



The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

St. George's Church
Glenn Dale Parish • The Episcopal Diocese of
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August 27, 2023

Welcome to St. George's! We are delighted to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet includes all of the prayers, music and readings you will need to fully participate in today's service. Wherever you are in your journey, know that you are welcome here. Zoom participants are welcome to leave your video camera on; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom.

Opening Hymn: Hymnal #522 *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

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Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty of our God;
See! the streams of liv - ing wat - ers, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re - deem - er's blood!



he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.



on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and shade by day,
'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to reign as kings:



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
Grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
and as priests his sol - emn prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

Celebrant: As we gather in gratitude and praise to you. O Holy One:
People: **Breathe on us breath of God, and fill us with your saving power.**
Celebrant: In your Wisdom, speak in us:
People: **and bring us strength, healing and peace.**
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 and Praise #821 Glory to God *sung three times*

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Glo-ry to God; Praise to the Son; Love to the Spi-rit; Three and yet One.

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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.**

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 124

If the Lord had not been on our side,
now may Israel say:

If the Lord had not been on our side

when our enemies rose up against us,
then they would have swallowed us alive:

when their fury was roused against us.

Then the flood would have swept us away:

and the torrent would have covered us.

Then the raging waters:

would have gone right over our heads.

But praised be the Lord:

who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare:

the snare is broken and we are free.

Our help is in the name of the Lord:

who has made heaven and earth.

At the conclusion of the psalm, all say together

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



Gospel 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,
I come with Chris-tians far and near to find as all are fed,
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion ends.
And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence al - ways near,



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

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

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

The Sermon: Mary Frances Bruce

The Creed: We Believe in God Almighty

Words: Adapted from Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993) © 1991 G.I.A. Publications, Wonder, Love and Praise # 769

Music: *BEACH SPRING The Sacred Harp* harmony by Marty Haugen (b. 1950) © 1995 G.I.A Publications, Inc. Gather #471

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We be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be,
We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;
We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with - in



Ma - ker of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and sea.
tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied - True Life there had tru - ly died.
one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin;



We be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ
We be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,
in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain



of the Spir - it and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life
then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

Prayers of the People

O God, we are your beloved. As we pray to you in words, beyond words, and in sighs too deep for words, Be present with us as we pray: **Breathe on us, breath of God.**

O God, you created the heavens and the earth; bless the produce of our land and the works of our hands. Help us to care for creation and undo the damage we have done to the earth, your beating heart. Be present with us as we pray: **Breathe on us, breath of God.**

Lord Jesus, you call us to be your disciples; deepen in each of us a sense of purpose as we seek to follow you on your way of love. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and for the people of St. George's. Be with us as we pray: **Jesus, open our hearts to you.**

Lord Jesus, you were rich, yet for our sake you became poor; move those of us who have more resources to share generously with those who have less, and help us work for economic justice for all. Be with us as we pray: **Jesus, open our hearts to you.**

Lord Jesus, you were unjustly condemned by Pontius Pilate; strengthen those across the world who are suffering injustice and persecution, war and violence. Help us be bearers of your peace. Be with us as we pray: **Jesus, open our hearts to you.**

Lord Jesus, you healed by your touch and your word; we pray now for all who suffer and are in need of your healing presence. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* Be with us as we pray: **Jesus, open our hearts to you.**

Divine Spirit, you sustain us in difficult times. We pray for those who have died and for those who mourn, especially those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* Be with us as we pray: **Spirit of grace, comfort us and bring us closer to you.**

Divine Spirit, you bless us with life and love. Help us live in gratitude for what we have, as we pray especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for other blessings of this life. *The people may add their own petitions.* Be with us as we pray: **Spirit of grace, comfort us and bring us closer to you.**

Holy God, help us to know always that in your love you do for us more than we can ask or imagine, today and always. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Now let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

Holy One, we encounter you in our lives and try to follow you faithfully, but often we get lost or turn away from you. We try to love our neighbors and ourselves, and even by your grace to love our enemies, but we fail. We have not fully shared the gifts you entrust to us; we have not treasured the gifts of others around us. For all of the ways we have fallen short, we are truly sorry. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May 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

The celebrant then offers the following prayer for those celebrating birthdays and 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 #316 *This is the hour of banquet and of song*

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889) Music: *Canticum refectiois* David McKinley Williams (1887-1978)
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This is the hour of ban-quet and of song; this is the heaven-ly
Too soon we rise; we go our sev-eral ways; the feast, though not the
Feast af-ter feast thus comes and pass-es by, yet, pass-ing, points to



ta-ble spread for me; here let me feast, and feast-ing, still pro-long the
love is past and gone, the Bread and Wine con-sumed; yet all our days thou
the glad feast a-bove, giv-ing us fore-taste of the fes-tal joy, the



brief, bright hour of fel-low-ship with thee.
still art here with us-our Shield and Sun.
Lamb's great mar-riage feast of bliss and love.

Although St. George's no longer physically "passes the basket" everyone is invited and encouraged to make a financial offering to express your gratitude to God for the gifts we are given and in support of our mission and ministries. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible; you can text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give. You may also donate via Zelle to donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org or use Cash App to send your donation to \$StGeorgesGlennDale.

