



The Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

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A Service of Holy Eucharist

Welcome to St. George's! If you are new or visiting, we are especially glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet has the prayers and hymns needed for your participation in today's service. Wherever you are in your journey, know that you are welcome here.

Prelude: *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices*

Music: arr. by Krevtz Organ

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #381 *Thy strong word did cleave the darkness*

Words: Martin H. Franzman (1907-1976). Music: *Ton-y-Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)

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Thy strong word did cleave the dark-ness; at thy speak-ing it was done;
Lo, on those who dwell in dark-ness, dark as night and deep as death,
Thy strong word be-speaks us right-eous; bright with thine own ho-li-ness,
God the Fa-ther, Light Cre-a-tor, to thee laud and hon-or be;



for cre-a-ted light we thank thee, while thine or-dered sea-sons run:
broke the light of thy sal-va-tion breathed thine own life-giv-ing breath:
glo-rious now, we press toward glo-ry and our lives our hopes con-fess:
to thee, Light of Light be-got-ten, praise be sung e-ter-nal-ly;



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Ho-ly Spi-rit, Light Re-veal-er, glo-ry, glo-ry be to thee;



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia with-out end!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia with-out end!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia with-out end!
mor-tals, an-gels now and ev-er praise the Ho-ly Tri-ni-ty.

Celebrant: The Bright Morning Star shines.
People: **The Light of Christ shows the way.**
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God:
People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

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.**

My Heart Sings Out #80 *The Light of Christ* (sung 3 times)

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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 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:

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 1:10–18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27:1, 4–12

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear?:

the Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

One thing I have asked of the Lord, which I long for:

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

to gaze on your beauty O Lord:

and to seek you in your temple.

For in the time of trouble you will give me shelter:

you will hide me under the cover of your tent, and set me high upon a rock.

And now you have raised my head:

above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in your dwelling a sacrifice with great gladness:

I will sing and give praise to you O Lord.

Hear my voice O Lord when I call:

have mercy on me and answer me.

Of you my heart has said, 'Seek God's face':

your face Lord I will seek.

Do not hide your face from me:

or reject your servant in anger.

You have been my helper:

do not cast me off, or forsake me O God my savior.

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 #550 *Jesus calls us o'er the tumult*

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Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild, rest - less sea,
as of old, Saint An - drew heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,
Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the vain world's gold - en store;
In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sav - ior, may we hear thy call,



day by day his clear voice sound-eth, say - ing "Chris-tian, fol - low me;"
turned from home and toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
from each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."
still he calls, in cares and plea-sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."
give our hearts to thine o - be-dience, serve and love thee best of all.

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

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

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Sermon: Wendy Pohlhaus, Deacon Intern

The Creed: *We believe in God Creator*

Words: paraphrase of the *Apostles Creed*. Music: William Henry Monk (1823-1889) *Merton*



We be-lieve in God Cre - a - tor, God al - might - y, by whose plan
We be-lieve in Christ the Sav - ior, Son of God in hu - man frame,
Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,
We be-lieve that Je - sus ris - en, did as - cend to reign in heaven
We be-lieve in God the Spir - it; in one Church, be - low, a - bove:
So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sav - ior, Lord and friend,



earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing, all cre - a - ted things be - gan.
vir - gin-born, the child of Mar - y up-on whom the Spir - it came.
suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he de - scend - ed to the dead.
side by side with the Cre - a - tor till as judge he comes a - gain.
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

Rejoicing in the Word made flesh and revealed to us in light, let us pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's creation, saying **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

