

St George's Church
6 September 2020
Creation Season

Introit: All things bright and beautiful

The Lord be with you
And with also with you.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence / Absolution

Lord God our maker and our redeemer, this is your world and we are your people: come among us and save us. We have misused your gifts of creation, and have regarded them as nothing more than resources for us to exploit. Look with mercy on your people:

and forgive us.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid. Look with mercy on your people:

and forgive us.

We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves. Look with mercy on your people:

and forgive us.

May God, who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins, pour into our hearts his compassion, his wisdom, and his strength, and make us holy to serve him in the world, that all creation may recognise its worth through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Gloria in Excelsis

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.

The Collect

Lord of all existence, of land and sea and sky, fish and fowl and butterfly, help us to find each other in the fellowship of created beings and to celebrate our diversity, in love and praise of you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Exodus 12. 1 - 14

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the

LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

Alleluia. O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.

Let them praise his name in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and lyre

For the Lord has pleasure in his people
and adorns the poor with salvation.

Let the faithful be joyful in glory;
let them rejoice in their ranks,
with the praises of God in their mouths
and a two-edged sword in their hands;
to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples;
to bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron;
to execute on them the judgement decreed;
such honour have all his faithful servants. Alleluia.

Epistle: Romans 13. 8 - 14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: Thy kingdom come! on bended knee

Gospel: Matthew 18. 15 - 20

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to his disciples. ¹⁵If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Solo: Come unto Him all ye that labour (Handel)

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and
unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten
of the Father, God from God, Light from
Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not
made,**

**of one Being with the Father; through
him all things were made. For us and for
our salvation he came down from
heaven, was incarnate from the Holy
Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made
man. For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and
was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no
end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken
through the prophets. We believe in one holy
catholic and apostolic Church. We
acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Solo: Fill thou my life, O Lord my God

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God and all respond:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The president recalls the Last Supper.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

At the end of the prayer:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Please come forward to receive the sacrament at the chancel step, keeping 1.5 m distance from others. At this time we are not sharing the cup.

During Communion: How beautiful are the feet
(Handel)

Prayer after Communion

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others;

we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: King of glory, King of peace

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I never intend to become adjusted to segregation and discrimination. I never intend to adjust myself to religious bigotry. I never intend to adjust myself to economic conditions that will take necessities from the many to give luxuries to the few, and leave people by the thousands and the millions smothering in an airtight cage of poverty in the midst of an affluent society; I never intend to adjust myself to the madness of militarism and the self-defeating effects of physical violence.

Dr Martin Luther King

Sunday Services:

10.30 Eucharist St George's

18.00 Evening Prayer, Mitte (Marienkirche, S/U Alexanderplatz)

- Please sit in the **marked places, 1.5 m. apart.**
- There will be a **retiring collection at the door.**
- **Our Sunday morning services** are broadcast on our Youtube channel.
- **Mondays 18-19h Holy Hour:** an hour of holy music, silence, meditation and prayer in St George's. Prayer requests can be sent to :office@stgeorges.de
- **Financial support:** as St George's Anglican Church we take responsibility together for all our building costs, clergy and staff salaries, and all running expenses. We want our mission to be properly funded. Because we don't receive any funding from the Church of England or the German state, we would love to invite you to give regularly, *if possible by monthly bank transfer.* See <https://st-georges.jimdosite.com/giving/>

Soloist Heidi Stober-Pauly Organist Scott Clemons

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