



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

St. George's Church

Glenn Dale Parish

The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

August 7, 2022

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

This morning, we welcome Rev Sarah Motley as celebrant. Rev Sarah will be present with us many Sundays while Connie is on sabbatical. We are also happy and grateful to Dr. C. Paul Heins, who is substituting for Joshua Fishbein at the piano this Sunday while Josh is on vacation.

Prelude: "The Resting-Place on the Hill" from *Our Town* by Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

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

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722) Tr. Sarah B Findlater (1823-1907).

Music: *Llangloffan* from *Hymnau a Thomas Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



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 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.

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24

The Lord, the most mighty God has spoken:
and summoned the world, from the rising of the sun to its setting.
God shines out from Zion: **a city perfect in beauty.**
Our God is coming, and will not keep silence:
before you O God runs a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest rages about you.
You call on the heavens above and, on the earth, below:
to witness the judgement of your people.
Gather my people before me: **the people who made covenant with me by sacrifice.**
The heavens proclaim your justice: **for you yourself are judge.**
Listen my people and I will speak: **I will testify against you Israel. I am God your God.**
I find no fault with sacrifices: **your burnt offerings are always before me.**
Mark this, you that forget God: **lest I tear you to pieces, and there will be no one to save you.**
Whoever offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving does me due honor:
and to those who follow my way I will show the salvation of God.

Gospel Hymn: 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.
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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Motley

The Creed: Wonder, Love and Praise #769 *I believe in God almighty*

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



Mak - er 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;



I be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ
I 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 I have claimed.

Prayers of the People

O God, whom Jesus prayed to as a father and called you Abba, we come before you this day confident that you hear our prayers, trusting that you will provide us with all good gifts that we need day by day. And so, we praise you and revere your name, saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.**

O God, we pray that your reign will come near to us through the endeavors of your church on earth. We pray that as members of your church, we may serve your people faithfully. We pray especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Mariann our bishop; Connie our rector, Sarah who serves us during Connie's sabbatical; and for the people of St. George's. We pray that your reign will come near saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.**

O God, as we long for your will to be done in our midst, we pray especially for those places in the world where there is conflict and where your people are caught in the violence of war, especially in Ukraine. As we long for your will to be done in our midst, we pray, saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.**

O God, you provide for your people and satisfy our needs day by day. As you give us our daily bread each day, we pray for all who hunger and need shelter. May we continue to be inspired to serve those in need in our communities as we pray for the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School and those served by the Bowie Food Pantry and the Warm Nights homeless shelter. We pray in thanksgiving for all of the good things you provide, saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.**

O God, we pray for forgiveness for ourselves and for our society as it is beset with division and violence. We mourn with those whose lives have been forever changed by the ongoing shootings in our communities and pray for the bereaved who have lost children, family, and friends to gun violence. In your mercy, grant forgiveness, we pray, saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.**

O God, you have invited us to be persistent in asking that we may receive, and you encourage us to trust that the doors we knock on will be opened. We pray this day for those on our parish prayer list and those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray with persistence, trusting that you hear us and will give us the good gifts we need, saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.**

O God, you comfort us in our trials. We ask you to comfort those who mourn and surround them with your love as we pray for all who have died. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray that you save us from times of trial and sorrow, saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.**

O God, we thank you for all the good gifts you bestow and we are grateful for the joy of special occasions in our lives. We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and all of the blessings we experience. And so we pray in thanksgiving, saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Be with us, Lord Jesus Christ, in all the prayers of your faithful disciples, and help us to trust that you hear our prayers and are with us always, even to the end of the ages. **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 Risen 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: Voices Found #61 *Give me oil in my lamp*

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Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn-ing. Give me oil in my lamp, I
Make me a fish-er of men, keep me burn-ing. Make me a fish-er of men, I
Give me joy in my heart, keep me sing-ing. Give me joy in my heart, I
Give me love in my heart, keep me serv-ing. Give me love in my heart, I



pray. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn-ing, keep me burn-ing 'til the break of day.
pray. Make me a fish-er of men, keep me seek-ing, keep me seek-ing 'til the break of day.
pray. Give me joy in my heart, keep me sing-ing, keep me sing-ing 'til the break of day.
pray. Give me love in my heart, keep me serv-ing, keep me serv-ing 'til the break of day.



