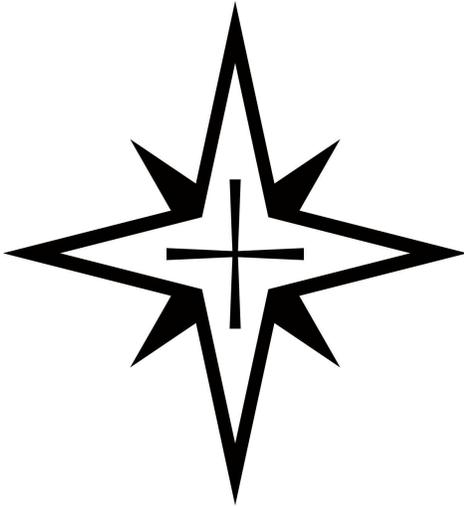


**SAINT GEORGE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MILFORD, MICHIGAN**

*God Loves You.
No Exceptions!*



Prelude *Let Us Break Bread,
Drink Wine, Praise God Together* Spiritual Public Domain

Welcome and Announcements posted on the screen

The Word of God

Opening Hymn H-82 #7 *Christ, whose glory fills the skies* Public Domain

**1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph over shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear!**

**2. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see;
as they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**3. Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief;**

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

AnteCommunion, Rite II

*January 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
On Zoom and Facebook*

*Links will be posted in our weekly
E-Blast Newsletter*

**The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams,
Interim Rector**

Mr. John Potter, Director of Music
Livestream Only

more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

The Song of Praise Canticle 20, Glory to God; said by all

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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Lesson | Isaiah 62:1-5

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah, chapter 62, beginning with the first verse.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your Glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed *Forsaken*, and your land shall no more be termed *Desolate*; but you shall be called *My Delight Is in Her*, and your land *Married*; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter | Psalm 36:5-10 *said responsively by whole verse*

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O Lord.**

7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 **They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

10 **Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

The Epistle | 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Reader A reading from 1 Corinthians, chapter 12,
beginning with the first verse.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no

one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn H-82 #135 *Songs of thankfulness and praise* Sts. 1, 2 Public Domain

**1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed God in man made manifest.**

**2. Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding-guest, in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.**

Holy Gospel | John 2:1-11

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the

servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams

The Nicene Creed, said by all, standing as able

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

Leader: As we offer our prayers, please take a posture that is comfortable for you. Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for: Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Bonnie our Bishop; for Susan our priest; and for our Vestry and committees. We pray also for the clergy and people of St. John's, Royal Oak; St. Thomas', Gautier, DR; and St. Timothy's, Nizao, DR.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for Joe our President and Gretchen our Governor; for all those elected to positions of leadership; and for those who risk their lives for peace, especially Ben, Adam, David, and Adam who are serving in the military.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We remember especially those on our prayer list: Ben, Beverly, Camille, Carrie, Cheryl, Cherylyn, Eliana, Harper, Herb, Maggie, Marley, James, Jamie, Joan, Judi, Judy, Keith, Larry, Liz, Mike, Pam, Rebekah, Sabine, and Wyatt, and those others we would like to name at this time. (*your intercessions are invited*)

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We thank you, O God, for the blessings in our lives. We rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries and birthdays. And other thanksgivings we make at this time. (*your intercessions are invited*)

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died; especially Brian; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed George, and all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept; the people kneel as able.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Unmute yourself on Zoom, and let us greet one another in the Name of Christ!

Special Prayers for healing, birthdays, etc. - please let Rev. Susan know.

In lieu of Holy Communion

During this month of special Covid precautions, we will not be consecrating the Bread and Wine at the 10 a.m. service. The 8:00 service remains "in person" and Communion will be offered. If you would like to receive the reserved Sacrament personally at a later date, please make an appointment with Rev. Susan by calling 248-684-0495. She is usually available 10-4 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Rite of Spiritual Reception

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, come into our hearts, we pray:

I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

And finally, as Jesus taught us, we are bold to say:

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.

The Blessing, for Epiphany

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn H-82 #371 *Thou, whose almighty word* Public Domain

- 1. Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray, and, where the Gospel day sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!**
- 2. Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind, sight to the in-ly blind, now to all humankind,
let there be light!**
- 3. Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy Dove, speed forth thy flight!
Move on the waters' face, bearing the gifts of grace, and, in earth's darkest place,
let there be light!**
- 4. Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity, wisdom, love, might;
boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride, through the world far and wide,
let there be light!**

The Dismissal

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother loves her children. Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *O Sanctissima- We Shall Overcome* Italian Carol, USA Spiritual
Arr. John Potter Public domain

Virtual Coffee Hour

Let's all *Unmute* on Zoom, and we can all share our news, hopes and concerns. Please wave your hand for acknowledgement before speaking (or it's chaos). We'd love to hear from each person.

Announcements - January 16, 2022

- ★ **The Vestry has decided that no parish groups shall meet in the building during January**, due to Omicron Covid concerns. (AA is exempt; they will make their own decisions about meetings.) You're encouraged to hold your group's meeting over Zoom - call us if you want to use the church's subscription to this amazing platform. It's easy to do, and we can give you instructions.
- ★ **The Office will remain open during the week** (Tues, Thurs, Fri) but we request that you call in advance before stopping over. We will admit one individual into the office at a time, to reduce risk. Masking is still required of all persons when indoors.
- ★ **Social Media Crew:** If you would like to be the person who attends the weekend worship services to establish an online presence (in accordance with current Covid-19 guidelines), please let us know!
- ★ **Parish Prayer List:** We have restarted the Prayer List for the New Year. Please email the Parish Office if you would like a name added to the list. Send the full name ('first names' only will be shared publicly in the bulletin to respect privacy), name of person requesting prayer, their contact information, what you'd like Rev. Susan to know (i.e. if you'd like her to contact the person being prayed for, if they are having surgery, etc). For inclusion in the following Sunday's worship, kindly provide your request by Thursday noon. We realize this is not always possible and greatly appreciate your understanding!
- ★ **Annual Parish Meeting 2022:** The Annual Parish Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, January 30, 2022, immediately following the 10 a.m. AnteCommunion worship service. It is a virtual meeting only, can be viewed on Facebook, and presented via Zoom. Link(s) will be provided in the near future!
- ★ **Services at St. George's, coming up:**
 - o Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. Morning Prayer online (Facebook)
 - o Friday, 4 p.m. Evening Prayer online (Facebook)
 - o Sunday, January 23:
 - 8 a.m. In-Person Morning Prayer. Not live streamed.
 - 10 a.m. Antecommunion, Virtual only, over Zoom and Facebook.

Anyone can view our live-streamed services, during or after the broadcast, from our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stgeorge.milford