



EPIPHANY

The Third Sunday After Epiphany *January 24, 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: *The Church's One Foundation* arr. Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)

Opening Hymn: New Century Hymnal #504 *You Walk Along Our Shoreline*

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You walk a - long our shore - line where land meets un-known sea. We
You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth. We
We cast our net, O Je - sus; we seek your prom-ised reign; we



hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me. And
can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth. We
work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain. You



if you still will fol - low through storm and wave and shoal, then
spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face, our
call on us to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons, to



I will make you fish - ers, but of the hu-man soul."
boat a com-mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.
let your judg-ment heal us so that all may be one.

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, likely Soprano and Alto, in 2/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. 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 repeat signs and first/second endings.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the day: **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.**

Prayer for Our Country

O God, we pray for your presence with us and with our country in this challenging 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 and help us always to be banners of your peace and good will. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Read by Lydia Murray

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

Psalm 62:6-14

God only is my rock and my salvation: **my tower of strength, so that I stand unshaken.**
In God is my deliverance and my honor: **the rock of my strength and my place of refuge.**
Put your trust in God always you people:
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.
For we mortals are only a puff of wind, the great among us are but illusion:
weighed in the balance they rise upward, all of them lighter than air.
Put no trust in extortion, set no vain hopes on plunder:
if riches increase, do not set your heart upon them.
Once God has spoken, and twice I have heard God say: **'Power belongs to God alone.'**
Steadfast love O Lord is yours: **and you reward us all according to our deeds.**

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

Mark 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. 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 John Rebstock

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 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 for 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 400,000 in our country and the more than 2.05 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.**

The Offertory

The Celebrant says

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

For our offering, we encourage you to give electronically. 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. Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's.

Offertory Hymn: Gather #433 *On Eagle's Wings*

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Verse 1

1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in his shad-ow for

life, say to the Lord: "My ref-uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Verse 2

2. The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no

fear: un-der his wings your ref-uge, his faith-ful-ness your shield

Verse 3

3. You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by

day; though thou-sands fall a-bout you, near you it shall not come.

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38 *Verse 4*

4. For to his an-gels he's giv-en a com-mand to

41 guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

44 bear you up, lest you dash your foot a- gainst a stone.

47 *Refrain*

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

52 make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

57 And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.



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,

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 Solo Anthem: *Wayfaring Stranger/Going Home* arr. James P. Colman

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger a'traveling through this world of woe,
but there's no sickness, toil, or danger in that bright land to which I go.

I'm going there to see my Father, I'm going there no more roam.
I'm just a-going over Jordan. I'm just a-going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather 'round me, I know my way is rough and steep;
but golden fields lie just before me, where Gods' redeemed no more shall weep.

I'm going there to see my mother, she said she'd meet me when I come;
I'm just a-going over Jordan, I'm just a-going over home.

Going home, going home, I'm just going home.
Quiet like, some still day, I'm just going home.

It's not far, just close by, through an open door.
Work all done, care laid by, going to fear no more.

Mother's there, 'specting me, Father's waiting too.
Lots of folk gathered there, all the friend I knew.

I'm going there to see my Savior, I'm going there no more to roam.
I'm just a-going over Jordan. I'm just a-going over home.
I'm just a-going over home.

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.**

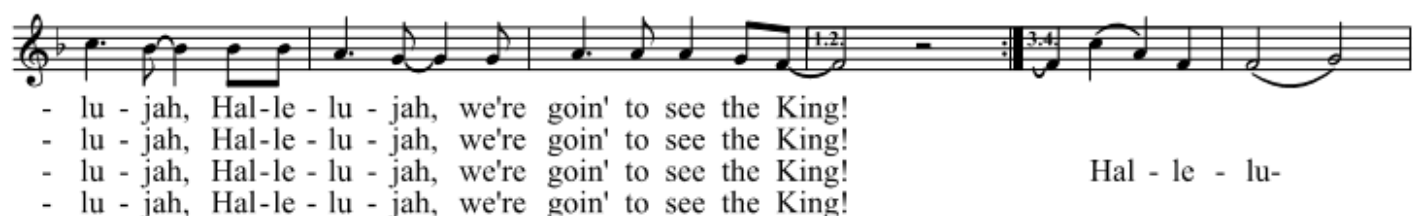
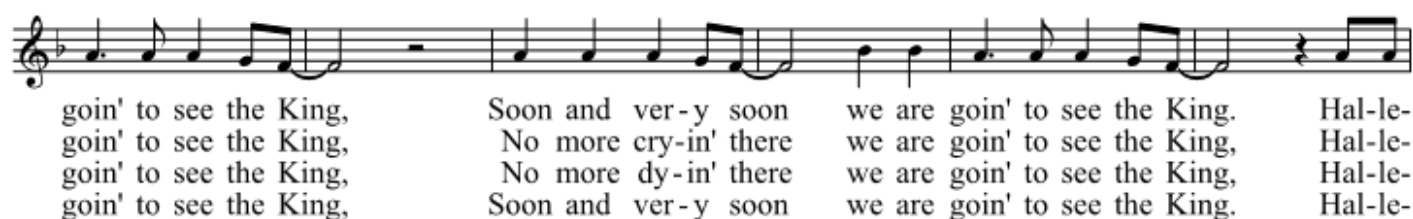
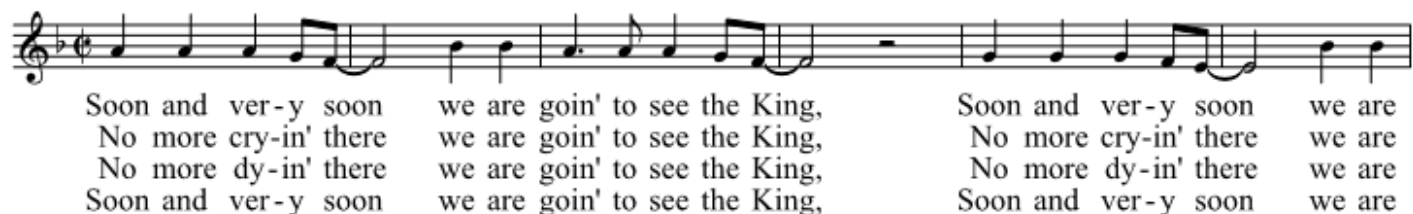
The Blessing

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 #14 Soon and Very Soon

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Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *Poor Wayfaring Stranger* arr. Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)