

# Second Sunday after the Epiphany

**St. George's Church**  
Glenn Dale Parish  
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington  
*January 14, 2024*

## **Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #126 *The people who in darkness***

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The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;  
To hail the ris - ing Sun of life, the ga - thering na - tions come,  
To us the prom - ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;  
His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored.  
His power in - creas - ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;



on them broke forth the heaven-ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.  
joy - ous as when the reap - ers bear their har-vest trea-sures home.  
him shall the tribes of earth o-bey, and all the hosts of heaven.  
the Won - der - ful, the Coun-sel-lor, the might-y God and Lord.  
jus - tice shall guard his throne a-bove, and peace a-bound be - low.

*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 a Gloria. 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 'The light of Christ has come come.' The music is in 2/4 time and features a key signature of one flat. There are first and second endings marked with '1.' and '2.' above the notes.

### 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 God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Collect for Martin Luther King Jr:** Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty you desire for us, through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*The people may be seated*

### 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again."

So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17**

Lord you have searched me out and known me:

**you know when I sit down and when I stand up,  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You mark my path, and the places where I rest:

**you are acquainted with all my ways.**

Even before there is a word on my tongue:

**you Lord know it altogether.**

You guard me from behind and before:

**and cover me with your hand.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:

**so high that I cannot attain to it.**

It was you that created my inward parts:

**and pieced me together in my mother's womb.**

I will praise you, for you are awesome and wonderful:

**marvelous are your works,  
and you know me through and through.**

My body was not hidden from you:

**when I was being fashioned in secret,  
and woven together in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes looked at my body:

**while it was as yet imperfectly formed.**

In your book all the days of my life were written:

**while as yet there was not one of them.**

How deep are your thoughts O God:

**and how great is the sum of them.**

*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 #707 *Take my life and let it be*

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Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat-ed, Lord, to thee;  
Take my voice, and let me sing al-ways, on - ly for my King;



take my mo-ments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long-er mine.



take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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

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

### **John 1:43-51**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

*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.

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

## Offertory Hymn: Gather #521 *Freedom is Coming*

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O Free - dom, O  
O Je - sus, O

(know.) Free - dom is  
Je - sus is

Free - dom, O Free - dom.  
Je - sus, O Je - sus.

com - ing. Free - dom is com - ing.  
com - ing. Je - sus is com - ing,

Free - dom is com - ing. O yes, I  
Je - sus is com - ing. O yes, I

yes, I know. O yes, I know.  
know. O yes, I know. O

know. O yes, I know.

O yes, I know. O yes, I know. O yes, I know. O yes, I know.

O yes, I know. O yes, I know. O yes, I know. O yes, I know.

1. know. O yes. I yes, I know. 2. know.

## 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: LEVAS #137 *Just as I am*

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Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,  
Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt;  
Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,  
Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve,  
Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down;  
Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,



And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
Yea all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
Be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
Now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
Here for a sea - son, then a - bove; O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## Communion Hymn 2: Gather #492 *Here I am Lord*

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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 peo - ple's pain.  
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and 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.



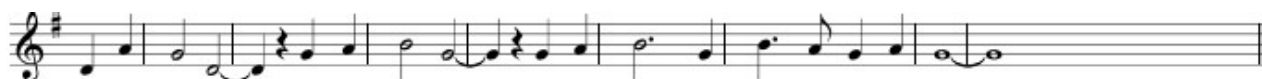
I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin - est bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



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?



Here I am Lord. It is 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: **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. **Amen.**

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: LEVAS #136 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

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I have de - ci - ded to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - ci - ded  
Though no one join me, still I will fol - low, Though no one join me,  
The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, The world be - hind me,



to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - ci - ded to fol - low Je - sus,  
still I will fol - low, Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,  
the cross be - fore me, The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,



No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!  
No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!  
No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!

### The Dismissal

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**