



*Celebrant* Let us pray together: **Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **A Prayer for Racial Justice:**

O God who calls us to love kindness and do justice: in the midst of violence and injustice in our country we pray that you grant us grace to fearlessly contend against the evils of racism, and that you give us strength and courage to stand against oppression with our words and with our deeds, through Jesus Christ our strength and our guide. **Amen.**

### **Philippians 4:1-9** *Read by Jay Tobias*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd: **therefore can I lack nothing.**  
You Lord make me lie down in green pastures: **and lead me beside the waters of peace.**  
You revive my spirit: **and guide me in right pathways for your name's sake.**  
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
**for you are with me, your rod and your staff are my comfort.**  
You spread a table for me in the sight of my enemies:  
**you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is overflowing.**  
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Mark. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

### **Mark 1:9-11**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt**

*Following the sermon, all stand as the baptismal candidate comes forward.*

*Celebrant:* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents* I present Jessica Keonna Johnson to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant asks the candidate* Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

*The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*

Will you assist Jessica in her Christian journey in any way you can?

*Parents/Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help Jessica to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents/Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*The following question is asked of the candidate, who speaks for herself*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Jessica in her life in Christ?

**People We will.**

Let us join with Jessica who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant:

Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give you the power and grace to live them.

### **Prayers for the Candidate** *Led by Diane Clark*

Let us now pray for Jessica, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver Jessica, O Lord, from the way of sin and death: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open her heart to your grace and truth: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach Jessica to love others in the power of the Spirit: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send her into the world in witness to your love: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says:*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The water is then poured into the font, and blessed as follows*

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*Celebrant*                The Lord be with you.

***People***                **And also with you.**

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

***People***                **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Jessica, child of God, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. ***Amen.***

Let us pray: Holy and Gracious God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People:* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

### **The Peace**

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

***People:* And also with you.**

*The people may share a socially distanced sign of God's peace with one another*

# Announcements and Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

## The Offertory

The Celebrant says

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

Traditionally this would be the time for the basket to be passed to receive financial donations from those worshipping in person. You can use your phone to text [stgeodragon](text:stgeodragon) to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to [www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give](http://www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give). If your bank offers Zelle, you can use your banking app to send a donation via Zelle to [donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net](mailto:donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net). Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's.

## Offertory Hymn: LEVAS #143 *Wade in the Water*

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Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa-ter, chil-dren. Wade in the  
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wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. See that host all  
wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. See that band all  
wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. Look o-ver yonder, what  
wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. If you don't be-lieve I've



dressed in white God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. The lead-er looks like the  
dressed in red, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. Looks like the hand that  
do I see? God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. The Ho - ly Ghost a  
been re - deemed. God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. Just fol - low me down to



Is - ra - elite. God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.  
Mo - ses led, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.  
coming on me, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.  
Jor - dan's stream, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

## The Great Thanksgiving

**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 God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

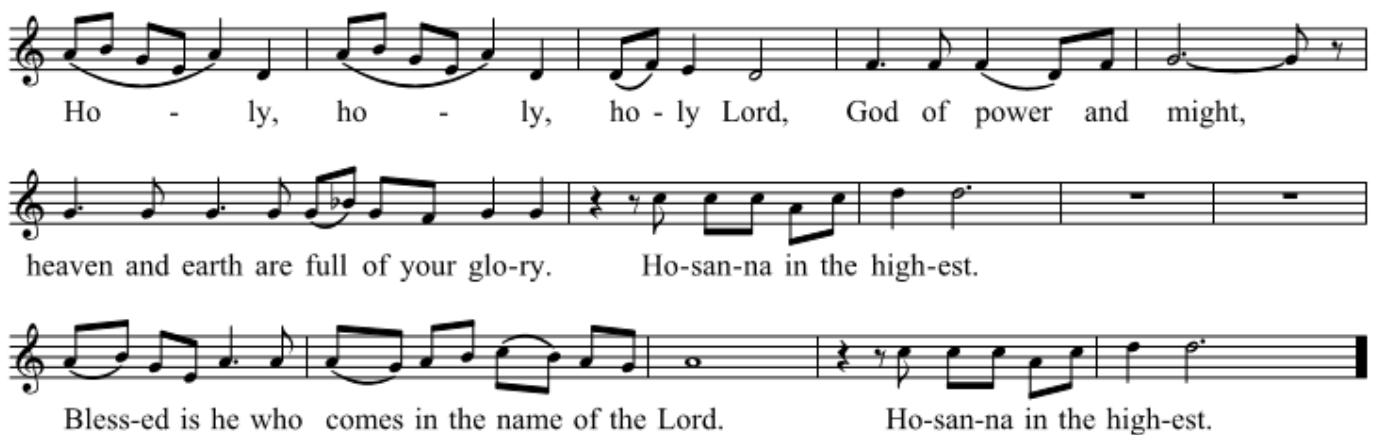
O God of blessing, we thank you always for making us in your image to serve the peace of all creation. You shared your name with our ancestors: Sarah and Abraham, who left their home and became a blessing to all nations; Moses and Miriam, who went through sea and wilderness to the place of revelation; Deborah and Samson, who gave hope and justice to a people ruled by fear; Ruth and Jonah, who went to foreign soil and found a God who loves the stranger. From our ancestors in faith came Jesus, the son of promise, to fulfill the law, embody your love, and draw all people to himself.

**He accepted death to break its fearful hold; he was raised to new life to share it in abundance; he comes again to break the bread of justice and pour the wine of hope.**

Therefore, with all the people whose story you have shaped, O Holy One, with people of faith in every part of the world, we glory in your generous love and sing in praise of you:

### *Hymnal 1982 S 128 Sanctus*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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 Celebrant continues:*

Holy One, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your Son Jesus to be our Savior. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to the prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. In love for us and for you he gave himself up to death, and rising from the grave he destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And so we remember that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper he took the cup, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

Great then is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

And now, we pray you to send your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

**Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time, gather us from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.**

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator with voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

**Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you will come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant: And now in the Spirit of Christ, we pray,

**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. 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 bread is broken and silence is kept*

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 lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## The Communion

*Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.*

### Communion Hymn: Gather #593 *I Myself Am the Bread of Life*

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**I Myself Am the Bread of Life** Text & Tune: Rory Cooney, b.1952

**Refrain**

9 I my-self am the bread of life. You and I are the bread of life,  
tak-en and blessed, bro-ken and shared by Christ that the world might live.

**Verses**

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1. This bread is spir - it, gift of the Mak-er's love, and we who share it  
2. Here is God's king-dom giv-en to us as food. This is our bod - y,  
3. Lives bro - ken o - pen, sto-ries shared a - loud, be-come a ban-quet, a  
know that we can be one:  
this is our blood: a liv-ing sign of God in Christ.  
shel - ter for the world: **D.C.**

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## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray: **Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this gathering, this bread and this wine. May they strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may embody your desire for justice and be renewed for your service to others, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Blessing

May God give you grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love. And may the blessing of God who created us, Christ Jesus who brings us new life, and the Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us be with you now and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS #138 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

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Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, In my heart: Lord, I  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, In my heart; Lord, I  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, In my heart; Lord, I  
I don't want to be like Ju - das In my heart, In my heart; I don't  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, In my heart; Lord, I



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heart, Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart.  
heart, Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart.  
heart, I don't want to be like Ju - das In my heart.  
heart, Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart.

## Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth into the world to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God and our neighbor. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Postlude:** *I've Got Peace Like a River* arr. Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)