

# Third Sunday after the Epiphany

**St. George's Church**  
Glenn Dale Parish  
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington  
*January 21, 2024*

## Opening Hymn: LEVAS #19 *Wayfaring Stranger*

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I'm just a poor way - far - ing stran - ger, I'm trav' - ling through this world be -  
I know dark clouds will gath - er o'er me, I know my path - way's rough and  
I want to sing sal - va - tion's sto - ry, In con - cert with the blood - washed  
I'll soon be free from ev - ery tri - al, This form will rest be - neath the



- low; There is no sick - ness, toil, nor dan - ger, In that bright  
steep; But gold - en fields lie out be - fore me, Where wea - ry  
band; I want to wear a crown of glo - ry, When I get  
sod; I'll drop the cross of self - de - ni - al, And en - ter



world to which I go. I'm go - ing there to see my fa - ther. I'm go - ing  
eyes no more shall weep. I'm go - ing there to see my mo - ther, She said she'd  
home to that good land. I'm go - ing there to see my bro - thers, They passed be -  
in my home with God. I'm go - ing there to see my Sav - iour, Who shed for



there no more to roam; I'm just a go - ing o - ver Jor - dan, I'm just a go - ing o - ver home.  
meet me when I come;  
- fore me one by one;  
me His pre - cious blood;

**Celebrant:** Christ is our everlasting light.

**People:** **And God is our glory.**

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

**People:** **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

*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: My Heart Sings Out #80 *The Light of Christ***

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The light of Christ has come in - to the world. The  
The light of Christ has come in - to the world.  
light of Christ has come in - to the world. world.  
The light of Christ has come come.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Light of Christ'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system has lyrics: 'The light of Christ has come in - to the world. The'. The second system has lyrics: 'The light of Christ has come in - to the world.'. The third system has lyrics: 'light of Christ has come in - to the world. world.' and includes first and second endings. The fourth system has lyrics: 'The light of Christ has come come.'.

### **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:

**Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The people may be seated*

### **1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 62:6-14

God only is my rock and my salvation:

**my tower of strength, so that I stand unshaken.**

In God is my deliverance and my honor:

**the rock of my strength and my place of refuge.**

Put your trust in God always you people:

**pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

For we mortals are only a puff of wind, the great among us are but illusion:

**weighed in the balance they rise upward, all of them lighter than air.**

Put no trust in extortion, set no vain hopes on plunder:

**if riches increase, do not set your heart upon them.**

Once God has spoken, and twice I have heard God say:

**'Power belongs to God alone.'**

Steadfast love O Lord is yours:

**and you reward us all according to our deeds.**

*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 #533 *How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise*

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How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!  
To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;



How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways! O who shall not fear thee,  
their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne: thy truth and thy judg - ments



and hon - or thy Name? Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.  
shall spread all a - broad, till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.



*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**People:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## Mark 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

### The Creed: *We believe in God the Father*

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Music: *Stuttgart* from *Psalmody Sacra, oder Andachtige und Schone Gesange* 1715; adapted by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

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1. We be-lieve in God the Fa-ther, God al - might - y, by whose plan  
We be-lieve in Christ the Sa-vior, Son of God in hu - man frame,
2. Christ, who on the cross for - sa-ken, like a lamb to slaugh-ter led,  
We be-lieve in Je - sus ri-sen, hea-ven's king to rule and reign
3. We be-lieve in God the Spi-rit; in one Church, be - low, a - bove:  
So by faith, our sins for - gi-ven, Christ our Sa - vior, Lord and friend,



1. earth and hea-ven sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be - gan.  
vir - gin born, the child of Ma - ry up-on whom the Spi - rit came.
2. suf - fered un - der Pon-tius Pi - late, he de-scend-ed to the dead.  
to the Fa-ther's side a-scend-ed till as judge he comes a - gain.
3. saints of God in one com-mun-ion, one in ho - li - ness and love.  
we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

## The Prayers of the People

As we celebrate the coming of the One who brings the reign of God to all people, let us pray for the world God loves, the Church God calls, and all people according to their needs, saying, **Hear us, God of light.**

