

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 23, 2022

St. George's Church, Glenn Dale Parish, Episcopal Diocese of Washington

Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. Zoom participants are welcome to leave your video camera on; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom.

Prelude: *Come, Thou Almighty King* by Felice de Giardini (1716-1796), arr. Cindy Berry (b. 1949)

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 # 537 Christ for the World

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

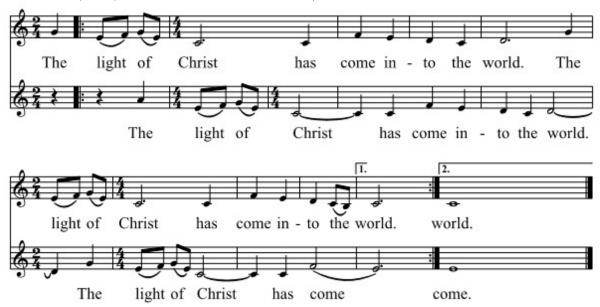
People: Glory to God forever and ever. *Amen.*

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.

Song of Praise: Gloria - My Heart Sings Out #80 The Light of Christ

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Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us all pray together:

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*.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

The heavens proclaim the glory of God:

and the vault of the sky reveals God's handiwork.

One day speaks to another: and night shares its knowledge with night.

And this without speech or language: their voices are not heard.

But their sound goes out into all lands: their words to the ends of the earth.

In them God has pitched a tent for the sun:

which comes out like a bridegroom, like an athlete eager to run a race.

Its rising is at one end of the sky, it runs its course to the other:

and there is nothing that is hidden from its heat.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul:

the instruction of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:

the commandment of the LORD is pure and gives light to the eyes.

The awe of the LORD is clean and endures for ever:

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous every one.

They are more to be desired than gold, even much fine gold:

sweeter also than honey, pure honey from the comb.

By them is your servant taught: and for keeping them there is great reward.

Who can discern unwitting sins?: **O cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the better of me:

then shall I be clean, and innocent of great offence.

Let the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart:

be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Gospel Hymn: Wonder, Love and Praise # 794 Muchos resplandores, v. 3 and 4

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

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon: Brother Ed Munro, BSG



We Believe in God



The Prayers of the People

As we celebrate the coming of the One who brings the light 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, **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

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, **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

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 community of St. George's, that we may embody the presence of your Son Jesus, we pray, saying **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, though we divide ourselves by country and language, religion and race, still your light shines on all people. That we may act in ways that reconcile rather than divide, and that we may look for the places your light shines rather than focus on the darkness, we pray, saying, **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, your love and care shines into our lives, calling us to act as your hands and heart in the places we live. In a time where justice and respect can be hard to find, help us work on behalf of your justice and live more fully into your call to respect the dignity of every human being, we pray, saying, **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

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 and light to those in need. We pray for those who are homeless, for the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School, and for those whose lives have been devastated by gun violence. We pray also for those who are sick and those who are suffering, especially those on our parish prayer list, and those whom we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray, saying, **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

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 **O** God of truth and light, hear our prayer.

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 **O God of truth and light, 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 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.

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.*

The Offertory

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

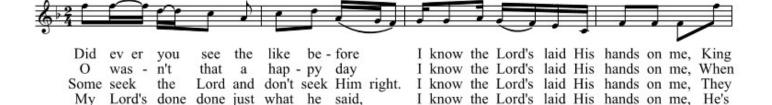
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Offertory Hymn: LEVAS # 131 I know the Lord's Laid His Hands on me

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O I know the Lord I know the Lord, I know the Lord's laid His hands on me, O hands on me.





Je - sus preach-ing to the poor? I know the Lord's laid His hands on me, hands on me.

Je - sus washed my sins a - way
fool all day and pray at night healed the sick and raised the dead.

I know the Lord's laid His hands on me, hands on me.

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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.

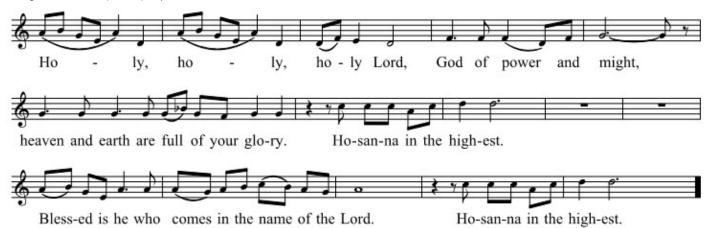
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues:

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:

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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 Jesus.

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 to remember me."

In the same way after supper he took the cup, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember 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, and with them ourselves, a holy and living sacrifice. And now most gracious God, 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

Fraction Anthem: Gather #247 May We Be One

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When we eat this bread and drink this cup

we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus.



So as we share this feast may we be come, heal-ing and light and peace. May we be one.

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.

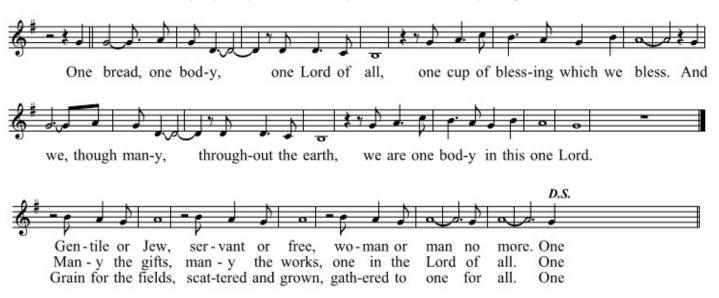
The Communion

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 like to receive the Eucharist, you may choose to receive both the bread and wine or only one of them. If you receive the wine, please drop your empty cup into the recycling bin at the door. Note that hand sanitizer is available as you exit. Please follow the arrows to go through the narthex (hallway) and back into the Sanctuary and on to your seat.

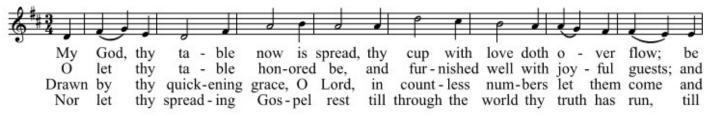
Communion Hymn 1: LEVAS # 151 One Bread, One Body

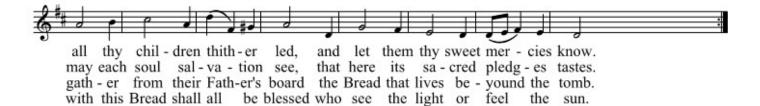
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Communion Hymn 2: Hymnal 1982 # 321 My God, thy table

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The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; You have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

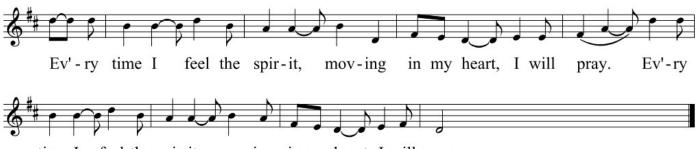
Let us go forth in light to honor our God and share what we know of the risen Christ.

And now may God strengthen you and bless you with peace; May Christ Jesus bring justice for you and among you;

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

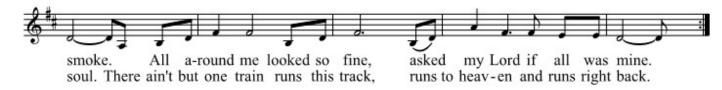
Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS # 114 Every Time I feel the Spirit

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time I feel the spir-it, mov-ing in my heart, I will pray.





Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Every Time I Feel the Spirit, arr. Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)