God of light and life our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith. We pray for the church and its leaders, especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Connie our rector, Wendy our deacon intern, and for the community of St. George's. May we follow your way of justice and love in all we say and do. We pray saying: **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Light of all creation, guide us to care for your people. We pray for those lacking food, shelter, clothing, and other basic necessities of life. Help us to advocate for those in need, as we say: **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Ember of steadfast care, we pray for the world and its leaders, especially where there is trouble and suffering. We pray especially for the people of Gaza and Haiti, of Sudan, Ukraine, and Venezuela, and other places of conflict. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray saying: **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence as we pursue peace and reconciliation in your name. We pray saying: **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Flame of abundant love, warm our hearts to those in need of your healing, including those on our parish prayer list, and those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray saying: **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Giver of comfort and peace, pour your light on those who have died and those who mourn. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray saying: **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Starlight of grace, you give us much to celebrate in our lives. We thank you for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for all of the gifts and blessings we experience, as we pray saying: **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

God of radiant light, kindle your flame within us, that we may know your transforming presence, through 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 grace and mercy, You call us to follow your light, yet we confess that we resist the ways your revelation unsettles us. In settling for familiarity over faithfulness, we doubt our worth, resist your direction, and look away from the needs of those around us. Forgive us, O God. Renew us in mercy and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may live as people shaped by your light and truth. 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 Christ 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

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing 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. Baskets for donations by check or cash are located at the corner entrances to the Sanctuary. We encourage you to give electronically: you can text stgeodragon to 73256, use a web browser to go to onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/give, or donate via Zelle to donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org. (*For texts, message and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.)*

Offertory Hymn: LEVAS #138 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

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Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian In my heart, In my heart:
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, In my heart;
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, In my heart;



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, In my heart, In my heart,
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, In my heart, In my heart,
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, In my heart, In my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart,
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly 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 up 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 truly right and good always and everywhere to give you thanks, God of grace and glory.

For you celebrated your new gift of baptism in signs and wonders at the Jordan; your voice was heard from heaven to awaken faith in the presence among us of your Word made flesh. Your Spirit was seen as a dove, revealing Jesus as your servant, and anointing him with the oil of gladness to preach the good news to the poor.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven, we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus: S 130 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Setting: from Deutsch Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1787-1828). Arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). 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'd 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.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, O Holy One, for in Jesus the Messiah you have come to us as the Word made flesh.

Declaring the nearness of your kingdom, Jesus forgave sinners, cast out demons, preached good news to the poor, 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 before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took bread, thanked you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Great then is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Holy One, as we offer back to you this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, we pray that you send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. May we who share them at this table be fed by Christ's body and blood, and offer ourselves to serve others in his name.

We pray that you pour your Spirit on us also, that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honor and praise belong to you, O God, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now let us pray with confidence the words our Savior has taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. 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: LEVAS #106 *Take My Hand, Precious Lord*

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Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand,
When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin ger near,
When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night,
When my life is al - most gone, Hear my cry, hear my call,
And the day is past and gone. At the riv - er I stand,
Lead me on to the light, Take my hand, prec - ious Lord, Lead me on.
Hold my hand, lest I fall, Take my hand, prec - ious Lord, Lead me on.
Guide my feet, hold my hand, Take my hand, prec - ious Lord, Lead me on.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray: **God of grace and light, we thank you for nourishing us at this table with your Word, who is the bread of life: As we go forth into the world, we ask you to fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

May God our Creator, who led the magi by the shining of a star to find the Christ, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who came upon the beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan, pour out her gifts on you and bring you light and peace. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, God who created us, Christ 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 #120 *There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place*

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There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place,
(There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive
(If you) say He saved you from your sin,

and I know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord.
till you know Him in His full - ness, and be - lieve.
Now you're weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in,

There are sweet ex - pres - sions on each face,
You're the one to pro - fit when you say
you can make it right if you will yield;

and I know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
"I am going to walk with Je - sus all the way."
You'll en - joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel.

Sweet Ho-ly Spir-it, Sweet Heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here with us, fill-ing us with your
love. And for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in praise. With - out a
doubt we'll know that we have been re-vived when we shall leave this place. There are
If you place

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *Second Movement Excerpt of Symphony #9*

Music: Antonin Dvorak