



SAINT GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The 16th Sunday After Pentecost

Proper 19

Morning Prayer, Rite I. *In-Person*

Deb Sawyer, Officiant

Jaibao Guo, Director of Music

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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.

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.**

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.

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Gospel Lesson | Matthew 18: 21-35

A Reading 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."

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Reflection

Deb Sawyer

The Apostles' Creed and the Prayers

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The Collect of the Day

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Green card

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us share the Peace of Christ!

Announcements

Officiant & People

Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

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The Blessing

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give us joy and peace in our faith; And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

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Conclusion *Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord *People:* **Thanks be to God**

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Announcements – September 13, 2026

- ★ **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.

