**Saint George’s Episcopal Church**

 Welcome all visitors to Saint George’s this morning and invite you to join us for refreshments after the liturgy. Please be sure to sign the guest register at the entrance of the church. We are blessed by your presence with us and hope you will consider being a part of this faith community.

**The Third Sunday in Lent**

Saint George’s Episcopal Church is a parish in the Diocese of Georgia, a constituent member of the Episcopal Church, USA and the World-wide Anglican Communion.

The Right Reverend Frank Logue

11th Bishop of Georgia

The Rev. David Lemburg

8th Rector

Dr. Carol Benton

Organist & Choir Director

Ms. Cam Mathis

Senior Warden

Mr. Carey Griffis

Junior Warden

Mr. Ed Reames

Junior Warden

**The Calendar**

**For the week of March 23, 2025**

**Sunday 9:30 AM**

 **Holy Eucharist**

**Broadcast on Facebook**

 **Thursday, March 27, 2025**

 **Stations of the Cross**

 **6:30PM**

 **Book Study 7:15PM**

 **Broadcast on Facebook**

Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith there is a place here for you.

In the Episcopal tradition, we strive to be a genuine, caring community dedicated to spreading the love of God through Christ. As responsible stewards, we joyfully worship and prayerfully serve while respecting the dignity of every individual.

**Music**

 Prelude *Prelude VIII in E-Flat minor* (J.S. Bach)

Processional Hymn **574** Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

Gradual Hymn  **150** Forty days and forty nights

Offertory Anthem *Oh Love that Will Not Let Me Go* (Cooman)

Communion Hymn **341** For the bread which you have broken

Processional Hymn **344** Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Postlude *The Solid Rock* (arr. Kirkland)

**Announcements**

There are no flowers on the altar during Lent.

Book Study continues Thursday, March 20 with the book *Passions of the Soul* By Rowan Williams. Chapter 3 will be discussed.

During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross and Communion from the Reserve Sacrament on Thursdays beginning at 6:30pm.

We are collecting Easter candy for Safe Shelter Easter Baskets. There is a collection basket at the back of the church for your donations.

The Easter Flower dedication sheets are in the Narthex. Please return them by April 13th so that they can be included in the Easter bulletin.

**The Collect**

### Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### First Lesson  Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.”

**The Psalm**  *Deus, Deus meus* **Psalm 63:1-8**

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*
that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*
my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*
and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*
and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, \*
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; \*
your right hand holds me fast.

### Second Lesson Blessed Paul’s 1st Letter to the Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

### The Gospel St. Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Optional parts of the readings are set off in square brackets.

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###  Around St. George’s

**Prayers for the Homebound:**

* Audrey Clark is at John-Wesley Villas, 231 W Montgomery Cross Rd, Savannah, GA 31406.
* Gary Dolack is at Legacy Savannah Quarters, 101 Shepherd Way, Rm 401, Pooler, GA 31322.
* Dabney Linthicum is at The Social at Savannah, 2 Peachtree Dr. Apt 129, Savannah, Ga 31419
* Pat Cataldo is at home at 199 Carlisle Way.
* Pauline Manion is in Candler Rehab Room 540

**Vestry Members:**

Cam Mathis, Sr. Warden Carey Griffis, Jr Warden

Brad Vickers Mark Teeter

Rob Thomas John Pittard

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The next Vestry business meeting is **March 16, 2025**

**March Birthdays March Anniversaries-None**

Macie Sickler 03/02

Nelie Pittard 03/04

 **Ministry Schedule**

**Ministries**  **March 23 March 30 April 6**

VPOD Brad Vickers Mark Teeter Rob Thomas

LEM Beryl Brooks Cam Mathis Rob Thomas

Lector Brad Vickers Debby Thomas Kristin Latham

PRAYERS Marion Gaston Macie Sickler Max Berinato

ALTAR Claudia Griffis Pat Leslie Sheila Meredith

GUILD Geri Mallard

USHER/ Brad Vickers Debby Thomas Cam Mathis

Greeter Allen Swan Kevin Burk Claudia Griffis

VIDEO Allen Swan Cam Mathis Claudia Griffis

**2025 Calendar**

April 13th Palm Sunday

April 17th Maundy Thursday/Altar of Repose

April 20th  Easter Sunday

June 8th Day of Pentecost