

# The Season After Pentecost **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost St. George's Church**

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Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet has everything you need to participate in today's worship service, including scripture readings as well as prayers, music and directions. For those in the sanctuary today, follow the ushers when it comes to receiving Holy Communion and entering and leaving the worship space.

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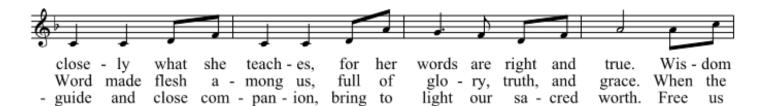
This morning, we are delighted that our rector, Connie Reinhardt will be with us for today's service. Connie is joined by Terry Doyle, TSSF. Together they will lead us in a dialogue sermon.

#### **Opening Hymn: Voices Found #60 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom**

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Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when earth was new. Fol-low Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry-ing in the mark - et place. Hear the Sist - er Wis-dom, come, as - sist us; nur-ture all who seek re - birth. Spir - it-





clears the path of jus-tice, show-ing us what love must do. word takes root and rip-ens, peace and right-eous-ness em-brace. to be-come your peo-ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

*Celebrant:* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

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: Wonder, Love, & Praise # 829 Laudate Dominum

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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: God of true abundance, in whom nothing is lost and all are fed; you draw all people to the end of our desires: teach us to know true bread from false and to feed on him who shares our flesh to share your love, Jesus Christ, our communion. Amen.

#### Proverbs 9: 1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

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

## Psalm 107: 35-41, 43

You, O God, turn desert into standing pools: and dry land into springs of water.

There you settle the hungry: and they build a city to live in.

They sow fields and plant vineyards: which yield them a bountiful harvest.

You bless them and their numbers increase: and you permit no decrease of their herds. When they were weakened and brought low: through stress of misfortune and sorrow, you pour contempt on their oppressors: whom you send astray in the trackless desert. But the poor you lift out of misery: and increase their families like flocks of sheep.

Let those who are wise, ponder these things: and consider the Lord's unfailing love.

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

#### John 6:51-58

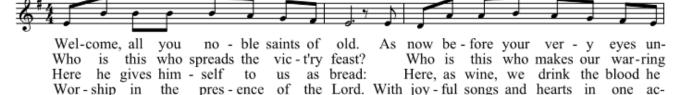
Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Then when they heard this, some of the Jewish leaders who were present disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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

#### Sermon Hymn: In Christ there is a Table Set for All Gather 542. 1,4-6

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- fold. The won-ders all so long a go fore-told: In Christ there is a ta-ble set for all. cease?
   Je sus, ris en Sav-ior, Prince of Peace. shed
   Born to die, we eat and live in stead!
- cord. And let our host at ta-ble be a dored.

# The Sermon The Rev. Connie Reinhardt and Terry Doyle, TSSF

## **Questions for Reflection**

Over the course of the pandemic, do you remember a time when you felt as if you were truly receiving Holy Communion—whether spiritually or literally as bread and wine?

How have you felt connected to the body of Christ in this time?

How has your understanding of Eucharist or feelings about Holy Communion changed in this period of time?



## The Prayers of the People

Generous God of abundance, who rained down manna to feed your people in the wilderness, you satisfy the hungry from your hand and nurture our spirit with the Bread of Life. Hear us as we pray, saying: **Feed us and all your people with the bread that gives life.** 

God who gives us living bread, you give us responsibility to govern and lead. We pray that all in authority may use their power justly and share your abundance with all. Hear us as we pray, saying: **Feed us and all your people with the bread that gives life.** 

God who gives us living bread, we hunger for the food that endures for eternal life. Nurture us through your holy church. Grace us your church with the ability to know that Jesus is present to us and your church as the Bread of Life. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Chilton our Assisting Bishop, Connie our rector, Sarah and Thelma who are ministering to us during Connie's period of leave, and for the lay leadership and congregation of St. George's. Hear us as we pray, saying: **Feed us and all your people with the bread that gives life.** 

God who gives us living bread, we know that everyone who comes to you will never be hungry and never will thirst. We pray for all who are hungry, for those who are poor, for those caught in violence and war, and for those experiencing homelessness, and we pray especially for the families of Gaywood Elementary School and the guests of the Warm Nights program. In every place of hunger, through us may you bring food; in every place of poverty, through us may you bring abundance; in every place of terror, through us may you bring comfort and security. Hear us as we pray, saying: **Feed us and all your people with the bread that gives life.** 

God who gives us living bread, you assure us that in Jesus you are the Bread of Life. We know that you are always present with us to give comfort in our fears. With your generous touch, heal those for whom we pray, especially for those suffering from the effects of Covid-19, for those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now in our hearts. Hear us as we pray, saying: **Feed us and all your people with the bread that gives life.** 

God who gives us living bread, we know that in Jesus you feed us with the bread of eternal life. Gather up the lives of your children, receiving into your fullness all who have died. We pray for those whom we love but see no longer, and we pray for those who mourn. Hear us as we pray, saying: **Feed us and all your people with the bread that gives life.** 

