



The Season After Pentecost
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
St. George's Church
Glenn Dale Parish •
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

August 22, 2021

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. Zoom participants are encouraged to leave your video camera on or turn it off as you prefer; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom.

Prelude: Movement 6 Lord at All Times from Lauda Sion by Felix Mendelssohn

*Lord, at all times I will bless Thee,
And in songs of praise address Thee.
Yea, and make my boast in Thee;
Let the humble gladly hear me,
Let the godly gather near me,
And exalt Thy Name with me,
When the poor man succour craved,
From his trouble he was saved
When he called, he was heard.*

*Come, ye children, I beseech you
Hearken, when I fain would teach you
From your hearts to fear the Lord.
Taste, and see the Lord is gracious
Bounteous as the heavens are spacious;
Yea, the Lord our God is good:
He our cry in pity heareth
He regardeth him that feareth,
He doth send us needful food.*

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 # 408 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

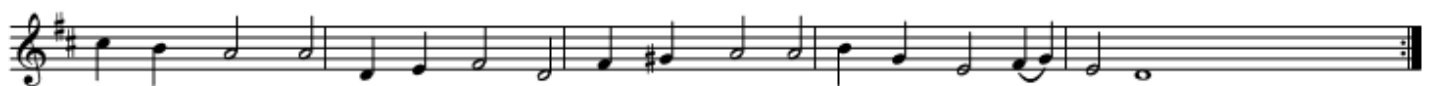
Words: Johann Jacob Schutz; tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox. Music: *Mit Fraidem zart* from *Une uastourelle gentille. Psaumes cinquantge de David* and *Kirchengeseng darinnen de Heubtartikle des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove the God of all cre - a - tion, the
What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy keep - eth; by
Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and glo - ry; let



God of power the God of love, the God of our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my
morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom
all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol



soul he fills, and ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
of his might, lo! all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
from its throne, the Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

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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Tune: Jacques Berthier, b.1925

Lau-da-te Do-mi-num, lau-da-te Do-mi-num om-nes gen-tes, al-le-lu-ia. al-le-lu-ia.

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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: **Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

Psalm 34: 15-22

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous: **God's ears are open to their cry.**

The Lord opposes those who do evil: **to blot out the remembrance of them from the earth.**

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them: **and rescues them from all their troubles.**

The Lord is near to those who are broken hearted:

the Lord saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The troubles of the righteous are many: **but the Lord sets them free from them all.**

The Lord guards every bone in the body of the righteous: **and so not one of them is broken.**

Evil brings death to the wicked: **and those who hate the righteous are brought to ruin.**

You O Lord ransom the lives of your servants: **and none who take refuge in you shall perish.**

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

John 6:56-69

Jesus said, "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." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Connie Reinhardt



I believe in God almighty

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)
 Music: *Arfon* (Major), Welsh hymn melody,
 harm. Carlton R. Young, alt.

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1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y,
 2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered,
 3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it,

Au - thor of all things that be,
 scourged and scorned and the cru - ci - fied;
 bond - ing all the saints with - in

Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the
 tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied — True Life there had
 one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness

sky and sea. I be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus,
 tru - ly died. I be - lieve that on the third day
 frees from sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion,

now for us both Lord and Christ of the Spir - it
 Christ was raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed
 for the break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's

and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
 to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
 ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

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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.

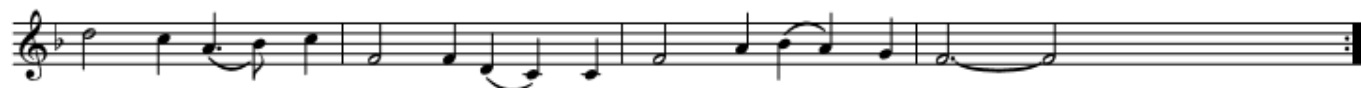
Traditionally this would be the time for the basket to be passed to receive financial donations from those worshipping in person. For safety reasons, that practice has changed. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible. You can use your phone to text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use 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 donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net. There are also baskets at the entrance and exit doors of the Sanctuary for donations of checks or cash. Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's.

Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 # 304 *I Come with Joy*

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I come with joy to meet my Lord, for - giv - en, loved, and free, in
I come with Chris - tians far and near to find as all are fed, the
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion ends. That
And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence al - ways near, is
To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll go our dif - ferent ways, and



awe and won - der to re - call his life laid down for me.
new com - mu - ni - ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
love that made us makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
in such friend - ship bet - ter know: we see and praise him here.
as his peo - ple in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

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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Santo, Santo, Santo Words: Variation on a traditional liturgical text
Music: Unknown composer

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do ra! Mi
In God's name is com-ing the One whom we call bles-sed. Ho-

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cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: "San - to e - res Se - ñor."
san - na in the high - - - est. Praise and thanks to God.

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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;

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 Anthem: *O Sacrum Convivium* by Stephen R. Johnson

*O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur;
recolitur memoria passionis ejus;
mens impletur gratia;
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.*

Alleluia

*Panem de caelo praestitisti eis
Omnem delectamentum in se habentem.*

O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received;
the memorial of his passion is renewed;
the soul is filled with grace;
and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

Alleluia

You gave them bread from heaven
Containing in itself all sweetness.

Communion Hymn: Hymnal 1982 # 321 *My God, Thy Table Now is Spread*

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My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with love doth o - ver flow; be
O let thy ta - ble hon - red be, and fur - nished well with joy - ful guests; and
Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in count - less num - bers let them come and
Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the world thy truth has run, till



all thy chil - dren thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
may each soul sal - va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
gathe - er from their Fath - er's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
with this Bread shall all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

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: LEVAS # 208 *We've Come This Far by Faith*

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Refrain



We've come this far by faith, Lean-ing on the Lord; Trust-ing in his ho-ly



word, He's nev-er failed me yet. O can't turn a-round,

Fine Verse 1



We've come this far by faith, Don't be dis-cour-aged when trou-ble's in your



life. He'll bear your bur-dens and move all mis-er-y and strife. That's why we've

2. Just the other day I heard someone say
He didn't belief in God's word;
But I can truly say that God had made a way
And he never failed me yet.
That's why we've (Refrain)

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**



Postlude: *Be Still, My Soul* by Jean Sibelius (1865-1957), arr. Cindy Berry (b. 1949)