



**St. George's Church**  
**Glenn Dale Parish**  
**The Episcopal Diocese of Washington**

***November 27, 2022***

***First Sunday of Advent***

*Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually.*

*May our worship nourish you for your journey of faith.*

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**Prelude: *My Tribute***

**Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #68 *Rejoice! Rejoice Believers***

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Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear! The eve - ning is ad -  
See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - plen - ish them with oil; look now for your sal -  
Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear; A - rise, thou Sun so



- vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near. The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and  
- va - tion, the end of sin and toil. The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the  
longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere! With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we



soon he will draw nigh; up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
gates wide o - pen stand; Rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!  
plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

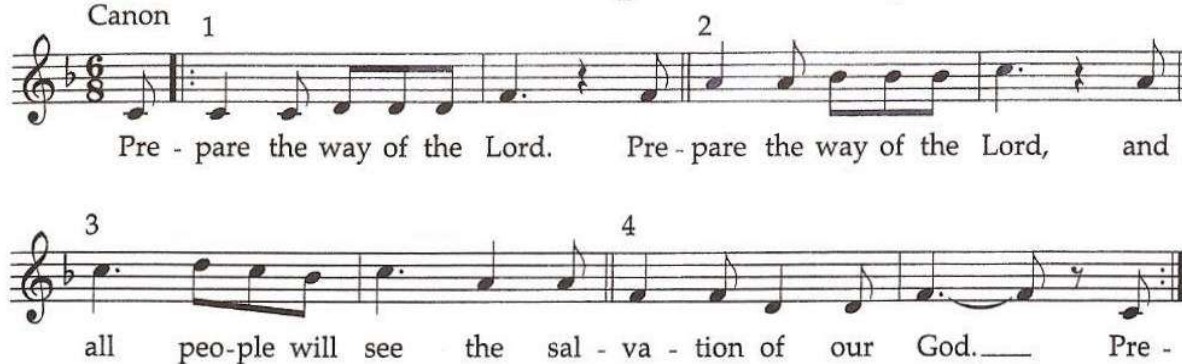
***Celebrant:*** Blessed are you, holy and living One.

***People:*** You come to your people and set them free.

*All pray together:* **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.**

### **Gloria: MHSO #61 *Prepare the Way of the Lord***

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### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray together the Collect of the Day:

**Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.  
O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**


## Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,  
    **"Let us go to the house of the LORD."**  
Now our feet are standing  
    **within your gates, O Jerusalem.**  
Jerusalem is built as a city  
    **that is at unity with itself;**  
To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,  
    **the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.**  
For there are the thrones of judgment,  
    **the thrones of the house of David.**  
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
    **"May they prosper who love you.**  
Peace be within your walls  
    **and quietness within your towers.**  
For my companions' sake,  
    **I pray for your prosperity.**  
Because of the house of the LORD our God,  
    **I will seek to do you good."**


## LEVAS #13 *My Lord, What a Morning*

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**Refrain**



My Lord, what a morn - ing, My Lord, what a morn - ing, O




my Lord, what a morn-ing, When the stars be-gin to fall.



You'll hear the trum - pet sound, To wake the na - tions un - der ground,  
You'll hear the sin - ner mourn, To wake the na - tions un - der ground,  
You'll hear the Chris - tian shout, To wake the na - tions un - der ground,

**D.C.**



Look-ing to my God's right hand, When the stars be-gin to fall.  
Look-ing to my God's right hand, When the stars be-gin to fall.  
Look-ing to my God's right hand, When the stars be-gin to fall.

