

HOLY COMMUNION

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2026



Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church! We join as a family of friends receiving Holy Communion every Sunday to empower ministry to our community. We are an inclusive fellowship – without exception. There is a place for you among us at Christ Church. Join with us. All are welcome to receive communion. Speak with the Priest to learn about being baptized.

Healing: Ever-present God of compassion: you know from afar my rising up and my lying down. Grant that I may accept what is past, leaving it with you, that I may live without fear or harsh self-judgment, to focus freely on your work of healing in the world. Amen.

About Holy Communion: We trust Christ to be truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized persons, children and adults, are welcomed to receive. Stand or kneel at the altar rail with palms extended to receive the wafer to dip into the cup of wine. If you would prefer a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to signal the Priest. (If you would like to learn more about being baptized, speak with Father Emanuel.)

Mission Statement – At Christ Episcopal Church we gather to worship, pray, sing, and share so together we may serve our community and the world.

Voluntary

Chorale Prelude

Johann Pachelbel

(All stand.)

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

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

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

Collect for Purity

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.**

Song of Praise

WLP 825

Bless the Lord my soul

The musical score is written for two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

System 1:
Vocal: Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.
Piano: Accompaniment for the first system.

System 2:
Vocal: Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.
Piano: Accompaniment for the second system.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Announcements

A Reading from Jonah 3:10–4:11

(Lector)

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that

great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Silence for reflection follows the reading.)

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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Psalm 145:1–8

Exaltabo te, Deus

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my ‘King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ‘ever.
- 2 Every day will I ‘bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ‘ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be ‘praised; *
there is no end to his ‘greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to a’nother *
and shall declare your ‘power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your ‘majesty *
and all your marvelous ‘works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous ‘acts, *
and I will tell of your ‘greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great ‘goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous ‘deeds.

8 The LORD is gracious and full of com’passion, *
slow to anger and of great ‘kindness.

(Silence for reflection follows the Psalm.)

A Reading from Philippians 1:21–30

(Lector)

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Silence for reflection follows the reading.)

(Standing as able)

Sequence Hymn

LEVAS 72

I am weak but thou art strong

1. I am weak but thou art strong; _____
2. Through this world of toil and snares, _____
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, _____

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, _____

1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; _____ I'll be sat - is - fied as
2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? _____ Who with me my bur - den
3. Time for me will be no more; _____ Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea, _____ Dai - ly walk - ing close to

D.C. for Refrain

1. long _____ As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
2. shares? _____ None but thee, dear _____ Lord, none but thee.
3. o'er _____ To Thy king - dom _____ shore, to thy shore.

Refrain: thee, _____ Let it be, dear _____ Lord, let it be.

The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You

also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

(Several moments of silence for reflection follow the sermon.)

(Standing, as able.)

The Nicene Creed

Minister: We rise to join in the Nicene Creed.

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.

The Prayers of the People

(Silence)

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For the leaders of the nations and for Donald, our President; Henry, our Governor, and for all in authority in our community, that peace through justice prevail and our country remain hospitable, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the homeless, immigrants and prisoners. For the addicted, victims of natural disasters, injustice, and violence; that they may be delivered from their distress. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; and Dorsey, Andrew, and Frank, our Bishops retired; and Phil, our Priest; and other ministers; For all who serve God in his Church. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are sick, in treatment, or recovery, especially **Maxine, Rick, Michelle, Helen, Anita Christman*, Kip Carter*, David Ford*, Jim Abercrombie, Ben Murphy, Kristen Phillips, Erin Gardner, Julie Bowers, Melissa McPherson, Debbie, Cathy, Amanda Ford*, John, Kay Lamberton*, Mildred Wilmot, Diane Hood, Tric Deaton*, Fionna, Allen, Rebecca Bryson, Wayne, Amelia Davis, Mike Lamberton*, Pam Giardiello*, Earle Holmes*, Aubrey Crawford*, Father Bill Walters.**

Silence

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Remembering those celebrating birthdays especially, Dianne Johnson and Sally Higgins and those celebrating anniversaries. We pray for St. Matthew's, Spartanburg. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for all who have died who rest in your loving embrace especially, John Port.
(Names)

Just and Eternal God, Creator of All: Convince us to work earnestly so the earth remains habitable for present and future generations. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Silence

We will exalt and give thanks to you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

Celebrant:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Silence)

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.**

(All stand.)

