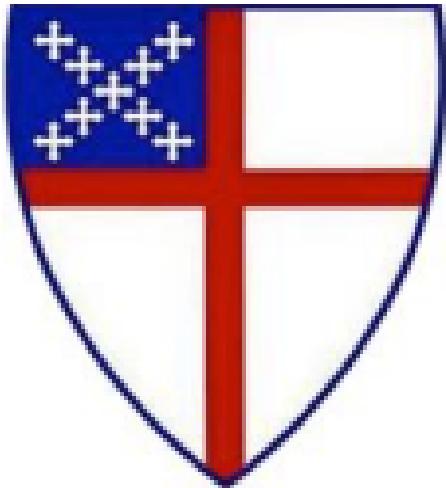


**SAINT GEORGE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
MILFORD, MICHIGAN**

*God Loves You.*

*No Exceptions!*



**The Twenty-first Sunday  
after Pentecost**

**Proper 24**

**Morning Prayer – Rite One**

*October 17, 2021  
8:00 a.m.*

**Margaret Walbridge  
Officiant**

*Altar flowers were provided by Lisa Skiven  
Livestream Bulletin*

**Daily Morning Prayer**

BCP<sub>37-41</sub>

*The Officiant begins the service with one or more of these sentences of Scripture.*

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. *John 4:23*

**Confession of Sin**

BCP<sub>41</sub>

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own  
hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to  
have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to  
have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the  
glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*The Officiant remains kneeling, and says:*

BCP 42

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true  
repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## The Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 42

*All stand*

Officiant    O Lord, open thou our lips.

People        **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant & People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. **Amen.**

Officiant    The mercy of the Lord is everlasting.

People        **O come, let us adore him.**

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \*  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \*  
and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it, \*  
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God, \*  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.

**The Psalter** | Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b      *Benedic, anima mea*  
(*Psalms shall be read responsively, by whole verse*)

I Bless the Lord, O my soul; \*  
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness! you are clothed with majesty  
and splendor.

**2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak \***  
**and spread out the heavens like a curtain.**

**3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; \***  
you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

**4 You make the winds your messengers \***  
**and flames of fire your servants.**

**5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, \***  
so that it never shall move at any time.

**6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; \***  
**the waters stood higher than the mountains.**

**7 At your rebuke they fled;** \*  
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

**8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, \***  
**to the places you had appointed for them.**

**9 You set the limits that they should not pass;** \*  
they shall not again cover the earth.

**25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \***  
**in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

37b Hallelujah!

## Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### First Lesson | Job 38:1-7, (34-41)

Reader      A reading from the Book of Job, the 38th chapter, beginning with the first verse

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

“Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, ‘Here we are’? Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together?

“Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?”

## Reader      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## *Unison: Officiant & People:*

## Canticle 5 | The Song of Simeon

## Nunc dimittis

BCP 51

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \*

according to thy word;

**For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, \***

which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

## To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \*

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

**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.**

BCP 52

## Seasonal Reflection

# *Every Perfect Gift*



## **Second Lesson | Hebrews 5:1-10**

*Reader* A Lesson from the Letter to the Hebrews, the fifth chapter,  
beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

*Unison: Officiant & People:*

**Canticle 6 - Glory be to God**      *Gloria in excelsis*      BCP 52

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord, thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Gospel | Mark 10:35-45**

*Celebrant*   The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

*Reader*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Reflection

### The Apostles' Creed

BCP 53

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From  
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### The Prayers

BCP 54

*The people stand or kneel*

Officiant    The Lord be with you.

People        And with thy spirit.

Officiant    Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

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.

*Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages*

*Suffrage A:*

BCP 55

- V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
- R. And grant us thy salvation.
- V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
- R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
- R. Thy saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

## The Collects

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

**A Collect for Sundays**

BCP 56

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A Collect for Peace

BCP 57

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in they defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A Collect for Guidance

BCP 57

O heavenly Father, in who we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by the Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect for Proper 22

BCP 234

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Prayers: For All Sorts and Conditions of Men

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; especially those for whom our prayers are desired:

Sharon Anderson, Joan Basil, Dave Brown, Melissa Carstens, Suzanne Cook, Reverend George Davinion, John Edwards, Josephine Ropeta Foster, Annie Fuller, Carolyn Godwin, Judy Golden, Rev Graham, Glenn Grimm, Mike Leak & Pam Harding, Robert Hutton, Robert Kachman, Sandy Kadar, Raymond Komonsinski, Liz LaMoreaux, Carolynn Mallia, Kim McIntosh, the family of Carl McKee, Jay McKenzie, Jamie O'Brien, Ruth Paxton,

Jessica Rouleau, Calvin Seerveld, Jeff Smith, Madison Smith, Judi VanAssche, Mike Walbridge, George Westenbarger, the family of Kathleen Wilson, and Shirley Zeliasko.

May it please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

### **Prayers: For those in the Armed Forces of our Country**

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad especially praying for: Ben Boyce, Adam Dyderski, David Fuller, and Adam Sears; and especially for our military in Afghanistan. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer: For Birthdays**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants especially for Ruth Jeffrey, Sue Bowen, and Deborah Sawyer as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives;

For Lisa Skiven who provided our Altar Flowers today, in celebration of her 15th wedding anniversary, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Prayers: For the Departed**

And for those who have died and will die this day; especially for Carl McKee and Kathleen Wilson, we ask that you let light perpetual shine upon them and may their souls, along with the souls of all the departed rest in peace. **Amen.**

## **The General Thanksgiving**

BCP 58

*Officiant and People*

**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 ourselves 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.

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

BCP 59

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord  
to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised  
through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered  
together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O  
Lord, our desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us;  
granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to  
come life everlasting. Amen.

*A Prayer attributed to St. Francis*

BCP 833

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where  
there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where  
there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that  
we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are  
pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*The Officiant concludes*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,*

## **Our Offerings**

*In this time when no physical offering is collected, it is still essential that we remember the importance of good stewardship to support the mission and ministry of our parish. The best way to do that right now is through our online giving platform, Realm, accessible through our website. You can also take a moment now to write out your check to mail to our treasurer if these electronic means don't work for you.*

*Or put your offering envelope in the offering plate located near the baptismal font.*

# Announcements

## ★ Parish Meeting - October 24

Your Church Needs You!  
And...We will feed you!

There is so much good news, we need you to attend to support our 2022 mission. Learn about: an update on our current financial status, clergy options and growth goals.

Holy Eucharist service at 9:00 a.m. officiated by The Reverend Ellen Ekevag, Canon for Congregational Development and Transitions. Choir will sing. Parish meeting immediately following!

## ★ LOK / Purses with a Purpose Planning Meeting: October 19

A planning meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, October 19, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. here in the Parish Hall. To keep everyone safe, please bring your own meal. Bottled water and dessert will be provided. Regrets only. You need not be a member of the LOK to participate in the Purse Drive. We will also discuss some future ways to keep connected. Please attend with some ideas too! We look forward to seeing everyone. Thanks, Sandy

## ★ Choir Rehearsals:

Choir rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings at 6:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome! For more information call Mr. Potter at 248.835.7347 or by email at [music@stgeorgesmilford.org](mailto:music@stgeorgesmilford.org).

## ★ Altar Guild is in need of Volunteers:

If you have an interest in joining the Altar Guild, please give Caryl VanderRoest a call at 248.506.6819. Joining will involve only one weekend a month. All genders and ages are welcome!

When signing up to provide the Altar Flowers, please put your donations in the envelope provided near the sign up sheet. Place envelopes in the Offertory Plate or bring them to the Parish Office.

## ★ Crochet for a Cause:

Meeting the first and third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome! You do not need to know how to crochet. We need your used plastic grocery bags!

## ★ The 187th Convention of the Diocese of Michigan:

October 22-23, 2021

## ★ November 1, 2021 – All Saints Day Evening Prayer 7pm

In Person and LIVE options available