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

### **Matthew 24:36-44**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

### **The Sermon:**

### **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

In this season of preparation for your birth, Lord Jesus, we wait for that time your prophet will say, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Stir up your might and come to save us as we look forward to your holy restoration. We pray, saying **Come O Come Emmanuel.**

In these waning days of autumn, we pray in gratitude for the changing seasons that reflect the beauty of creation. For your wisdom and courage to care for your creation and preserve its resources for future generations, we pray: **Come O Come Emmanuel.**

In this season when we remember the challenging words of John the Baptist, we pray that you will continue to raise up prophets to tell the good news of salvation and call us to repentance and reformation. For the church, for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the community of St. George's, we pray: **Come, O Come Emmanuel.**

In our civil society, we give thanks for leaders who take seriously their call to serve. We ask that all leaders of nations speak the truth, lead with compassion, and act with justice. That all who are held captive by any form of oppression may find liberation, we pray: **Come, O Come Emmanuel.**

In this land of plenty, we pray for those who lack the basic necessities of life. For the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School and the Haiti Micah Project, for the homeless guests of the Warm Nights program, and for all those in need, especially those who are poor, those who are hungry, and those who are out of work, we pray: **Come, O Come Emmanuel.**

In a time when so many need healing, we pray for your wholeness, O God. Grace us all with resilience to endure the challenges that face us and strengthen us to reach out to one another. For those who suffer, those who are sick, for those on our parish prayer list and those we remember in our hearts, we pray: **Come, O Come Emmanuel.**

In the midst of life, we also face down the realities of death. O God who gives comfort, we pray for those who have died. *The people may add their own petitions.* For all who mourn, we pray: **Come, O Come Emmanuel.**

We pray in thanksgiving you O God, bringer of joy, especially for those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week. For all the blessings of our lives, we pray: **Come, O Come Emmanuel.**

We pray in confidence and hope to the Christ comes into our world in peace and joy. **Amen.**



## The Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant:* Now let us confess our sins to God. *Silence is kept.*

**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.**

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.**

## The Peace

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

**People:** And also with you.

## Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Offertory

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering holy and acceptable to God.

### Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #59 *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding*

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Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn-ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye chil-dren of the day."  
Christ our sun all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.  
let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for-given;  
may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near  
with the ev - er last-ing Spi - rit while un - end-ing a - ges run.



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## 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:*

We give thanks to you, Holy One, that the days are surely coming when all the world will see the fulfillment of your promise of salvation. You alone are our righteousness, our only hope for justice and peace.

**We rejoice and sing to you with gladness, for you have renewed us by your love, restoring the fortunes of the lost, gathering up the broken and outcast, and giving them a home in you.**

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

### ***Holy, holy, holy Lord Wonder, Love and Praise #585***

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The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the fourth staff ends with a repeat sign.

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

*The Celebrant continues:*

We give you thanks O God for sending Jesus to be our way in the wilderness: at his word, every valley is lifted and every mountain made low; in his body, all flesh shall see your saving power.

**Born of Mary, Jesus Christ is our salvation and strength, the fulfillment of your word and the hope of generations. For he lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things.**

And so we remember that on the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Gracious God, we ask you to pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts that they may be the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and with your church in all the world.

**Guard our hearts and minds by the power of Christ Jesus. Speak to our anxieties with the peace that passes understanding, and let our gentleness and joy be a sign of his gracious presence.**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer –Traditional Version**

*Celebrant:* The Risen Christ is in our midst, and so with 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.  
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 bread is broken and silence is kept.*

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## Communion Hymn 1: Hymnal 1982 #57 *Lo! He comes, with clouds descending*

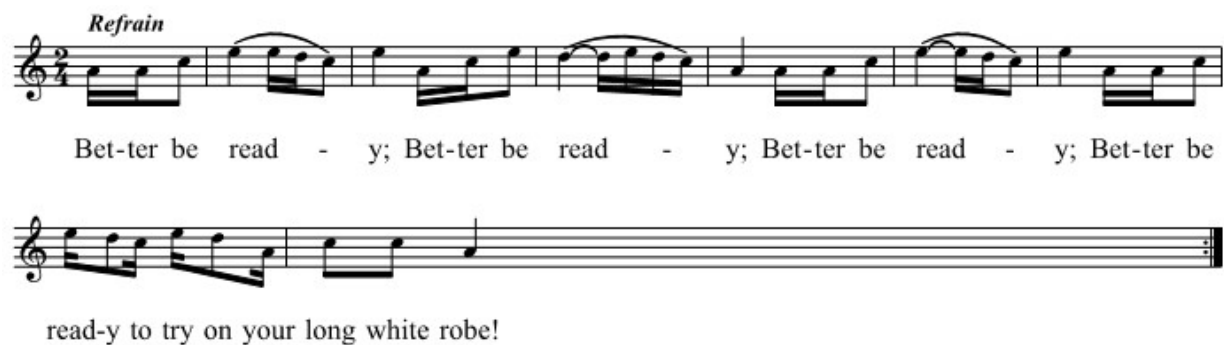
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Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -  
Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful  
Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling  
Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -  
- va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,  
bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;  
swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly  
to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture, with what  
claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
- lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
rap - ture, with what rap - ture, gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
- lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

