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St. George's Church ☩
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EPIPHANY

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 directions.

Prelude: *How Great Thou Art* arr. Mary McDonald (b. 1956)

Opening Hymn: LEVAS #60 *How Great Thou Art*

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O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der and hear the



all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the roll - ing
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, when I look down from loft - y mount - ain



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. Then sings my
grand - eur, and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.



soul, my Sav - ior, God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my



soul, my Sav - ior, God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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 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 hymn. 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 sharp (F#). The piano accompaniment includes a double bar line with a repeat sign and first/second endings.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the day: **Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal Jesus as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer for Our Country

O God, we pray for your presence with us and with our country and ask that you give us the strength and courage we need to rise to the challenges that we face. We pray that those who lead may have resolve, wisdom, and integrity in the exercise of their duties, and that they and we be committed to truth in both word and deed. Pour out your healing on our country and its people and strengthen our commitment to the common good, that we may have patience and grace to bridge what divides us and so be bearers of your peace and good will, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Read by David Warn

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me:

“They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

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

Psalm 111

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are your works, O LORD, **pondered by all who delight in them.**

Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, **and your righteousness endures forever.**

You cause your wonders to be remembered; **you are gracious and full of compassion.**

You give food to those who hold you in awe, **remembering forever your covenant.**

You have shown your people the power of your works

in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; **all of your commandments are sure.**

They stand fast forever and ever, **because they are done in truth and equity.**

You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;

holy and awesome is your name.

The awe of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

all who practice this have a good understanding. God’s praise endures forever.

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

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching-- with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt



They were spellbound by his teaching, for his words had authority.

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.**

Prayers of the People *Led by Carolyn Lassiter*

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 425,000 in our country and the more than 2.16 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

The celebrant then offers the following prayer for those celebrating birthdays and 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.

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.

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 Anthem: I Bring a Heart of Thanks by Pepper Choplin

I bring a heart of thanks to You. My voice will raise a song of praise. I bring a heart of thanks to You. My soul will rejoice to sing with boisterous praise.

How great is Your love, Your love and Your care, You care and Your faithfulness, and great, how great my desire, desire to express my heart of thanks.

I bring a heart of thanks to You. My voice will raise a song of praise.

I bring a heart of thanks to You. My soul will rejoice to sing with boisterous praise.

Lord, we come to put our faith in You. Faithful in every thing You do, You love what is righteous and is true.

The earth is full of You unfailing love, unfailing love.

I bring a heart of thanks to You. My voice will raise a song of praise. I bring a heart of thanks to You. My soul will rejoice to sing with boisterous praise.

How great is Your love, Your love and Your care, You care and Your faithfulness,

and great, how great my desire, desire to express my heart of thanks.

I bring a heart of thanks to You. My voice will raise a song of praise. I bring a heart of thanks to You. My soul will rejoice to sing with boisterous praise,

*with boisterous praise, with boisterous praise and thanks to You.
I bring a hear, a heart full of thanks.*

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.

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.

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 Hymn: Gather #401 *We Cannot Measure How You Hear*

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We can - not mea - sure how you heal Or an - swer ev - 'ry suf - frer's prayer, Yet
The pain that will not go a - way, the guilt that clings from things long past, the
So some have come who need your help and some have come to make a - mends, as



we be - lieve your grace re - sponds Where faith and doubt u - nite to care. Your
fear of what the fu - ture holds, are pres - ent as if meant to last. But
hands which shaped and saved the world are pres - ent in the touch of friends. Lord,



hands, though blood-ied on the cross, Sur - vive to hold and heal and warn, To car - ry
pres - ent too is love which tends the hurt we nev - er hoped to find, the pri - vate
let your Spir - it meet us here to mend the bod - y, mind, and soul. To dis - en -



all through death to life And cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
a - gon - ies in - side, the mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
- tan - gle peace from pain, and make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

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 #219 *This is the Day*

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This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made,



we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be glad in it;



This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will re-joice and be glad in it,



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: Variation IX (Adagio) "Nimrod" from *Enigma Variations* by Edward Elgar (1857 - 1934)