

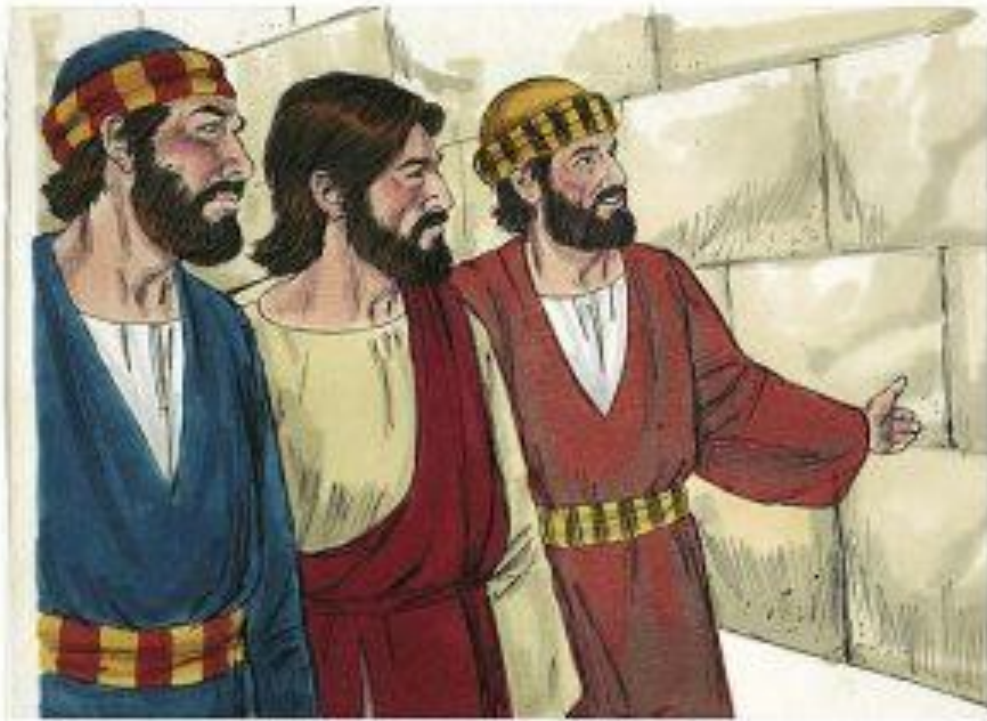
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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 14, 2020



We extend a warm welcome to all who join us today in person and
through **Live Streaming**
Live Streaming is available on our Church Website
www.stgeorgesct.com
or on our Facebook page

***Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.
Before the service, speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you.
After the service, speak to one another.***

The Word of God

Prelude: “Concerto for Organ” *Giovanni Pergolesi*

Opening Hymn: “O day of radiant gladness”

Hymn 48

(Please stand as able.)

1. O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;
this day the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God Triune.
2. This day at the creation the light first had its birth;
this day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
this day our Lord, victorious the Spirit sent from heaven,
and thus this day most glorious a triple light was given.
4. That light our hope sustaining, we walk the pilgrim way,
at length our rest attaining, our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to thee our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
the Church her voice upraises to thee, blest Three in One.

The Opening Sentences and Opening Collect

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

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

Celebrant: 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.*

“Gloria in Excelsis” *(Please stand.)*

Hymn S 280

Celebrant and People:

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.

The Collect of the Day Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

The Lord speaks through Daniel about the end of time and the Lord's provision for his chosen people.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel:

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: Psalm 16

Reader: The psalm for today is Psalm 16. We will read it responsively by whole verse.

1. Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
2. **All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.**
3. But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
4. **Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**
5. O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
6. **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**
7. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
8. **I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**
9. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
10. **For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**
11. You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

Christ's sacrifice not only reconciles us with God, but shares divines power with us as we strive to be obedient disciples.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins

and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.] Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn: “*Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth*” Hymn 598
(vss. 1, 2)

1. Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth,
upon a cross they bound thee,
and mocked thy saving kingship then by thorns
with which they crowned thee:
and still our wrongs may weave thee
now new thorns to pierce that steady brow,
and robe of sorrow round thee.
2. O awful Love, which found no room in life
where sin denied thee,
and, doomed to death, must bring to doom
the powers which crucified thee,
till not a stone was left on stone,
and all those nations' pride, o'er-thrown,
went down to dust beside thee!

The Gospel: Mark 13:1-8
(*Please stand as able.*)

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see

these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

The Gradual Hymn: “*Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth*” Hymn 598
(vs. 4)

4. O wounded hands of Jesus,
build in us thy new creation;
our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,
we wait thy revelation:
O love that triumphs over loss,
we bring our hearts before thy cross,
to finish thy salvation.

The Sermon: The Rev. Tara Shepley
(A minute of silence is kept)

The Nicene Creed
(Please stand as able.)

Celebrant and People:

**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.

(Please sit.)

Celebrant: Does anyone have a prayer request, or a thanksgiving to share?

People: You may say your prayer out loud (God will hear it). Please feel free to email any requests you have to saintgeorgesct@gmail.com. If we receive them before the service on Sunday, we will say them out loud.

