

# The Second Sunday After Epiphany January 17, 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 music.

## Prelude: An Exhortation by David Conte (b. 1955)

America, we have come so far.  
We have seen so much.  
But there is so much more to do.  
Let us ask ourselves:  
If our children should live to see  
The next century  
What progress will we have made?  
This is our chance to answer that call.  
This is our time  
To reaffirm that fundamental truth

That out of many, we are one;  
  
That while we breathe, we hope;  
And where we are met with doubt,  
We will respond with that timeless creed  
That sums up the spirit of a people:  
Yes we can.

—words by Barack Obama  
November 4, 2008

## Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #371 Thou, Whose Almighty Word

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Thou, whose al - might - y word      cha - os and dark - ness heard,  
Thou who didst come to bring      on thy re - deem - ing wing  
Spir - it of truth and love,      life - giv - ing ho - ly Dove,  
Ho - ly and bless - ed Three,      glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight;      hear us, we hum-bly pray, and, where the Gos-pel day  
heal - ing and sight,      health to the sick in mind, sight to the in - ly blind,  
speed forth thy flight!      Move on the wa-ters' face bear - ing the gifts of grace  
wis - dom, love, might;      bound-less as o-ccean's tide, roll - ing in full-est pride,



sheds not its glo-rious ray, let there be light!  
now to all hu-man-kind, let there be light!  
and, in earth's dark-est place, let there be light!  
through the world far and wide, let there be 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 musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Alto, in 2/4 time. The lyrics are: "The light of Christ has come in - to the world. 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 score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are placed below the corresponding notes on the staves.

**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. **Amen.**

**1 Samuel 3:1-10** *Read by James Hsu*

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." The Word of the Lord. **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.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John. **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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon: The Rev. Dr. William Bultman**

*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 Renée Moore*

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 375,000 in our country and the more than 1.9 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**

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.**

### **Prayer for Our Country**

**O God, we pray for your presence with us and with our country in this challenging and painful time. We pray that you may give us and our leaders the strength and courage needed in these days, and we pray that those who lead may have resolve, wisdom, and integrity in the exercise of their duties. Pour out your healing grace on every person in our country that our divisions may ease and our commitment to the common good be strengthened. Give us grace in these days of political transition, and help us always to be banners of your peace and good will. In Jesus' name we pray. 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](http://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](mailto: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: 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 fest 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.

## 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*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



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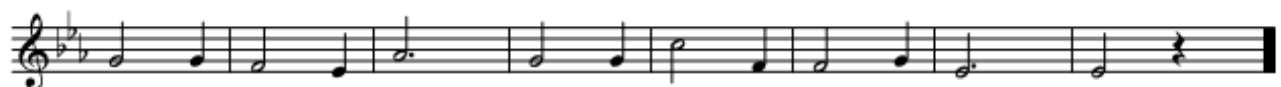
hea-ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho-



- 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.

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 Anthem: Look Deep Inside My Heart by Edwin M. Willmington**

*You have searched me, and You know me, Lord, you see me when I rise.  
You have formed me in my spirit, I am wonderfully created in your eyes.  
You see the path laid out before me, You are aware each step I will take.  
Even darkness cannot hide you; Lord, you are beyond it all.  
Ever present, always knowing; when I cry you hear my cry.  
Look deep inside my heart, O God. Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move!  
Burn with your flame, remove the shame; hear the plea I place before your throne!  
Look deep inside my heart, O God. Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move!  
Spirit descend, my prayer attend; Lord, hear my voice as I come to you.  
Lord, we bow down in your presence, grateful for your matchless grace.  
We will worship and adore you 'til the day we see your face.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Amen, amen.*

### **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 #1 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

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Lift ev-'ry voice and sing, 'Till earth and heav - en ring, Ring with the har - mo -  
Ston-y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast-'ning rod. Felt in the days when  
God of our wear - y years, God of our si - lent tears, Thou who has brought us



- nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re-joic-ing rise High as the list - 'ning  
hope un born had died; Yet with a stead-y beat, Have not our wear-y  
thus far on the way; Thou who has by thy might, Led us in to the



skies, Let it re-sound loud as the roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the  
feet Come to the place for which our Fa - thers sighed? We have come o - ver a  
light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path we pray. Lest our feet stray from the



faith that the dark past has brought us; Sing a song full of the  
way that with hears has been wa - tered; We have come, tread - ing our  
pa - ces, our God, where we met thee; Lest our hearts, drun with the



hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing  
path through the blood of the slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y  
wine of the world, we for - get thee, Shad - owed be - neath Thy



sun Of our new day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
past, Till now we stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
hand, May we for - ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

### Dismissal

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

*People:* Thanks be to God!

**Postlude: *There is a Balm in Gilead* arr. Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)**