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.

We praise you Holy Trinity, mystery of being and freedom of the world. You opened your love to bring the creation into existence, reflecting infinite beauty in matter's complex bonds and spirit's evolution.

You drew near to Abraham and Sarah as the unexpected guest; you wrestled with Jacob and blessed him with wounds; you dwelt in glory and wisdom with the people of your covenant. Your all-embracing heart assumed our human story and came among us in Word made flesh, Jesus the holy child of God. Through the scandal of Christ crucified and the Spirit of love that raised him from the dead, you end our isolation and draw us into the community of your grace. Therefore we join the eternal song of power and glory, of difference and delight, as we sing:

Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Levas #255

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Holy One, we praise you for your love that brings order out of chaos, breathes life into dust, leads captives into freedom, and calls home those who wander away from you. You give bread to the hungry and drink to the thirsty; you even raise the dead to life.

We thank you for Jesus, the Word made flesh and light of the world, who is shepherd and gate, way and truth, and fountain of living water that gives life everlasting.

We thank you for Jesus, who is the bread of heaven, the cup of salvation, and the resurrection and the life. On the night before he died, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you O God, gave it to them and said "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, gave you thanks and said, "Drink this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all for forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We ask you to pour out your Spirit on us O God and come and live in us, in this bread and in this cup, in our hearts and in our being, that we may be one body in Christ. May we be one in service to others and love of you in this place and every place, in this world and in the world to come.

Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor and power be to you O Holy One, forever and ever! Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: The Risen Christ is in our midst, and so with Christ we pray:

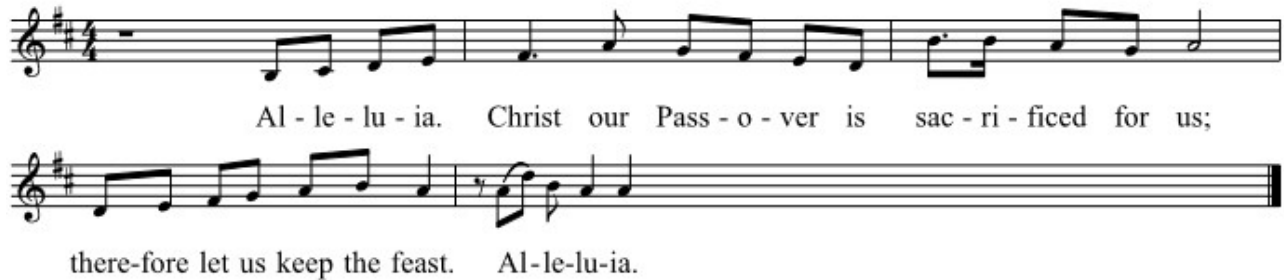
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence is kept

Fraction Hymn: Wonder, Love and Praise #865 *Christ our Passover*

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Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia.

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

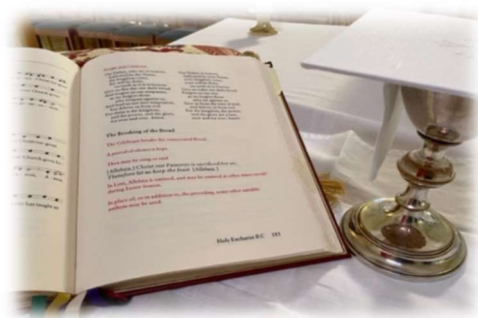
Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live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

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.

If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine, please indicate this to the Celebrant by crossing your arms in front of your chest.



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

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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.—

15 Verses

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

20 know that we can be one:
this is our blood: a liv-ing sign of God in Christ.
shel - ter for the world:

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Communion Hymn 2: Levas #146 *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

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Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me, As thou didst
Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me. As thou didst
Teach me to live, dear Lord, On - ly for thee, As thy dis-

break the loaves Be - side the sea; Be - yond the sa - cred page
bless the bread By Gal - i - lee; Then shall all bond - age cease,
- ci - ples lived in Gal - i - lee; Then, all my strug - gles o'er,

I seek thee, Lord; My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing word!
All fet - ters fall, And I shall find my peace, My all in all.
Then, vic - t'ry won, I shall be - hold thee, Lord, The liv - ing one.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray: **God of fire and wind, giver of life, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Now send us forth to serve others following the example of Jesus. May the Spirit blow through us and into the world you have made, that we may bring your love wherever we go, through Jesus Christ who gave himself away for love. Amen.**

The people may be seated for announcements


Announcements

The Blessing

We do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us; so be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. Go in peace to follow the good road, and may the blessing of God, who creates, redeems and sustains us, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS #12 *We're Marching to Zion*


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Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our God;
The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred sweets,
Then let our songs a - bound, And ev - 'ery tear be dry;



Join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with sweet ac - cord.
But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King,
Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields,
We're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground, We're march - ing thro' Em - man - uel's ground,



And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.
May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.
Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets,
To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.



We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on;



We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

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

People: Thanks be to God.