**Saint George’s Episcopal Church**

 *Welcome all visitors to Saint George’s this morning and invite you to join us for refreshments after the liturgy. Please be sure to sign the guest register at the entrance of the church. We are blessed by your presence with us and hope you will consider being a part of this faith community.*

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

*Saint George’s Episcopal Church is a parish in the Diocese of Georgia, a constituent member of the Episcopal Church, USA and the World-wide Anglican Communion.*

The Right Reverend Frank Logue

11th Bishop of Georgia

The Rev. David Lemburg

8th Rector

Dr. Carol Benton

Organist & Choir Director

Ms. Cam Mathis

Senior Warden

Mr. Carey Griffis

Junior Warden

Mr. Ed Reames

Junior Warden

**The Calendar**

**For the week of September 24, 2023**

**Sunday 9:30 AM**

**Holy Eucharist**

**Broadcast on Facebook**

 **Thursday 6:30 PM**

 **Holy Communion**

 **Broadcast on Facebook**

 **Bible Study at 7:15 PM**

***Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith there is a place here for you.***

**Music**

**Prelude** *Come, Holy Traveler*(arr. Harris)

**Processional 660** O Master, let me walk with thee

**Gradual 527** Singing songs of expectation

**Offertory**  *How Very Good and Pleasant* (Psalm 133)

**Communion 306** Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

**Processional 690** Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

**Postlude** *Postlude on “Diadem”* (Wagner)

**Announcements**

COVID-19 Masks are optional, wash hands, and social distance.

The flowers on the altar today were given by the Berinato’s.

Bible Study is discussing *The Shack* by Wm. Paul Young. Join us either in person or via Zoom.

Diocesan Annual Convention is Nov 9-11 in Augusta. St. George’s needs two delegates. If you are interested, please let Fr. David or a Vestry member know. St. George’s will cover the cost of room & registration.

Bingo is this Friday night at 7pm.Check us out & invite a friend or neighbor.

It is time to do new ministry schedules again. Please send Claudia a text at 912-657-8592 and let her know dates you are unavailable between 10/15 and 12/17.

Fr. David will be out of town from Thur, Sept 28th through Sat, October 7th. If you have a need for pastoral care during that time, please contact Carey Griffis or Cam Mathis.

**The Collect**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*.*

**First Lesson The Book of Exodus 16:2-15**

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

**Psalm**  *Confitemini Domino* **Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45**

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \* make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \* and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; \* let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

4 Search for the Lord and his strength; \* continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, \* his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \* O children of Jacob his chosen.

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; \* in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their going, \* because they were afraid of them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering \* and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, \* and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, \* so the river ran in the dry places.

42. For God remembered his holy word \* and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, \* his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, \* and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes \* and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

**Second Lesson Blessed Paul’s Letter to the Philippians 1:21-30**

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**Gospel St. Matthew 20:1-16**

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.

When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same.

And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

**Around St. George’s**

**Prayers for the Homebound:**

Audrey Clark is at John-Wesley Villas, 231 W Montgomery Cross Rd, Savannah, GA 31406.

Gary Dolack is at home at 13313 Chesterfield Drive, Savannah, GA 31419

Dabney Linthicum is at The Social at Savannah, 2 Peachtree Dr. Apt 129, Savannah, Ga 31419

Ben Mayes is home at 19 Bundy Place.

**Vestry Members:**

Cam Mathis, Sr Warden Carey Griffis, Jr Warden

Beth Vickers Marion Gaston

Debbie Shumans Allen Swan

The Next Vestry business meeting is **October 15.**

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**September Birthdays**

Evelyn Reierson 9/08 David Lemburg 9/15

Caroline Burk 9/18 Alyssa Monroid 9/19

Brad Vickers 9/26 Alan Sanborn 9/27

Trinka Dickey 9/27

**Ministry Schedule**

**Ministries**  **September 24 October 1 October 8**

VPOD Beth Vickers Carey Griffis Allen Swan

LEM Rob Thomas Cam Mathis Carey Griffis

Lector Brad Vickers Marion Gaston Kristin Latham

PRAYERS Claudia Griffis Macie Young Max Berinato

ALTAR Claudia Griffis Sheila Meredith Pat Leslie

GUILD B.J. Ford

USHER/ Brad Vickers Kevin Burk Allen Swan

Greeter Beth Vickers Pat Leslie Debby Thomas

VIDEO Beth Vickers Pat Leslie Allen Swan

**2023 Calendar**

Nov 9-11, Diocesan Convention in Augusta

Nov 24th X-mas Tree Sales

Dec 3rd 1st Sunday of Advent

Dec 24th 4th Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve

**2024 Calendar**

Jan 5th Thursday worship 6:30 PM

Jan 6th Epiphany

Jan 7th Sunday: Baptism of Our Lord

Feb 13th Shrove Tuesday

Feb 14th Ash Wednesday

Mar 24th Palm Sunday

Mar 31st Easter Day