

Agape Meal Evening Prayer

August 27, 2020
St. George's Episcopal Church
Glenn Dale Parish
Diocese of Washington



Leader: We gather today in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

ALL: We gather today, thankful that no trial or trouble can separate us from God's love

Prayer of Praise

Leader: May none of God's wonderful works keep silence night or morning.

All: Bright stars, high mountains, the depths of the seas, sources of rushing rivers.

May all these break into song as we sing
to You our Creator, Savior and Holy Spirit.

May all the angels of heaven reply
Amen! Amen! Amen!

Power, praise, honor and eternal glory to God, the only giver of grace.
Amen! Amen! Amen!

Psalm 78: 11-20, 24-25, 29

Antiphon: The children of Israel ate and were filled, for God gave them what they craved.

You, O God, did marvelous things for our ancestors in the land of Egypt;
You divided the sea and made the waters stand up like a wall.

You led them with a cloud by day, and through the night by a pillar of fire.
You split the hard rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink in plenty.
You brought streams out of the cliff and made water run down like rivers.

But they went on sinning against you and provoked the Most High;
they rebelled in the desert and tested you, demanding food for their craving.

They spoke against you, saying: Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?
You struck the rock indeed, so that water gushed out and gullies overflowed.
But can you also give bread, or provide meat for the people to eat?

And you rained down manna and you gave them grain from heaven.
So mortals ate the bread of angels. You sent them food in abundance.

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Exodus 16: 4-7a, 13-15

The Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat. The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

Acts 2: 42-47

They spent their time learning from the apostles, and they were like family to each other. They also broke bread and prayed together. Everyone was amazed by the many miracles and wonders that the apostles worked. All the Lord's followers often met together, and they shared everything they had. They would sell their property and possessions and give the money to whoever needed it. Day after day they met together in the temple. They broke bread together in different homes and shared their food happily and freely, while praising God. Everyone liked them, and each day the Lord added to their group others who were being saved. The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

Reflection

Blessings Over Wine or Other Beverage *as one of the members of the household holds it up*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe.

You create the fruit of the vine;

and you refresh us with the cup of salvation, as we remember Jesus Christ, crucified yet risen.

May the time come quickly when we can

all share that cup again, even as you are with us now in our very thirst for you

Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Blessings Over Bread *as one of the members of the household raises a loaf or piece of bread*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe.

You bring forth bread from the earth;

you have fed us with the bread of life

in the Body of your Son.

Feed us now with your presence

among us and your presence in your Word.

As grain scattered upon the earth

is gathered into one loaf,

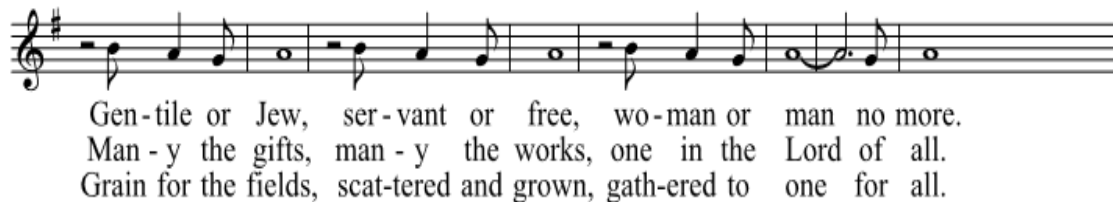
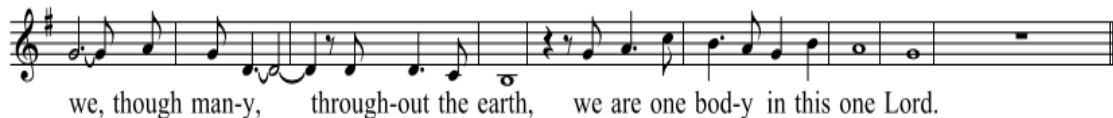
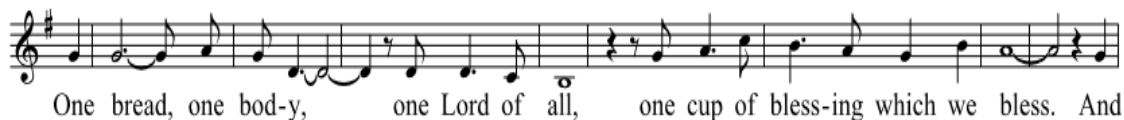
so gather your Church in every place

into the kingdom of your Son.

To you be glory and power for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hymn: *One Bread, One Body*

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Collect

As the day lengthens, O Christ

teach us to walk in your love

While we strive to be faithful in word and deed.

Teach us to love one another.

While we live as part of your creation,

Teach us to love the good earth.

We offer our prayers this hour:

Prayers and Petitions

After a few moments of silence, please unmute your microphone to offer your prayers

With grateful hearts

Teach us to trust in your love.

May we be full of peace in our waiting.

And full of joy in our praise to you.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Concluding Collect

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.
May our fellowship in you 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 Conclusion:

As you have loved us,
may we love and serve one another.

Dismissal Hymn



Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and shared, life for the



world. Let us be wine, love free-ly poured. Let us be one in the Lord.

1. I am the bread of life, broken for all.
Eat now and hunger no more.
2. You are my friends if you keep my commands.
No longer servants but friends.
3. See how my people have nothing to eat.
Give them the bread that is you.
4. As God has loved me so I have loved you.
Go and live on in my love.

Dismissal

*Let us go forth into the world to grow as a community
of hope, justice and healing. And let us be bread for one another.*

Thanks be to God.