

There will now be a closing hymn followed by The Dismissal. Most Sundays Coffee and Tea are offered in the Parish Hall (feel free to ask for directions from a greeter or someone in the congregation) where we gather to chat and get to know each other. We warmly invite you to join us!

[If you have any other questions about our worship or any other aspect of church life please feel free to speak to the Priest – that's what they are there for!]

Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us today, your presence enriches us and makes the body of Christ gathered here today more complete!

Services are held every Sunday
at 8 a.m. and at 10 a.m.
Midweek Service on Wednesdays
11 a.m.
8 a.m. Service form is the
Book of Common Prayer.

10 a.m. service form alternates between
the Book of Common Prayer and
the Book of Alternative Service.
Services are shown on
overhead screens.

Sunday School is available during the
10 a.m. Service.
Nursery Facilities are available
downstairs.



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"To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"

What to expect at
Anglican
Worship!





Anglican Worship

(Here at St. George's the entire service will appear on the screens at the front of the church – you needn't worry about books)

The Anglican Church is a product of the English Reformation in Europe and so combines elements of both catholic and protestant (or reformed) worship. What this means is that there is a dual emphasis on Word and Sacrament.

What does this look like?

Our service will begin with a hymn of praise and then a Greeting in the name of Christ followed by the Proclamation of the Word.

The Proclamation of the Word is comprised of a reading from the Old Testament (or Hebrew Bible), a Psalm (an ancient "song" from the hymn book of the Israelite people), a New Testament reading (from one of the letters in the New Testament) another hymn, and then a reading from one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John). Following the Gospel reading there will be a sermon delivered by the Priest. At the conclusion of the sermon we recite or "confess" the Nicene Creed – a summary of the faith from the early church.

The Prayers of the People follow the Creed and tie together the themes of the readings and sermon with the concerns of the local congregation as we lift them up to God. Having heard and reflected on God's Word we now turn to the Confession and Absolution.

The Confession is done corporately (all of us, all together, at the same time) and the Priest will then pronounce Absolution (declare to us, as God's representative raised up by the Church, that we are forgiven). The congregation will then greet one another with the phrase "The Peace of Christ be with you" symbolizing that as we are now one with God, so we are one with each other. This is followed by an Offertory Hymn.

During the Offertory Hymn the bread and wine, and the money offerings, are brought to the Altar (the "table" at the front of the church). Now begins the Celebration of the Sacrament of Eucharist – a word which means "thanksgiving".

When the bread and wine have been prepared and the offertory is brought to the Altar a special song will be sung and the Priest will say a prayer over the gifts. The Priest will then lead the people in one of the Eucharistic Prayers. The Priest will do most of the talking but there are times when the people will join in.

Following the Eucharistic Prayer we will say the Lord's Prayer and one of the Sentences for the Breaking of the Bread. The congregation is then invited to come up to the Altar to receive the bread and wine. The flow of "traffic" will be guided by two members of the congregation as they back slowly from the front of the church to the back. When they move past your pew it is your turn to go up to the front and receive the bread and wine.

To receive the bread you may kneel at the brass railing (standing is fine too if you have any knee or balance problems!) and put your hands out, right over the left, and level in front of you. The Priest will place the wafer in your hand and you can move it to your mouth. A Chalice Bearer will follow behind the priest and offer you the chalice. Please guide the chalice to your lips and take a small sip. Once you have done this please wait until the second person to your left has received the wine and then stand up and return to your seat. When everyone has received the bread and wine there will be a two brief prayers. The first prayer is the Prayer after Communion followed by the Doxology.