

**Saint George's  
Episcopal Church**

Milford, Michigan

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*God Loves You.*

*No Exceptions!*



**Happy Father's Day!**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Proper 7

**Father's Day**

**June 21, 2026**

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

**Dave Dickey**  
*Officiant*

**John Potter**  
*Music Minister*

*In Person & Livestreamed*

**Prelude**

*Our Father by whose Name all fatherhood is known* Hymn # 587, Arr. Wilbur Held  
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**Gathering Hymn**

H-82 #558

*Faith of our Fathers*

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*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.

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 69:8-20 *said responsively by whole verse*

8. Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.
9. **I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.**
10. Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
11. **I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach.**
12. I put on sack-cloth also,  
and became a byword among them.
13. **Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,  
and the drunkards make songs about me.**
14. But as for me, this is my prayer to you,  
at the time you have set, O LORD:
15. **"In your great mercy, O God,  
answer me with your unfailing help.**
16. Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;  
let me be rescued from those who hate me  
and out of the deep waters.
17. **Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,  
neither let the deep swallow me up;  
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.**
18. Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.'
19. **"Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**
20. Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me.

**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 | Jeremiah 20: 7-13***Jeremiah Denounces His Persecutors*

A reading from Jeremiah, chapter 20, beginning at the 7th verse.

O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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 6: 1b-11***Dying and Rising with Christ*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to God's beloved in Rome, chapter 6, verses 1b through 11  
Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.***The people stand as comfortable*

**Canticle | Canticle 20 H-82 #S-280 *Glory to God in the Highest*  
Music - Robert J. Powell © 1985 Church Publishing, Inc.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Gospel Lesson | Matthew 10: 24-39**

*Whom to Fear; Not Peace, but a Sword*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew, **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows." Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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

## **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

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Collect for Father's Day:

O Lord our God, creator of heaven and earth, through your Son Jesus Christ you have revealed yourself as a heavenly Father to all of your children. Bless, we pray, all kinds of earthly fathers. We thank you for biological fathers, adopted fathers, and fathers in spirit. Strengthen them to nurture, protect, and guide the children entrusted to their care. Instill within them the virtues of love and patience. May they be slow to anger and quick to forgive. And through the ministrations of your Holy Spirit, may all fathers be strong and steadfast examples of faithfulness, responsibility, and loving-kindness; Comfort those of us who miss our fathers this day. All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, our rock and our redeemer. **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!

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### 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 Anthem** *Canon of Praise* Johann Pachelbel, Arr. Hal. H. Hopson(1933-July 20,2025)  
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## 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 *All Saints' in Detroit & Church of Annunciation in Santiago, DR* – 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, Denise, Dot V., Eric, Fred K., Helen, Janine C., Jeanne, Jim, Joan B., Joe, John E., Judi V., 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, the Sera Family, Sharon A., Sue H., Theresa A., Tom C., Zac P.*, 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 *Lisa D., & Keerthana I.* 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*

**Sending Hymn**      H-82 #587      *Our Father, by whose Name*      Music - Public Domain  
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**Dismissal**      Let us Bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Postlude**      *March of the Men of Harlech*      Welsh Melody, Arr. Wilbur Held  
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## Announcements – June 21, 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 July 19.** Healing prayer is always available upon request.
- ★ **Father's Day Lunch June 21** - Join us after the 10:15 service for a festive Father's Day lunch provided by the women of the church in honor of wonderful ministry of all the men of the church.
- ★ **June LOK Outing to Diamond Jack River Cruise Thursday June 25** - Cost for Seniors is \$20. Tickets can be purchased at the dock. Sign-up in the fellowship hall.
- ★ **Benthic Brass Concert, Outdoor Worship and Picnic Lunch June 28** - invite your friends, sign up in the fellowship hall if you want to contribute to the luncheon.
- ★ **Independence Day Organ Concert July 5 at 9:30am.** John will play a rousing selection of patriotic favorites between services. Come early or stay late.
- ★ **Altar Flower sign-up for 2026 is available in the narthex. Please sign up now.**

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