



AN ORDER OF SERVICE FOR NOONDAY

Diocese of Virginia Special Convention, April 24, 2021

Commemoration of St. George

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
People O Lord, make haste to help us.
All **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. Alleluia.

Psalm 67

Mr. Garway Bright

May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
 show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
Let your ways be known upon earth, *
 your saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
 let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
 for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
 let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has brought forth her increase; *
 may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
May God give us his blessing, *
 and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

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.

A reading of John 8:21-29

The Rev. Barbara Marques

Again Jesus said to them, 'I am going away, and you will search for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come.' Then they said, 'Is he going to kill himself? Is that what he means by saying, "Where I am going, you cannot come"?' 'He said to them, 'You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins, for you will die in your sins unless you believe that I am he.' They said to him, 'Who are you?' Jesus said to them, 'Why do I speak to you at all? I have much to say about you and much to condemn; but the one who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him.' They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father. So Jesus said, 'When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own, but I speak these things as the Father instructed me. And the one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him.'

Reflection

The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff

Officiant Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People:
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

The Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer.
People **And let our cry come to you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you commissioned your holy martyr George to bear before the rulers of this world the banner of the cross: Strengthen us in our battles against the great serpent of sin and evil, that we too may attain the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Rev. Catherine Campbell

Heavenly God, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mr. Karl Colder

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us for ever: Bless, we pray, with your grace and presence, the bishops, lay persons, deacons and priests here assembled in your Name, that your Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfill all the mind of the One who loved it and gave himself for it, your Son Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Ms. Barbara McMurray

Almighty God, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Ms. Cheryl Groce-Wright

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you, bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Free intercessions are offered.

*Those who wish to offer a prayer aloud may unmute themselves and speak.
If more than one person speaks at a time, we remember that God hears every voice,
even in the chaos of Zoom.*

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Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**