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence:

Celebrant: I ask you brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your true and proper worship. *Romans 12:1*

Anthem at the Offertory: Gift of finest wheat Robert E. Kreutz

(We stand as the offering is presented.)

The Presentation of the Offering

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(The people remain standing.)

Sursum Corda S-120

The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a B-flat clef. The first two staves are for the Celebrant and the People, and the last two are for the Celebrant and the People. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you. O Lord, Holy Father through Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Sanctus

WLP 851

Holy, holy, holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father, we proclaim the mystery of faith:"

Celebrant and ***People:***

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your

Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mary Magdalene, Peter, Paul, Phoebe, Andrew, Saint George, James and John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction Hymn

WLP 876

Antiphon
Cantor, then all

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

Fine *Verses*

— of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

All repeat Antiphon

ia, is the com - mun-ion of the Bod - y of Christ.
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

Celebrant: These are 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. Come for all is prepared.

(The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words.)

Music During Communion

(Standing or kneeling, as able.)

Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant and **People**:*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn at the Closing

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Strengthen for service



1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly
2 Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang, keep free from
3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do



things have tak - en; let ears that now have
all de - ceiv - ing; the eyes which saw thy
thou not ban - ish; the bo - dies by thy



heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.
love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.
Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

The Blessing

Celebrant: May the grace of God uphold you the peace of God surround you, the love of God flow from you; and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you now and always. ***Amen.***

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

TODAY

The flowers today are provided by Aubrey and Joan Crawford in thanksgiving for all our many blessings.

Sunday, September 27th – Joint service with Reformation Lutheran Church at Andrew Jackson State Park in shelter one at 11:00 am.

Bring food to share and a folding chair.

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*For your information: Donations to EDUSC are down from approximately \$4,000 last year. Approximately \$2,000 has been contributed to date this year.*

***Note: The loose offering on the first Sunday of each month is designated for the Priest's Discretionary Fund.***

## **THIS WEEK**

**Fellowship/Discussion Group** meets each Monday at 4:00 pm.

**Support Group** meets Mondays 5:30 pm and Saturdays 8:30 am

**Church/Nave is Reserved for Rehearsals** every Saturday from 10:00 am–1:00 pm

**Choir** practice every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. beginning September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

2026 Pledge and Plate Budgeted: \$100,000.00

Pledge and Plate Budgeted monthly: \$8,333.00

Pledge and Plate Received as of August 31, 2026: \$10,185.90

***This does not include any designated contributions such as EDUSC, HOPE, Sheltered, Ray's, etc.***

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

September 20<sup>th</sup> – Dianne Johnson

September 24<sup>th</sup> – Sally Higgins



## **PARISH PRAYER LIST**

( \* Denotes member) **(Please contact office to add/remove names)**

**Maxine, Rick, Michelle, Helen, Anita Christman\*, Kip Carter\*, David Ford\*, Jim Abercrombie, Ben Murphy, Kristen Phillips, Erin Gardner, Julie Bowers, Melissa McPherson, Debbie, Cathy, Amanda Ford\*, John, Kay Lamberton\*, Mildred Wilmot, Diane Hood, Tric Deaton\*, Fionna, Allen, Rebecca Bryson, Wayne, Amelia Davis, Mike Lamberton\*, Pam Giardiello\*, Earle Holmes\*, Aubrey Crawford\*, Father Bill Walters**