Loving God, the sun and moon, stars and galaxies shine with your love for all you have made. That our life together may be a celebration of your good creation, we pray, saying, **Hear us, God of light.**

Loving God, we are grateful that you continue to pour out the gift of your Spirit on your church. For Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the people of St. George's, that we may truly embody the presence of your Son Jesus, we pray, saying, **Hear us, God of light.**

Loving God, though we divide ourselves by country and language, religion and ethnicity, we know that your light shines on all people. That those who lead may act ways that reconcile rather than divide, we pray, saying, **Hear us, God of light.**

Loving God, your love and care shines into our lives, calling us to act as your hands and heart in the places we live. That we may work on behalf of your justice and live more fully into your call to respect the dignity of every human being, we pray, saying, **Hear us, God of light.**

Loving God, you bring healing where there is illness, hope where there is despair, life where there is death. May we be your willing hands and feet, carrying the gifts of your love to those in need. We pray for those who are poor and those who are hungry; we pray for those in need and those who have no safe place to lay their heads. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, and for those whom we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray, saying, **Hear us, God of light.**

Loving God, you make for each of us a dwelling place eternal, so that where you are, there we will be also. For all those who have died, that they may go from strength to strength in your presence, we pray, saying, **Hear us, God of light.**

Loving God, because of your grace we have much to celebrate. We thank you for those remembering birthdays and anniversaries, and for all of the gifts and blessings we experience. For all that we have and all that we are, we give thanks to you, saying, **Hear us, God of light.**

O God who shines in the darkness, receive these prayers and all of the prayers of our hearts, in the name of the one who brings your light, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant:* Now let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence is kept.*

*All pray together:* **God of steadfastness and mercy, we confess that we love the works of darkness more than your light. We have sought to satisfy our deepest longings through material things of creation rather than through you, our Creator. We are quick to judge others, yet we fail to see our own failings. We ignore the cries of the poor, and grow weary of working for justice. Forgive and restore us, O God; let your Holy Spirit move in us and inspire us to walk in the light of Christ, this day and always. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, confirm and 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**

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 Anthem: Let Your Light Shine by Mary McDonald**

*Let your light shine, shine, shine  
for Jesus all the time, time, time.  
Walk in the light, beautiful light of his love!  
Let your voices praise, praise, praise!  
Let your love for Jesus raise!  
Walk in the light, beautiful light of his love.  
Come to the light, heavenly light;  
Jesus is the light of the world!  
Shine every day, let your spirit say:  
Jesus is the light of the world!  
Come to the One; glory in the Son!  
All the debt for sin is paid.  
Let your voices sing, for we know the King:  
Jesus is the truth and the way!*

*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; you can text stgeodragon to 72356. (Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.) Or just use your web browser to go to [www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give](http://www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give). You may also donate via Zelle to [donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org](mailto:donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org). or Cash App to send your donation to \$StGeorgesGlennDale*

