

# The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Annual Meeting • 9:00 am Service  
St. George's Church • Glenn Dale Parish  
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

February 1, 2026  
A Service of Holy Eucharist

Welcome to St. George's! If you are new or visiting, we are especially glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet has the prayers and hymns needed for your participation in today's service. Wherever you are in your journey, know that you are welcome here.

## Prelude: *Abide with Me*

Music: Harrison Millard arr. by Keith D Rowley

## Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #390 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre - a - tion; O my soul  
Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo-rious-ly reign - eth; borne as on  
Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy way and de-fend thee; sure-ly his  
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore him! All that hath



praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion: Join the great throng,  
ea - gle-wings, safe - ly his saints he sus-tain - eth. Hast thou not seen  
good-ness and mer - cy shall ev - er at-tend thee; pon - der a - new  
life and breath come now with prais - es be-fore him! Let the a - men



psal - ter - y or-gan, and song, sound-ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
how all thou need-est hath been grant-ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
what the Al-might-y can do, who with his love doth be-friend thee.  
sound from his peo-ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

**Celebrant:** The Bright Morning Star shines.  
**People:** **The Light of Christ shows the way.**  
**Celebrant:** Blessed be the one, holy, and living God:  
**People:** **Glory to God forever 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.**

## My Heart Sings Out #80 *The Light of Christ* (sung 3 times)

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

The musical score is written for two staves in 2/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The score includes a repeat sign and first/second endings.

### 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:

**Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:  
Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent before you Moses,

Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 15

Lord, who may be a guest in your house:

**or who may dwell on your holy mountain?**

One who leads a blameless life:

**who does what is right, and speaks truthfully from the heart,**

whose tongue is free from malice, who never wrongs a friend:

**and utters no reproach against a neighbor,**

who does not honor the unworthy:

**but makes much of those who hold the Lord in awe.**

Such a one stands by a promise given:

**though it be at personal disadvantage,**

and will not take interest on a loan:

**nor accept a bribe to testify against the innocent.**

Whoever does all this:

**shall never be overthrown.**

*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 #686 *Come, thou fount of every blessing*

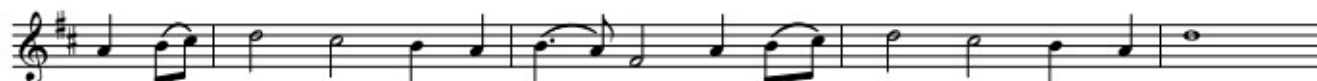
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Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!  
Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er, by thy help, I've come;  
Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home  
Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering from the fold of God;  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



Praise the mount! Oh fix me on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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

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

### Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”


**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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


## Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

### The Creed: *We believe in God Creator*

Words: paraphrase of the *Apostles Creed*. Music: William Henry Monk (1823-1889) *Merton*



We be - lieve in God Cre - a - tor, God al - might - y, by whose plan  
We be - lieve in Christ the Sav - ior, Son of God in hu - man frame,  
Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,  
We be - lieve that Je - sus ris - en, did as - cend to reign in heaven  
We be - lieve in God the Spir - it; in one Church, be - low, a - bove:  
So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sav - ior, Lord and friend,



earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing, all cre - a - ted things be - gan.  
vir - gin - born, the child of Mar - y up - on whom the Spir - it came.  
suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he de - scend - ed to the dead.  
side by side with the Cre - a - tor till as judge he comes a - gain.  
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

Rejoicing in the Word made flesh and revealed to us in light, let us pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's creation, saying **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

God of light and life our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith. We pray for the church and its leaders, especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Connie our rector, Wendy our deacon intern, and for the community of St. George's. May we follow your way of justice and love in all we say and do. We pray saying: **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Light of all creation, guide us to care for your people. We pray for those lacking food, shelter, clothing, and other basic necessities of life. Help us to advocate for those in need, as we say: **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Ember of steadfast care, we pray for the world and its leaders, especially where there is trouble and suffering. We pray especially for the people of Gaza and Haiti, of Sudan, Ukraine, and Venezuela, and other places of conflict. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray saying: **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence as we pursue peace and reconciliation in your name. We pray saying: **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Flame of abundant love, warm our hearts to those in need of your healing, including those on our parish prayer list, and those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray saying: **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Giver of comfort and peace, pour your light on those who have died and those who mourn. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray saying: **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Starlight of grace, you give us much to celebrate in our lives. We thank you for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for all of the gifts and blessings we experience, as we pray saying: **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

God of radiant light, kindle your flame within us, that we may know your transforming presence, through 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 grace and mercy, You call us to follow your light, yet we confess that we resist the ways your revelation unsettles us. In settling for familiarity over faithfulness, we doubt our worth, resist your direction, and look away from the needs of those around us. Forgive us, O God. Renew us in mercy and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may live as people shaped by your light and truth. 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 Christ 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**

