



SAINT GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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May 3, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, *In-person and Live-streamed*

The Rev. Michelle Werner, *Rector*

Mr. John Potter, *Music Minister*

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Collect of the Day

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson | Acts 7:55-60*The Stoning of Stephen*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 7, beginning at the 55th verse

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

Psalter | Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *said responsively by whole verse*

1. In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2. Incline your ear to me;**
make haste to deliver me.
3. Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4. Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,**
for you are my tower of strength.
5. Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15. My times are in your hand;**
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
16. Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me.

Epistle | 1 Peter 2: 2-10*The Living Stone and a Chosen People*

A reading from The First Letter of Peter chapter 2 beginning at the second verse.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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Holy Gospel | John 14:1-14

Jesus the Way to the Father

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

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Announcements – May 3, 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 May 3 & 26.** Healing prayer is always available upon request.
- ★ **Spring Textile Drive** - we are collecting old, stained or damaged clothing, sheets, bedding, purses or other textiles to be recycled. Take a special pink bag and a flyer from the Narthex and return items by the end of May.
- ★ **Church Clean up Day Saturday May 9 9:00am-1:00pm** - Projects will be available inside and outside the church for people of all physical abilities. Back up date in case of rain is May 23.
- ★ **Outreach Committee Meeting Thursday May 7 at 1:00pm (new time) in the Fellowship Hall.**
- ★ **ECW Meeting Tuesday May 10 at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall.**
- ★ **Worship Committee Meeting May 13 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.**
- ★ **Altar Flower sign-up for 2025 is available in the narthex. Please sign up now.**