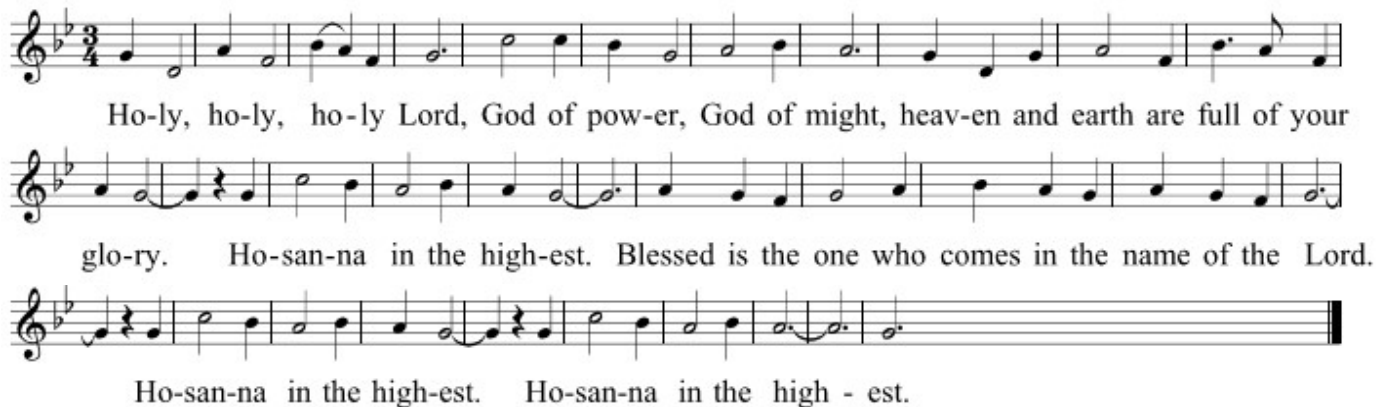
## The Great Thanksgiving

*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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn in voices of unending praise:

### **Sanctus: Gather #144 *Holy, holy, holy***

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might, heav-en and earth are full of your  
glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God, who sets the table of creation and invites us to feast with you in a cosmic celebration of love. We thank you for Jesus, whose life, prayer and ministry opens our eyes to the glory of life and fuels our hunger for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

**We thank you for Christ's passionate solidarity with the suffering of all the earth; for as he bore in his own body the wounds of creation, he embraced us in our brokenness and gathered us into his wholeness so that we might know ourselves beloved and serve with him as priests forever in an all-embracing eucharist.**

Blessed is our brother Jesus, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh; who, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to the disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper had ended, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

So, as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died;**

**Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, here in this place, we celebrate the life that death could not hold, the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries and shares with us now.

Made one with him, and thus one with each other we lay before you these gifts of bread and wine, in token of our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

Come and brood over these bodily things, this bread and this wine. May they be for us the body and blood of Christ; healing, renewing and making us whole.

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

Come and embrace us with your life-giving power that as bread and wine are made one with us, we may become one with you; bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh.

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

Come and make of your gathered people the real presence of Christ for the world, living our prayer and praying our life till earth and heaven are reconciled, and all people know themselves held in your embrace of love.

**Glory be to you, O God, Mother of all Creation, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; as in the beginning, so now, and forever. Amen!**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant:* The Living 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. After a time of silence, all sing together*

### Fraction Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #S 155 *Christ our Passover*

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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, al - le - lu - ia, 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 prefer not to receive the Eucharist, you are welcome to come up for a blessing – cross your hands to your shoulders to indicate this to the priest.*

# Communion Hymn 1: New Century Hymnal #504 *You Walk Along Our Shoreline*

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You walk a - long our shore - line where land meets un - known sea.  
You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.  
We cast our net, O Je - sus; we seek your prom - ised reign;



We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.  
We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.  
we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.



And if you still will fol - low through storm and wave and shoal,  
We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,  
You call on us to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,



then I will make you fish - ers, but of the hu - man soul."  
our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.  
to let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.



## Communion Hymn 2: Gather #510 *The Summons*

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Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?  
Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call me name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
Will you set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er be the same?  
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
Will you let me an - swer pray'r in you and you in me?  
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* Let us pray: **Generous and nourishing God, in word and bread and wine we have celebrated the mysteries of your love: As we go forth into the world, we ask you to assist us with your grace, that we may live as signs of your wonders in the world, loving one another and sharing your light wherever we go, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Announcements

## The Blessing

Let us go forth in light to honor our God and share what we know of the risen Christ.

And now may God strengthen you and bless you with peace. **Amen.**

May Christ Jesus bring justice for you and among you. **Amen.**

And may the Holy Spirit alight on you and affirm you as God's beloved, this day and always.  
**Amen.**

## Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #550 *Jesus calls o'er the tumult*

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Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild, rest - less sea,  
as of old, Saint An - drew heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,  
Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the vain world's gold - en store;  
In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sav - ior, may we hear thy call,



day by day his clear voice sound-eth, say - ing "Chris-tian, fol - low me;"  
turned from home and toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.  
from each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."  
still he calls, in cares and plea-sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."  
give our hearts to thine o - be-dience, serve and love thee best of all.

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the Light of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**