



The First Sunday After Epiphany *January 10, 2021*

**St. George's Church †
Glenn Dale, Maryland
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington**

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 fully participate in today's worship service, including scripture readings as well as prayers and directions.

Prelude: *We Three Kings* arr. Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #128 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

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We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear-ing gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun-tain,
Born a King on Beth-le-hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain King for - ev - er
Frank-in - cense to of - fer have I: in-cense owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais-ing,



moor and moun-tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star,. O star of won-der, star of night, star with
ceas-ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
glad - ly rais - ing, wor-ship him, God Most High



roy-al beau-ty bright; west-ward lead-ing, still pro-ceed-ing, guide us to thy per-fect light!

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

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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 voices on two staves. The top staff begins with a treble clef and a 2/4 time signature. The bottom staff begins with a bass clef and a 2/4 time signature. The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes repeat signs and first/second endings.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the day: **God of grace and glory, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer for Our Country

O God, we pray for your presence with our country and with our leaders, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves. To all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties. To those who make our laws give courage and wisdom; to our courts and judges give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and true justice served. May our leaders be trustworthy and act for the well-being of our society; that all may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name. **Amen.**

Genesis 1:1-5

Read by Caleb Matson

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord you heavenly powers: **ascribe to the Lord all glory and might.**

Ascribe due honor to God's holy name: **worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:

it is the glorious God who makes the thunder upon the great waters.

The voice of the Lord is power: **the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees: **the Lord splinters the cedars of Lebanon.**

The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf: **and Sirion like a young wild bull.**

The voice of the Lord divides the lightning:

the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness, the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to writhe, and strips the forests bare:

while in God's temple all cry, 'Glory'.

The Lord sits enthroned above the waters: **the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.**

You Lord will give strength to your people: **you will give your people the blessing of peace.**

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

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

The Celebrant says

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Led by Mary Rogers

O God of light and life, our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith. As we celebrate the Christ who brings your light to all people, we offer you our thanks, our praise, and the concerns of our hearts, saying **Light of the world, hear our prayer.**

God of light and life, the sun and moon and stars and shine with your love for all you have made. That our life together may be a celebration of your good creation, we pray: **Light of the world, hear our prayer.**

God of light and life, we are grateful that you continue to pour out the gift of your Spirit on your church, even in these challenging times. For Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the community of St. George's, that we may embody the presence of your Son Jesus, we pray: **Light of the world, hear our prayer.**

God of light and life, we live in a time of division and fear, yet we know that your light shines on all people. That you would fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation on behalf of all, we pray: **Light of the world, hear our prayer.**

God of light and life, We pray for the leaders of our country and for all nations. That our elected officials speak the truth, lead with compassion, and act with justice, we pray: **Light of the world, hear our prayer.**

God of light and life, you bring healing where there is illness, hope where there is despair, life where there is death. For those who are sick and those who care from them, for those who are out of work and those without shelter or enough to eat, and for all who are in any need, we pray: **Light of the world, hear our prayer.**

God of light and life, you make for each of us a dwelling place eternal with you. For all those who have died, and especially for the over 350,000 in our country and the more than 1.8 million around the world who have died of Covid-19, we pray: **Light of the world, hear our prayer.**

God of light and life, because of your grace we have much to celebrate. We thank you for those celebrating 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 as we pray: **Light of the world, hear our prayer.**

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 Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements and 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

The Celebrant says

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 #135 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

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Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord to thee we raise,
Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su-preme;
Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
Man - i - fest on moun-tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,



man - i - fest-ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Jer - u - sa - lem,



an-thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i-fest.
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cross and Eas-ter Day at - test God in man made man-i-fest.

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 to proclaim the glory of your Name:

S 130 Holy, holy, holy Lord ~ Sanctus

from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert; arr. Richard Prouls. 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-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
- san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues:

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, O Holy One, for in Jesus the Messiah you have come to us as the Word made flesh. Our hope is built on him in whom you are well pleased, your beloved Son, who brings us into new life and calls us to follow him.

Declaring the nearness of your kingdom, Jesus forgave sinners, cast out demons, raised the dead, 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 he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way after supper he took the cup, saying “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command O God,

**We remember his death;
we proclaim his resurrection;
we await his coming in glory.**

Made one with Christ and one with each other, we now offer you these gifts, O gracious God, and with them we offer ourselves, as a holy and living sacrifice. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and that we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your kingdom.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours Holy One of Blessing, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Celebrant: And now in the Light 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. 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 Celebrant says

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 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.

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 Hymn: My Heart Sings Out #95 *Crashing Waters at Creation*

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Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
Part - ing wat - er stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the One fore - told,
Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age - chan - nel to a life made new.
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
Well - spring, Source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Post- Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray: **Holy and Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of the God who created us, Christ Jesus 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 #217 *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

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He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the



whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand,

2 He's got you and me sister in His hand. (4x)

3 He's got you and me brother in His hand. (4x)

4 He's got the pretty little baby in His hand. (4x)

5 He's got everybody here in His hand. (4x)

Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* arr. Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