Sing ho-san-na, sing ho-san-na, sing ho-san-na, to the King of Kings! Kings!

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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.

O God of grace and blessing, we thank you for making us in your image to serve the peace of all creation. You shared your name and presence with our ancestors: Sarah and Abraham, who left their home and became a blessing to all nations; Moses and Miriam, who went through sea and wilderness to the place of revelation; Deborah and Samson, who gave hope and justice to a people ruled by fear; Ruth and Jonah, who went to foreign soil and found a God who loves the stranger.

From our ancestors in faith came Jesus, the son of promise, to fulfill the law, embody your love, and draw all people to himself.

He accepted death to break its fearful hold; he was raised to new life to share it in abundance; he comes again to break the bread of justice and pour the wine of hope.

Therefore, with all the people whose story you have shaped, O Holy One, with people of faith in every part of the world, we glory in your generous love and sing in praise of you:

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

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Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry Ho-
- san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the one who comes in the name
of the Lord, of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues:

Holy One, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your Son Jesus to be our Savior. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to the prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. In love for us and for you he gave himself up to death, and rising from the grave he destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And so we remember that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

Great then is the mystery of faith:

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

And now, we pray you to send your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time, gather us from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator with voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and forever. 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 Anthem: Wonder, Love, and Praise # 875 *Be known to us Lord Jesus*

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three staves. The first staff is for the Cantor, starting with a repeat sign and ending with a first ending bracket. The second staff is also for the Cantor, starting with a second ending bracket. The third staff is for the All, starting with a first ending bracket. The lyrics are: "Be known to us Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread, Be bread, The bread which we break al-le - lu - ia, is the com-mun-ion of the bo-dy of Christ. Be known to us Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread."

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.

Communion Anthem: *The Call* by Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life as killeth death.
Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength as makes his guest.
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.*

Communion Hymn: Wonder, Love and Praise #754 *When from bondage we are summoned*

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1. When from bond-age we are sum-moned
 2. When our God names us a peo-ple,
 3. Through all stag-es of the jour-ney
 4. We must not lose sight of Je-sus;
 5. See the prize our God has prom-ised:



out of dark-ness in-to light, we must go in hope and
 Je-sus leads us by the hand through a lone-ly, bar-ren
 Christ is with us, night and day, with com-pas-sion for our
 who ac-cept-ed pain and loss, who, for joy of love un-
 end-less life with Christ our Lord. Now we fix our eyes on



pat-ience, walk by faith and not by sight.
 des-ert to a great and glor-ious land.
 weak-ness ev-'ry step a-long the way.
 meas-ured, dared em-brace the shame-ful cross.
 Je-sus, walk by faith in Je-sus' word.



Let us throw off all that hin-ders; let us run the race to win! Let us



hast-en to our home-land and, re-joic-ing en-ter in. in.

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, and may the Spirit blow through us and into the world, that we may bring your love wherever we go, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The people may be seated for announcements.

Announcements

The Blessing

Celebrant: May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created breathe new life into you. **Amen.**

May the Spirit who gave life to the Son make you joyful in service to God's people. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who set the church on fire on the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the Risen Christ. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God, who created us, redeems us, and sustains us, be with you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

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The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff is marked 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'We've come this far by faith, Lean-ing on the Lord; Trust-ing in his ho-ly'. The second staff continues the lyrics: 'word, He's nev-er failed me yet. O can't turn a-round,'. The third staff is marked 'Fine' and 'Verse 1' and contains the lyrics: 'We've come this far by faith, Don't be dis-cour-aged when trou-ble's in your'. The fourth staff is marked 'D.S.' and contains the lyrics: 'life. He'll bear your bur-dens and move all mis-er-y and strife. That's why we've'. The score includes various musical notations such as treble clef, key signature, time signature, and dynamic markings.

Verse 2 Just the other day I heard someone say
He didn't believe in God's word;
But I can truly say that God had made a way
And 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 Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "I Found It!" by Don Wyrzten (b. 1942)