the next ten days. Before He ascended, Jesus told His disciples, *“Not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, you heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” (Acts 1. 4-5)*

We can try to imagine the disciples going back into the city after Jesus went up. They must have felt scared and confused – perplexed. Their Lord and Master had just left them. The One who had performed miracles; raised the dead; Himself rose from the dead; and taught with authority – was gone. Now what? They went to do what He had instructed – ‘wait’ – ‘wait for the promise of the Father’ for ‘you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now’.

In an effort to highlight the special nature of these ten days, the Church has maintained a Novena. As one devotion book says, “A novena is a nine day period of prayer in preparation for a particular feast. The first novena was kept at the express command of the Risen Christ, by the Apostles, Mary, and the disciples in the Upper Room from the day of our Lord's Ascension to Pentecost.” (Saint Augustine's Prayer Book) The idea is to set aside some time to deliberately reflect on the personal gift of the Spirit; to give thanks; and to seek His inspiration in our lives.

Copies of the Novena to the Holy Ghost are available at the back of the Church. It is also on the website under the Worship heading. We will also include the novena devotion at Morning and Evening Prayer. If you have questions about this, or about the gift of the Holy Spirit, please don't hesitate to ask!

Daily Bible Readings

A modified schedule from the Prayer Book's Table of Lessons

Sunday	Deuteronomy 34	Acts 20:17-end
Monday	Joshua 1	Acts 21:1-16
Tuesday	Joshua 2	Acts 21:17-36
Wednesday	Joshua 3	Acts 21:37-22:22
Thursday	Joshua 4:1-5:1	Acts 22:23-23:11
Friday	Joshua 5:13-6:20	Acts 23:12-end
Saturday	Joshua 7	Acts 24:1-23

“Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, being not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”
St. James 22. 25

We are in **need of men's and women's underwear, deodorant and men's clothing** especially pants for the Community Outreach Program. Any donations will be gratefully received.