

Saint George's Episcopal Church

Milford, Michigan

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God Loves You.

No Exceptions!



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 19

September 13, 2026

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

Mike Fanfair Sr.
Officiant

Jiabao Guo
Director of Music

In Person & Livestreamed if in church

Prelude

"Pathétique" Sonata, Op.13, II. Adagio cantabile

Beethoven

Gathering Hymn

LEVAS 13

My Lord What a Morning

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Refrain

My Lord, what a morn - ing. My Lord, what a morn - ing.

Fine

My Lord, what a morn - ing when the stars be - gin to fall.

1 You'll hear the trum - pet sound
2 You'll hear the sin - ner cry to wake the na - tions un - der - ground,
3 You'll hear the Christ - ian shout

D.C.

Look - ing to my God's right hand when the stars be - gin to fall.

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 103:1-13 *said responsively by whole verse*

- 1. Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.**
- 2. Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.**
- 3. He forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;**

4. **He redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**
5. He satisfies you with good things,
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
6. **The LORD executes righteousness
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**
7. He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.
8. **The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**
9. He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
10. **He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**
11. For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
12. **As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.**
13. As a father cares for his children,
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

**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 | Genesis 50:15-21

A reading from Genesis, chapter 50, beginning at the 15th verse

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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.
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The Epistle | Romans 14: 1-12

A reading from the Letter of Paul to God's beloved in Rome, chapter 14, verses 1 through 12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

The people stand as comfortable

Gradual Hymn | H-82 #674

Forgive our Sins as We Forgive

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Gospel Lesson | Matthew 18: 21-35

A Lesson from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 18, verses 21 through 35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Mike Fanfair Sr.

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 God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 #400

All Creatures of Our God King vs 1-3

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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 *Trinity Church in Monroe & St. Philip's in Rochester* — 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, Cheryl P., Deb Sur, Dot V., Eric, Fred K. & Family, Gina, Helen, Janine C., Jeanne, Jenna & Don, Jim, Joan B., Joe, Judi V., Kate K., Katie M., Karen S., Kim, Larry, Leon & Sheila S., Lisa D., Lisa S., Marianne V, MaryLou, Mary I., Mary S., Mary V., Matt W., Michelle M., the Mike P. family., Nancy B., Olivia S., Rebecca, Rick, Ron D., the Sera Family, Sharon A., Sue G., Sue H., Theresa A., Tom C., Zack*, 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, especially *Ellie K., Tim C., Mary B. & Lisa S.*, 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 *Mike P.* 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 #347 *Go Forth for God, go to the world in peace*

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

Postlude *Total Praise* Richard Smallwood by permission of Jubilate Music
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Announcements – September 13, 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 September 27.** Healing prayer is always available upon request.
- ★ **Fire Remediation Work Continues.** The executive team is working hard with our insurance company to clean up after the fire. Right now we are letting the professionals do their part. We will need St G members to help with clean-up later in the process, but for now **Please DO NOT enter the building unless you are asked to by Rev. Michelle, Ruth or Mike.** Check back often for updates on what activities we will be conducting and where.
- ★ **Welcome our new Director of Music Jiabao Guo** - Jiabao is a doctoral student in choral conducting at the University of Michigan. He brings with him a wonderful range of experience helping people of all ages and skill levels sing and worship more fully. He promises to be a great addition to the St. G family.
- ★ **Annual Big Sunday Lunch at Crossroads September 20** -We will not have 10:15 worship at St G's. We encourage folks to come at 8:30 or to worship with us at The Church at the Crossroads. There are two shifts 8:30-11:00am to cook and 10:30-2:30 to serve. You can work both shifts. Car pool will be available from St G. Sign-up genius is available now. Scan the QR Code or click the link in the eBlast or see Mike Darcy or Rev. Michelle for sign-up assistance.
- ★ **Choir Rehearsals are currently discontinued on Thursday Evenings at 7:00pm -**
When restarted we will be...Calling all singers. Even if you have not been part of the choir here before, join us! This is Jiabao's particular speciality and passion so come check it out and make a joyful noise with us.
- ★ **Kroger Vaccine Clinic September 27 9:30am-12:00pm** all the traditional vaccines flu, shingles, pneumonia, tetanus, RSV, etc as well as this year's updated COVID shot should be available at no cost for those with Medicare or commercial insurance. A Sign-up sheet is available in the Fellowship hall so we can get an estimate but walk-ins are always welcome.