God who gives us living bread, you invite us to your table and bless us with joy and celebration. Accept our gratitude for the abundance of your grace, especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for other blessings of this life. Hear us as we pray, saying: **Feed us and all your people with the bread that gives life.** 

Holy One, your people look to you for nurture and healing: Fill our hungry lives with the abundance of your Spirit, that we may be fruitful disciples of the one whose compassion reaches across all boundaries, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

#### The Confession and Absolution

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

All pray together: God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. We dishonor your generosity by withholding ourselves and our resources from those in need; we disregard your compassion by judging the sins of others. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your Spirit, renew us and free us from our bondage, that with open hearts we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing on all creation. Amen.

*Celebrant:* The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, the will for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

#### The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

## Announcements and 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**

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

Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible. You can use your phone to text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give. If your bank offers Zelle, you can use your banking app to send a donation via Zelle to <a href="mailto:donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net">donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net</a>. There are also baskets at the entrance and exit doors of the Sanctuary for donations of checks or cash

#### Offertory Anthem: Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Irish Melody arr. Craig Courtney

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only first in my heart.
High King of heaven my Treasure Thou art.
High King of heaven my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

# 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.

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore, joining with saints and angels and all of creation, we praise you as we sing:

#### Sanctus: Wonder, Love, & Praise # 785

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#### The celebrant continues

Holy are you O God and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. At his baptism in the Jordan your Spirit descended upon him and declared him your beloved Son. The Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

By the baptism of Jesus's suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the sharing of the bread and cup around your table.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Holy One, pour out your Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world, empowered by the gifts of the Spirit.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, for all honor and glory is yours, God our Light and Life, now and forever. 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. 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 bread is broken and silence is kept

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Paople: Therefore let us keep the feast Alleluia

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.

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 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.

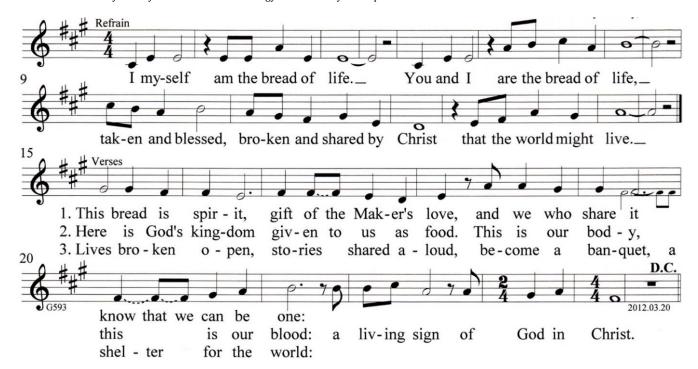
#### The Communion

If you would like to receive the Eucharist, you may choose to receive both the bread and wine or only one of them. If you receive the wine, please drop your cup into the recycling bin at the door after you consume it. Note that hand sanitizer is available as you exit. Please follow the arrows to go through the narthex (hallway) and back into the Sanctuary and on to your seat.

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.

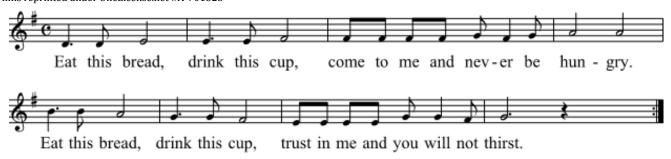
## Communion Hymn 1: Gather #593 I Myself Am the Bread of Life

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#### Communion Hymn 2: Gather #588 Eat this Bread

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# **Post-Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray:

Holy and Gracious One, we give you thanks that through Word and Sacrament, Jesus has once again shared himself with us. As we leave this place, we pray that you send us out inspired by your Spirit to be Christ's love to others, that our daily living may show forth our gratitude and our lives become a praise to you, through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.

# **The Blessing**

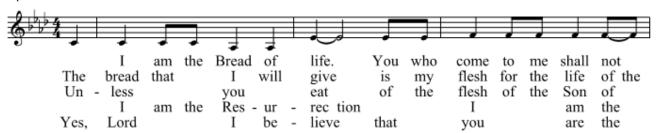
God blesses us so that we may be a blessing for others, so as you go out into the world, May the grace of God bless you with peace;

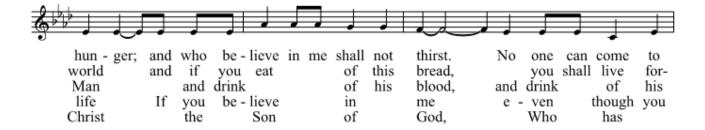
may the love of Christ sustain you with joy;

and may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with courage, this day and forevermore. Amen.

## Dismissal Hymn: Gather 597 I am the Bread of Life

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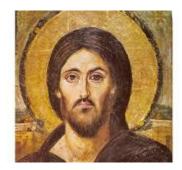




#### The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God!



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