

ST.GEORGE'S CHURCH FLUSHING

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Sunday Services

9:30 AM English Service	11:00AM Chinese Service:	1:00PM Spanish Service
9:30 AM Servicio en inglés	11:00AM Servicio en chino	1:00PM Servicio en español
上午9:30 英文崇拜	上午11:00 中文崇拜	下午1:00 西班牙文崇拜

Wednesday Services

10:00AM Chinese Service
10:00AM Servicio en chino
上午10:00 中文崇拜

Thursday Morning Prayer

10:00AM English, in the Chapel

All are welcome!

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Welcome

You are all one in Christ Jesus —Galatians 3:28

Third Sunday of Advent

English Service
December 17th, 2023
9:30 am



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A Big Welcome To All Who Visit Us This Morning!

Welcome to St. George's

Welcome! Whoever you are, whatever your origin, wherever you are in your spiritual pilgrimage, you are one of us: *a child of God.*

St. George's Parish is a Christian community that celebrates the wondrous diversity of God's people; we are an inter-cultural church where worship is offered each week in three languages: English, Mandarin and Spanish.

We trust that God has called you here today. Please complete a visitor's envelope so we can tell you more about St. George's.

If you are unfamiliar with the pattern of worship in the Episcopal Church, simply relax in the liturgy and allow the rest of those present to carry you along in your worship, participate and be comfortable. You are invited to share Holy Communion with the congregation and we hope you will come to the coffee hour in the Parish Hall following this service.

Once again, welcome to this very old church that ministers in the present for the sake of a vibrant and faithful future.

In preparation for worship please silence all cell phones.

Intentions for intercession

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: For the Anglican Communion
Diocesan Cycle: For the Diocese of Long Island

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. Diocesan Bishop Lawrence Provenzano. Assisting Bishops Geralyn Wolf and William Franklin, Daniel Allotey. Our Parish Clergy Fr. Paul Xie, Rev. Carrie Lu Zhang and Deacon Marjorie Boyden-Edmonds.

We remember in our prayers for healing of Body, Mind and Spirit the following persons:

Lida & Lloyd Watson, Kevin Pilgrim, Elveta Ford, David Lee, Kenny Brown, Robert Paul Ramirez, Emma Morales, Gladys Gonzalez, Lois Newland, Henry Chang, Alison Murray, Nadine Wilkinson, Jason Ramsay, Daniel Mason, Desmond Chambers, Debbie Rainford, Deshaine Rainford, Dwight Phillips, Merle Solomon, Candice Mothersille, Beverly Dixon, Carlos Morales, Naylin Vega, Olga Gooding, Hilary Mears, Diane Ruiz, Thelma Browne, Venita Turner, Rebecca Gardner and Winnifred Barnett, Muriel Paisley-Prawl & Eric Prawl, Dana Corbie, Paramjit Mahti and Ava Clarke.

Important Announcements

This year the fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve fall on the same Sunday, December 24th. On this day we will have two trilingual services.

9:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent Service 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
11:30 a.m. The church cleaning and the Altar decorating

Please tell each other. Thank you!

Flowers Donation For Advent and Christmas

In Loving Memory Your Loved Ones and For Thanksgiving

Thank you for all brothers and sisters who have made their flower donations

Jin Ling Ling	凌錦玲	Mei Song	宋梅	Hui Zhu Zhang	張慧珠
Wen Jing Pan	潘文靜	Xiao Yu Tong	佟曉宇	Xiang Hua Cui	崔香花
Elaine Hung	黃懿齡	Zhi Xia Dai	代智霞	Zhen Xiong Lei	雷振雄
Paul&Aner Xie	謝牧師全家	Min Rong Zhao	趙敏榮	Na Ta	塔娜
Shu Song	宋姝	Hai fen Shen	沈海芬	Xiao Shuai Guo	郭曉帥
Shirley Nelson		Mei Hua Wu	吳梅華	Li Rong Zhu	朱黎蓉

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People Form III

BCP p. 387

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 360

Peace

Presentation 657 & 377

THE LITURGY OF EUCHARISTY

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

Sanctus and Benedictus - S 125

The Lord's Prayer - S119

Plainchant

Breaking of the Bread

BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem - S 164

Schubert

Communion Hymn - 343 & 337

Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Hymn in Procession - 539

Postlude

Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Gathering and Entrance Rites

Hymn in Procession – 436

Advent Candle Lighting

Leader :

Almighty God, grant that the love of your son, Jesus Christ, may so light our whole lives that we need never again walk in darkness. Amen.

All :

Three candles, burning bright,
Chasing away the darkness from light.
Three candles, glowing light,
The blessing of God, giving new sight.

Prayer Hymn:

The Hymnal 1982 #56 (3&4 Verses)

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

BCP355

HYMN: Holy God #S102

Collect of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Psalm: 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

The Gospel Acclamation

||:Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia :||

Whoever Keeps the Word of Christ,

The Love of God is Truly Perfected in him.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Holy Gospel :

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.