## PARTICIPATING TODAY

| DATE                          | L E M              | ACOLYTE/<br>CRUCIFER | USHERS/<br>GREETERS                               | TELLERS                             | ALTAR GUILD               | LECTOR           | VIDEO<br>OPERATOR |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday,<br>September 20, 2026 | Caroline<br>Oliver | Ernest<br>Jenkins    | Mike Sistare, Jake<br>Wilson & Melton<br>Mayfield | Kathy Sistare<br>& Joan<br>Crawford | Bart & Caroline<br>Oliver | Kathy<br>Sistare | Linda Baker       |

Priest: Phil Emanuel, Parish Musician: Dana Lee Walters, Security: Ernest Jenkins

## PARTICIPANTS NEXT SUNDAY

| DATE                          | L E M              | ACOLYTE/<br>CRUCIFER | USHERS/<br>GREETERS                               | TELLERS                               | ALTAR GUILD               | LECTOR            |
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**Father Emanuel** is available for conversation regarding matters of faith and life at a place of your choosing and at times by appointment. He may be reached via the following: [orionrigelstar@gmail.com](mailto:orionrigelstar@gmail.com) or 843-325-3362.

**SERMON:** Copies of the sermon are on the table across from The Gathering Space.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

**Sheltered of Lancaster:** Sheltered is a non-profit in Lancaster, SC with the goal of providing housing, showers, food and other needs for members of our community. Please contact Jamie Miller at 803-287-7443 if you would like to volunteer at one of their events.

Christ Church supports this ministry by individual contributions. **Items needed:**

**Women's underwear (all sizes), Men's pant (34 and under), Gatorade, Sodas, Can food (pop tops only), Soup, Spaghetti, Ravioli, Beanie weenies, Vienna weenies, Hygiene items: Towel, Tooth brush, Deodorant, Shampoo, 2-gallon zip lock bags, Please bring any items to our office. 713 S Main Street Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9am-noon and Monday-Friday 1pm-5pm.**

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HOPE: Shelf stable milk (store brand is fine) grits, beef stew, mixed vegetables, sweet peas, jelly, boxed instant potatoes, canned meats, dry beans, juice (any type.) Please remember HOPE prefers plastic containers. Place your donated items in the shopping cart. Grocery bags are also needed. There are so many that are in need of basic food items.

Ray's Backdoor Ministry: Christ Church will continue to support the ongoing needs of this ministry. The cost to purchase items for the kits is approximately \$220 every other month. We assemble and deliver kits every other month as funds allow. This ministry is supported by individual contributions.

Cans for Kitties Project: Please remove labels and separate aluminum from steel cans, bag them and place them in the labeled green trash bin located beside the storage building behind the church. This ministry benefits our feline friends by providing spay/neuter services for cats.

Saint George



Saint George (died 23 April 303), patron saint of Georgia and many other churches and countries, was an early Christian martyr who is venerated as a saint in Christianity. According to holy tradition, he was a soldier in the Roman army. Of Cappadocian Greek origin, he became a member of the Praetorian Guard for Roman emperor Diocletian. During the Diocletianic Persecution, he was sentenced to death for refusing to recant his Christian faith. He became one of the most venerated saints, heroes, and “great martyrs” in Western and Eastern Christianity. Since the Crusades, he has been venerated especially as a military saint. He is respected by Christians, Druze, as well as some Muslims as a martyr of monotheistic faith. He is immortalised in the legend of Saint George and the Dragon and as one of the most prominent military saints. Historically, the countries of Portugal, Ethiopia, England, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Ukraine, Malta, Catalonia and Aragon, and the cities of Genoa, Moscow and Beirut have claimed George as their patron saint, as have several other regions, cities, universities, professions, and organizations. The Church of Saint George in Lydda, now Lod in Israel, has a sarcophagus traditionally believed to contain St. George's relics.



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Priest

The Reverend Philip G. Emanuel

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Dana Lee Walters

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