

# Welcome to St. George's

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Morning Prayer Service

Please introduce yourself as you arrive and feel free to chat with others.

Once the service starts, we will mute your microphone so everyone can hear the service.

If you would like us to pray for you or someone else by name, send us a prayer request via the chat box marked:

**Prayers-Ben**

There will be welcome and a brief introduction at 10:27am.

A prelude will begin the service at 10:30.





THE TWENTY-FOURTH  
SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

AN ONLINE SERVICE OF  
MORNING PRAYER

Sunday November 15, 2020  
10:30am

Con moto  
(Fantaisie en mi bémol majeur)  
Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)  
Played by *Gerard Brooks*





## Opening Responsories

*Officiant:*

I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord.  
Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.  
*(John 15.5)*

*Officiant:*

O Lord, open our lips

***People:***

**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant:*

Visit us with your salvation

***People:***

**and grace us with your sustaining Spirit.**

***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 for ever.**

**Amen.**

*Officiant:* Dear friends in Christ,  
as we prepare to worship almighty God,  
let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins  
that we may obtain forgiveness  
by his infinite mercy.

*Priest:* Most merciful God,

***People:* 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 neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
  
For the sake of your Son 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.**

*Priest:* Almighty God, have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Collect for the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Officiant:* Almighty God,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the light of the world.  
Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,  
and bring us to eternal light and joy;  
Through the power of him  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit  
one God, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

# Hymn 508

I heard the voice of Jesus Say





# The Readings

## Psalm 123

*Book of Alternative services p. 883*

1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*

to you enthroned in the heavens.

**2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \***

**and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, \*

until he show us his mercy.

**4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

**5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.**

**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.**

# New Testament Reading

(Read in French)

***Reader:* A Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the  
Thessalonians**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader: Parole du Seigneur.

***People:* Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.**

A moment of silence is observed

# HYMN 93

## You Servants of the Lord



## **A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 25.14-30)**

Jesus said, “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.'

So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



*A short time of silence is observed to ponder the readings and psalms.*

Homily: The Rev. Dr. Holly Ratcliffe



# Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

*Book of Alternative services p.53*

**Officiant:** I believe in God,

**People:** the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

# HYMN 379

## Rejoice the Lord is King





# The Prayers of the People

*Leader:* Gathering as God's people, let us pray for the church throughout the world.

*Prayers for the church are offered.*

*Leader:* Holy God, shatter our complacency; and fill us with the knowledge of your mercy, for ourselves and for others, that together we may work together and strengthen your church.

Lord in your mercy:

***All:* Hear our prayer**

*Leader:* Gracious God, we pray for the world, may all peoples may come to recognize your truth of your word, and act to bring on your Kingdom.

*Prayers for the world are offered*

*Leader:* Holy God, raise up prophets to speak out your truth, and disciples to hear them, so that equipped to learn, and eager to work, we may set our minds and bodies to use your gifts for the benefit of all, Create us anew in your image.

Lord in your mercy:

***All:* Hear our prayer**

*Leader:* Holy God, open the hearts of the suffering to your hope and healing.

*We pray for those who have asked us for our prayers*

*During the silence, please add your requests aloud,  
or in the silence of your own hearts.*

*Leader:* Father, may all in misery and despair  
turn to find you close beside them in their heartache,  
and loving them in their pain.

May all who are locked in terror or guilt be set free,  
and may those whom long-term illness wearies  
be strengthened to persevere, and find renewal.

Lord in your mercy:

***All:* Hear our prayer**

*Leader:* We pray for those who have died  
and who yearn for a place in your kingdom.

*The names of those who have died are offered*

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

***All:* And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader:* May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

***All:* Amen.**

*Leader:* Almighty and eternal God,  
ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people,  
and strengthen us to do your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All:* Amen.**



# The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant:* Jesus taught us to call God our Father,  
and so we have the courage to say

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



# Blessing

*Priest:* May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is the source of all goodness and growth,  
pour his blessing upon all things created,  
and upon you his children,  
that you may use his gifts to his glory  
and the welfare of all peoples;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be amongst you and remain with you always.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



## POSTLUDE:

Allegro di molto e con fuoco  
Fantaisie en mi bémol majeur  
Camille Saint-Saëns  
Played by *Gerard Brooks*

Please consider sending your offering as you are financially able

- ❖ Interac transfer to: [accounting@st-georges.org](mailto:accounting@st-georges.org)
- ❖ Contact the office to initiate or change your PAR giving
- ❖ Mail in Cheque to St. George's Church, 1101 Stanley St., Montreal, QC, H3B 2B6
- ❖ Credit Card or Paypal through Canada Helps

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<http://www.st-georges.org>



# Announcements

- For information email or call the church office  
([office@st-georges.org](mailto:office@st-georges.org)) or 514-866-7113)
- Mid-week Online Worship Wednesday @12:15pm  
Bible study on same link immediately follows.
- A limited quantity of 2021 Church Calendars are available for purchase (\$7.00 each). Please contact the office.
- Advent Reflection Booklet- contributions invited  
Contact Lizzy Oraka or Church Office

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