

Saint George's Episcopal Church

Milford, Michigan

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God Loves You.

No Exceptions!



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 13

August 2, 2026

**Morning Prayer, Rite II
at 10:15 a.m.**

Dave Dickey
Officiant

John Potter
Music Minister

In Person & Livestreamed

Prelude

Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You

Richard Gillard

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Gathering Hymn

Ho! you that thirst, approach the spring

Music - H-82 #493 P.D.

Based on Isaiah 55, from *Scottish Paraphrases*, 1745-51 P.D.

1. **Ho! you that thirst, ap-proach the spring where liv-ing wa-ters flow:**
Free to that sa-cred foun-tain all with-out a price may go.
2. **How long to streams of false de-light will you in crowds re-pair?**
How long your strength and sub-stance waste on tri-fles light as air?
3. **My stores af-ford those rich sup-plies that health and plea-sure give:**
In-cline your ear, and come to Me; the soul that hears shall live.
4. **Seek you the Lord, while yet His ear is o-pen to your call;**
While of-fered mer-cy still is near, be-fore God's foot-stool fall.
5. **Let sin-ners quit their e-vil ways their e-vil thoughts fore-go;**
And God, when they to Him re-turn, re-turn-ing grace will show.
6. **He par-dons with o'er-flow-ing love; for, hear the voice di-vine!**
"My na-ture is not like to yours, nor like your ways are Mine:
7. **But far as heaven's re-splen-dent orbs be-yond earth's spot ex-tend,**
As far My thoughts, as far My ways, your ways and thoughts tran-scend.

Officiant: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Confession

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

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All kneel as comfortable. Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together

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.**

Officiant (kneeling)

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

Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Officiant: The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

Invitatory Psalm H-82 #377 Psalm 100: *All People that on earth do dwell* Public Domain

1. **All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.**
2. **Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.**
3. **O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his Name always, for it is seemly so to do.**
4. **For why? the Lord our God is good; his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.**
5. **To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.**

Psalter | Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22 *said responsively by whole verse*

8. The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
9. **The LORD is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.**
15. The LORD upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
16. **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**
17. You open wide your hand
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
18. **The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works.**
19. The LORD is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.
20. **He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and helps them.**

21. The LORD preserves all those who love him,
but he destroys all the wicked.

22. **My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

First Lesson | Isaiah 55:1-5

An Invitation to Abundant Life

A reading from Isaiah, chapter 55, beginning at the first verse

Thus says the Lord: "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

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

**Canticle | Canticle 4 H-82 #444 *Blessed (Sung: Blest) be the God of Israel* Music - H-82 #525 P.D.
Words -Michael A. Perry ©1973 The Jubilate Group**

The Epistle | Romans 9: 1-5

God's Election of Israel

A reading from the Letter of Paul to God's beloved in Rome, chapter 9, verses 1 through 5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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The people stand as comfortable

Gradual Hymn |

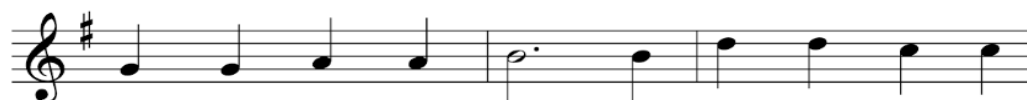
They Came, a Milling Crowd

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1. They came, a mill - ing crowd, And
2. And then, when eve - ning came, They
3. How great the mys - ter - y! The
4. Once more, O Christ, we come, A
5. All praise to you, O Christ, By



gath - ered round the Lord. He loved them with a
hun - gered and were fed From of - fered loaves he
loaves were mul - ti - plied, And still we feed up -
rest - less, hun - g'ring throng, To hear your Word and
whom we now are fed. Our Host, a - gain you



Gospel Lesson | Matthew 14: 13-21

Feeding the Five Thousand

A Lesson from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 14, verses 13 through 21

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Dave Dickey

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing as comfortable

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.

The Prayers

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

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.

Suffrages "B"

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. **We praise your Name for ever.**
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. **For we put our trust in you.**
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

Collect of the Day

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the risen Lord be always with you!
People **And also with you!**
Officiant Let us share the Peace of Christ!