## Communion Hymn 2: Levas #4 *Better Be Ready*

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*Refrain*  
Bet-ter be read - y; Bet-ter be read - y; Bet-ter be read - y; Bet-ter be  
read-y to try on your long white robe!

1. Oh! Rise up children get your crown,  
And by your Savior's side sit down.
2. What a glorious morning that will be,  
Our friends and Jesus we shall see.
3. O shout you Christians, you're gaining ground,  
We'll shout old Satan's kingdom down.
4. I soon shall reach that golden shore.  
And sings the songs we sang before.

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant:* Let us pray:

**God of new beginnings, we thank you for drawing near to us in word and sacrament to strengthen us with your love and to renew us for your service. Kindle in us the fire of your Spirit, that your light would so shine through us that all may welcome your Son at his coming. This we ask in the name of Jesus Emmanuel, who was and is and is to come. Amen.**

## Announcements

### The Blessing

May the God who brings heaven close to earth give truth to our judgment and flame to our longing, that our hearts might be ready to be born again in love; and may the blessing of God Almighty, God who created us, Christ Jesus who gives us new life, and the Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Dismissal Hymn: Wonder, Love, and Praise #721 *Signs of endings all around us*

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The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words aligned under triplets of notes. The hymn concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Signs of end - ings all a - round us - dark - ness, death, and win - ter days -  
Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?  
Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.

shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.  
Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?  
Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.

Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.  
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new;  
Let your pro - mised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;

Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.  
Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.  
your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

### The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:** *We Gather Together*

## Lent in Plain Sight Begins Today

As we enter the Season of Advent, you are invited to reflect on Sacred Scripture each day and through the Christmas Season as we anticipate and celebrate the birth of Jesus. Each week the readings and commentary organized by Jill Duffield in her book, *Advent in Plain Sight*, center around an object from our daily experience. The object for this first week of Advent is a gateway.



Copies of the book are available at church. You can also email Terry Doyle at [terrencedoyle@msn.com](mailto:terrencedoyle@msn.com) or speak with Connie if you would like a copy. We ask for a donation of \$12 for the book. We will also offer a weekly gathering on Zoom to discuss the theme for each week. Each session will begin at 7:00 pm and conclude around 8:15, starting on November 29 and concluding on January 3. Or if you prefer you may do this as a personal Advent devotion on your own.

In keeping with the gateway image, the theme for this week examines the places in our lives in which we are on the threshold or doorway between what has been and what is yet to be.

### Our reflection questions for this week are:

1. What comes to mind when you think of gates? What is their purpose or significance in your life? Are there any gates (or doorways/thresholds) that hold special meaning for you?
2. Have you ever experienced a “thin place,” where divine things seem visible or closer than usual? Where do you experience God’s presence during Advent?
3. Read Deuteronomy 6:6–9 and reflect on the Jewish practice of mounting a mezuzah by the doorway of one’s home. What words of God do you most need to be reminded of as you pass through the door or gate of your home?
4. Do you struggle to think about the Second Coming of Jesus during Advent? What can we learn from reflecting on Jesus not only preparing to be born from his mother’s body but also “standing at the gates” ready to return to earth in glory?
5. When you think of a gate as a boundary, who do you picture waiting near the gate to be let in? Who is waiting along the edge of our communities needing an invitation or voice of welcome? Who is being shut out?
6. What else stood out to you in this week’s devotions?

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