Celebrant: In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People – Form V

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

Silence

Leader: For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, our Bishops; Tara, our Priest; and for all bishops and other ministers; and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions

may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Australia.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Paul's, Windham; Grace Church, Windsor; St. James', Winsted; All Saints', Wolcott; ministries with older adults; the Brotherhood of St. Andrew; and the Daughters of the King. We pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, for Joe, our President, and Ned, our Governor, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on our prayer list: Craig, Thomas, Errol, Hailey, Donn, Ed, Pat, Candy, Phillip, Eddi III, Duke, Nicole, Marty, Wayne, Ariel, Judy, William, Tom, Josie, Zach, Joe, Steve, Jane, Marlene, Jerry, Dick, Anette, Nancy, Frances, Maureen, Augie, and Persecuted Christians. Also, for those who have been affected by the Covid-19 Virus, whether in health or by daily routines. For members of the Military and all Health Care Providers. We pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People: To you, O Lord our God.

Leader: Heavenly Father, In every age, You call certain persons to defend the human family from oppression, tyranny, and evil.

Since our founding as a nation "conceived in liberty," countless American men and women have stepped forward to defend from aggressors, our country and many others, and to liberate those held captive.

This week we revere and thank all our veterans: those who rest in honored glory, those who still suffer from the wounds of war, and those who, with us, enjoy the blessing of living in the land of the free and the home of the brave. God, thank You for the selfless sacrifice of these veterans and of their families. Help us to remember them, to pray for them, and to care for them.

Please bring all our departed veterans into Your Kingdom and console their families with Your unfailing love.

Please heal our wounded veterans through the power of Your Holy Spirit and give to all our veterans the satisfaction of having served You even as they have served us.

Thank You for Your gifts of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

May we continue to keep these rights available to all.

In God's most holy name we pray. **Amen.**

Silence

Celebrant: For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession *(Please stand, sit, or kneel)*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Celebrant and People: 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 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.

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

The Peace *(Please stand as able.)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

“Jesus Loves Me”

(Children come in from Sunday school.)

The Holy Communion

The Offertory *(Please sit.)*

Officiant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Offertory: “Non Nobis Domine” *William Byrd*

Non nobis, Domine, Sed nomine tuo da gloriam.

Not unto us, O Lord, but unto thee be the glory.

The Doxology *(Please stand as able.)*

Hymn 380 (vs. 3)

Celebrant and People:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving *(Please stand as able.)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymn S 125

Celebrant and People.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues: (Please kneel as able.)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Celebrant 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. Please follow the instructions of the usher as you come forward for communion. You may receive the bread only or the bread with a drop of wine; both are considered full Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. All people are welcome to come forward. If you would like to receive a blessing only, please indicate by crossing your arms across your chest.

The Communion Hymn: “All my hope on God is founded”
(You may sit or kneel.)

Hymn 665
(vss. 1, 2, 3, 5)

1. All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew,
me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.
2. Mortal pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.
3. God's great goodness e'er endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendor, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
newborn worlds rise and adore.
5. Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ, his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

The Post communion Prayer *(Please kneel as able.)*

Celebrant: Let us pray

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, You have graciously accepted us as living members Of your son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food In the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Recessional Hymn: “O God of every nation”

Hymn 607

(Please stand as able.)

1. O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.
2. From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
from pride of race and nation and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray!
3. Lord, strengthen all who labor that we may find release
from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war’s increase;
when hope and courage falter, your still small voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.
4. Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign
and Christ shall rule victorious o’er all the world’s domain.

Weekly Announcements:

Sundays - 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for 5th grade and younger

Sundays – 8:45-9:15 a.m. – Adult Bible Discussion in Rev. Tara’s office
(no experience necessary)

Sundays – 8:55 & 10:45 a.m. – Choir Practice

Sunday, November 14 – 6:30 p.m. - Jr./Sr. High with Mr. Tom

Mondays – 7:00 p.m. – Order of St. Luke New England School for Healing (Zoom)
Thursdays - 10:30 a.m. – Girls on Fire Women’s Group

Sunday, November 21 – **Welcome Home Sunday** – a special service of thanksgiving, welcoming new members, and signing the Book of Registry for all communicants.

Anyone who would like to donate towards the **Bread & Wine** or **Altar Flowers** can sign up on the sign-up sheets in the hall. There is also a sign-up sheet for **Coffee Hour**.

Let us pray for those who are sick or those with other needs, especially:

Thomas MacLean, Nicole Barber, Marty Pelosi, Joe Arnson, Tom Proulx, Jessica Pettit, Walter Kloss, Jaxon Donnan, Eddi Zyko III, Duke Zyko, Philip Willauer, Jeff and Diane Belden, Patrick Munson, Maria Mangino, Donn Charbonneau, Candy McCorkell, Rita Southey, and Augie Vagnini.

Let us pray for those with birthdays this week: Kristine Boisits (11/17); Erica Croke (11/18); and Karen Stowell (11/18).

Celebrant and People: O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mission Crosses

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Toccata in E Minor” *Johann Pachelbel*

Today's Participants

Celebrant:	Rev. Tara Shepley
Verger:	Bill Stowell
Sermon:	Rev. Tara Shepley
Eucharistic Minister:	Sally Ploski
Lector:	Monie Munson
Intercessor:	Rich Modeen
Ushers:	Beverly & Marc Dassonville
Organist:	Maria Coffin
Sunday School:	Paulette Zyko Greer Hanley Amy Yantorno
Videographer:	Charlie & Malachy Croke
Coffee Hour:	Mags Vagnini



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ralph B. De Cristoforo by the Shepley family.



The bread and wine for the month of November are given by Ken and Lucy Heidkamp.

In case of an emergency, please contact:

The Rev. Tara Shepley at (cell) 203-228-4746 or
Senior Warden, Ken Heidkamp at 203-510-6966

Did you know that St. George's has a Prayer Chain Ministry where people will pray for your specific request for two weeks? For prayer requests, contact Sandra Allen at allencamelot39@gmail.com.