Parish Announcements see end of Service Bulletin

Offertory Sentence

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

Offertory Hymn H-82 #414 *God, my King, thy might confessing* Public Domain

The Prayers of the People

for the Season after Pentecost (Ordinary Time)

Gathered as the Body of Christ, walking in the way that leads to life, let us bring before God our prayers for the Church, the world, and all in need, trusting in the one who calls us his own. For the holy Church of God throughout the world that the Body of Christ may shine with the light of the Gospel, bearing faithful witness to the Kingdom of heaven in every land and among every people. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Bonnie our Diocesan Bishop, Michelle our priest, for all bishops, priests, and deacons and the clergy and people of *St. John's in Detroit & St. Paul's in Romeo* — that they may be faithful shepherds, preaching the word in season and out of season, and tending the flock entrusted to their care. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For this congregation those gathered here and those scattered far away and for all who serve in its ministries – that we may grow in the knowledge of Christ, bear fruit worthy of our calling, and love one another as he has loved us. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the nations – for the President of the United States; for the Congress and the courts; for the Governor of this state; for all local officials and all who make and enforce the laws of this land – that those who bear the burden of governance may be ruled by wisdom, humility, and a love of justice and remember their obligation to the poor, the stranger, and the vulnerable.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For peace in a world torn by conflict – for an end to war, terrorism, and the cycles of violence that consume the innocent. We pray especially for all places where the children of God are suffering this day. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For those who work for reconciliation across lines of race, class, and nation – mediators, peacemakers, diplomats, and grassroots organizers – that their labor may bear fruit in communities of justice and mutual respect. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit – that the healing presence of Christ may be known to them, and that they may be surrounded by the love and care of those who serve them. We pray especially for *Annie F., Barry, Carol R., Caroline, Cheryl, Doug E., Dot V., Eric, Fred K. & Family, Helen, Janine C., Jeanne, Jenna & Don, Jim, Joan B., Joe, John E., Judi V., the Kane Family, Katie M., Karen S., Kim, Leon & Sheila S., Lisa D., Lisa S., MaryLou, Mary S., Matt W., Michael B., Mike W., Michelle M., Michelle R., Nancy B., Olivia S., Rebecca, Rick, Ron D., the Sera Family, Sharon A., Sue H., Theresa A., Tom C.,* and for any whom we now name aloud or hold in the silence of our hearts. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the whole of creation to God – the fields and forests, rivers and seas, and all creatures that inhabit the earth. We give thanks for the abundance of the earth – for sunlight and rain, for the fruits of the earth, and for all the gifts of creation that sustain our lives. In this season of growth, may we tend the earth with care and gratitude. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating birthdays, *Annie F. & Dot V.* anniversaries, new births, graduations, and other milestones of life – may all who mark a threshold in these days find in their joy a foretaste of the Kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for those near to us who have died in the hope of the resurrection especially [names and] those we now name aloud or hold in the silence of our hearts...Grant to all the faithful departed the fullness of your peace, and bring us at the last with all your saints into the joy of your eternal Kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As we walk through the season of Ordinary Time, we pray for ourselves – that in the unspectacular days of summer, in the rhythms of work and rest, family and solitude, we may be shaped ever more fully into the likeness of the one we follow. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Into your hands O Lord we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Officiant & People

General Thanksgiving (*New Zealand Prayer Book*)

Eternal God, compassionate and merciful,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all people.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for your boundless love
 in the redemption of the world by our Saviour Jesus Christ;
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we pray, give us that due sense of all your mercies,
 that our hearts may be truly thankful,
 and that we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives,
 by giving ourselves to your service
 and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory,
 now and for ever. Amen.

Conclusion

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** 2 Corinthians 13:14

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Dismissal Let us Bless the Lord
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude *Trust and Obey* *Daniel B. Towner* Public Domain

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Announcements – August 2, 2026

- ★ **Welcome to St George's Church!** Our Worship schedule includes Services at 08:30am and 10:15am in the Church. Both services will be live-streamed to our YouTube channel (accessible from our website and our Facebook page) in each month according to the following pattern:
 1st Sunday - 08:30 am Rite I Service *2nd/3rd/4th/(5th) Sundays* - 10:15 am Rite II Service.
- ★ **Healing Prayer will be offered at both services on August 9, 23 & 30.** Healing prayer is always available upon request.
- ★ **Milford Memories Aug 7-9 9:00am-6:00pm.** Sign-up now to help us man the lot and greet our neighbors. Donations of ice and bottled water are also needed. You can sign-up on the Sign-up Genius using this QR code, the link in the blast or by seeing Rev. Michelle, Mike Darcy or Mike Fanfair Sr. 
- ★ **Farewell and Godspeed for John Potter.** John will be completing his ministry with us on **Sunday August 9**, so we will be wishing him Farewell & Godspeed in worship and at a special coffee hour celebration after the 10:15 service. Please see Deb Sawyer if you would like to contribute.
- ★ **Mark your Calendars: September 6** - Bishop's Triennial Visitation, **September 20** - Serving Lunch Crossroads
- ★ **Chancel Flowers are given today** by Deb Sawyer in celebration of her American home.
- ★ **Sign-up for Altar Flowers 2026 is available in the narthex. Please sign up now.**