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

*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. Baskets for donations by check or cash are located at the corner entrances to the Sanctuary. We encourage you to give electronically: you can text\* stgeodragon to 73256, use a web browser to go to [onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/give](http://onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/give), or donate via Zelle to [donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org](mailto:donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org). (\*For texts, message and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.)*

## Offertory Hymn: Voices Found #89 *We gather at your table, Lord*

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Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585) *The Eighth Tune*. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



We ga - ther at your ta - ble, Lord: We humb - ly lift our hearts to you!  
We share this meal and we are fed. Such ba - sic gifts be - come your sign:  
God, pour your Spir - it on us all, And on these gifts that we re - ceive;  
From North and South, from West and East, Now re - con - ciled, we gath - er near;



Here all are wel - comed, all re - stored, And all are giv - en work to do.  
We see you bro - ken in the bread; We know your love in com - mon wine.  
For in Christ's pres - ence we re - call His life and death, and so be - lieve.  
We taste your King - dom's ban - quet feast, So find - ing strength to serve you here.



## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them up 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 truly right and good always and everywhere to give you thanks, God of grace and glory.

**For you celebrated your new gift of baptism in signs and wonders at the Jordan; your voice was heard from heaven to awaken faith in the presence among us of your Word made flesh. Your Spirit was seen as a dove, revealing Jesus as your servant, and anointing him with the oil of gladness to preach the good news to the poor.**

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven, we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven for ever praising you and singing:

## Sanctus: S 130 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Setting: from Deutsch Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1787-1828). Arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
- san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless'd 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.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, O Holy One, for in Jesus the Messiah you have come to us as the Word made flesh.

**Declaring the nearness of your kingdom, Jesus forgave sinners, cast out demons, preached good news to the poor, and restored those in need of healing. He gathered disciples to continue to declare the good news in word and deed, bringing light to the world in the power of your Holy Spirit.**

And so we remember that on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took bread, thanked you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Great then is the mystery of faith:

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

Holy One, as we offer back to you this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, we pray that you send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. May we who share them at this table be fed by Christ's body and blood, and offer ourselves to serve others in his name.

We pray that you pour your Spirit on us also, that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus as we wait for his coming in glory.

**For honor and praise belong to you, O God, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant:* And now let us pray with confidence the words our Savior has taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. 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: Hymnal 1982 #711 *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

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Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its right - eous - ness,  
Ask, and it shall be giv en un - to you, seek, and ye shall find,



and all these things shall be add - ed un-to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un-to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

## Communion Hymn 2: Gather #542 *In Christ There Is a Table Set for All*

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Wel - come, all you no - ble saints of old. As  
El - ders, mar - tyrs, all are fall - ing down;  
Beg - gars, lame, and har - lots al - so here; Re-  
Who is this who spreads the vic - t'ry feast?  
Here he gives him - self to us as bread:  
Wor - ship in the pres - ence of the Lord. With  
When at last this earth shall pass a - way. When



now be - fore your ver - y eyes un - fold. The  
Pro - phets, pa - tri - archs are gath - 'ring 'round. What  
pen - tant pub - li - cans are draw - ing near;  
Who is this who makes our war - ring cease?  
Here, as wine, we drink the blood he shed  
joy - ful songs and hearts in one ac - cord. And  
Je - sus and his bride are one to stay. The



won - ders all so long a - go fore - told:  
an - gels long to see now we have found.  
Je - sus, ris - en Sav - ior, Prince of Peace. In Christ there is a ta - ble set for all.  
Born to die, we eat and live in - stead!  
let our host at ta - ble be a - dored.  
feast of love is just be - gun that day.

## Communion Hymn 3: Wonder, Love and Praise #812 *I, the Lord of sea and sky*

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I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peop - le's pain.  
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them, They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.



I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin - est bread I will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

### *Refrain*



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call - ing in the night.



I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* Let us pray: **God of grace and light, we thank you for nourishing us at this table with your Word, who is the bread of life: As we go forth into the world, we ask you to fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Announcements

### The Blessing

May God our Creator, who led the magi by the shining of a star to find the Christ, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who came upon the beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan, pour out her gifts on you and bring you light and peace. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, God who created us, Christ who brings us new life, and the Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS #60 *How Great Thou Art*

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O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er  
When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der and hear the  
And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to  
When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the roll - ing  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, when I look down from loft - y mount - ain  
die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.  
grand - eur, and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.  
bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.  
- ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou



art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

### The Dismissal

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

**People:** Thanks be to God!

### Postlude: *A Winter Dawn*

Music: Sarah Quartel