

The Season After Pentecost

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost St. George's Church

Glenn Dale Parish • The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

July 11, 2021

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 participate in today's worship service, including scripture readings as well as prayers, music and directions. For those in the sanctuary today, follow the ushers when it comes to receiving Holy Communion and entering and leaving the worship space.

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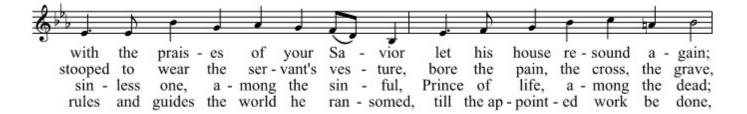
This morning, we welcome Rev Sarah Motley as celebrant and Terry Doyle as preacher. Rev Sarah will be present with us each Sunday for the foreseeable future that Connie is on temporary leave. We are also happy and grateful to Carter Sligh, who is substituting for Joshua Fishbein at the piano and leading the choir this Sunday while Josh is on vacation.

Prelude: Von fremden Ländern und Menschen, Op. 15 no.1 by Robert Schumann (Translation: "From Strange Lands and People")

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #492 Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing With Gladness

Words: John Ellerton. Music: Finnian, Christopher Dearnley. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323







him let all your mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign. passed with - in the gates of dark-ness, thence his ban-ished ones to save. he wrought the full re - demp-tion, thus and the cap - tor cap-tive led. till see. re-newed and per - fect, all things gath-ered in to one.

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

People: Glory to God for ever 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.

Gloria: Wonder, Love, & Praise # 829 Laudate Dominum

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Tune: Jacques Berthier, b. 1923

Lau-da-te Do-mi-num, lau-da-te Do-mi-num om-nes gen-tes, al-le-lu-ia. al-le-lu-ia.

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: O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people, and grant that we may know and understand what things we ought to do. Incline our ears to the prophets you raise up as they call us to repentance and to strive for justice. Give us the grace and power faithfully to accomplish your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Amos 7:7-15

The LORD showed me a vision of himself standing beside a wall and holding a string with a weight tied to the end of it. The string and weight had been used to measure the straightness of the wall. Then he asked, "Amos, what do you see?" "A measuring line," I answered.

The LORD said, "I'm using this measuring line to show that my people Israel don't measure up, and I won't forgive them any more. Their sacred places will be destroyed, and I will send war against the nation of King Jeroboam."

Then, Amaziah the priest at Bethel sent this message to King Jeroboam of Israel, "Amos is plotting against you in the very heart of Israel. Our nation cannot put up with his message for very long. Here is what he is saying:

'Jeroboam will be put to death, and the people will be taken to a foreign country.

Then Amaziah told me, "Amos, take your visions and get out! Go back to Judah and earn your living there as a prophet. Don't do any more preaching at Bethel. The king worships here at our national temple." I answered: I'm not a prophet! And I wasn't trained to be a prophet. I am a shepherd, and I take care of fig trees. But the LORD told me to leave my herds and preach to the people of Israel. The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 85:8-13

Let me hear what you will say 0 Lord: for you will speak peace to your people, to your servants whose hearts are turned to you.

For deliverance is at hand for those who fear you:

so that your glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met together: **justice and peace have embraced each other.** Faithfulness will spring up from the ground:

and righteousness will look down from heaven.

You Lord will give prosperity: **and our land shall yield its harvest.**Justice shall go before you: **and the path for your feet shall be peace**

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

Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon Terry Doyle, TSSF



The Prayers of the People

Generous God of abundance, you feed the hungry from your hand and visit us in our storms: Give ear to your people as we pray, saying: You are faithful in all your words O God: and merciful in all your deeds.

God of Light and Life, you give us responsibility to govern and lead. We pray that all in authority may use their power justly and share your abundance with all. For you are faithful in all your words O God: and merciful in all your deeds.

God of Light and Life, you gift us with the Holy Spirit and call us to be your church. Grace us the church with the ability to know and comprehend the breadth and height and depth of Jesus' love, and that your power at work within us may accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Chilton our Assisting Bishop, Connie our rector, Sarah and Thelma who are ministering to us during Connie's period of leave, and for the lay leadership and congregation of St. George's. For you are faithful in all your words O God: and merciful in all your deeds.

God of Light and Life, you open wide your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature. We pray for all who are hungry, for those who are poor, for those caught in violence and war, and for those experiencing homelessness, and we pray especially for the families of Gaywood Elementary School and the guests of the Warm Nights program. In every place of hunger, through us may you bring food; in every place of poverty, through us may you bring abundance; in every place of terror, through us may you bring comfort and security. For you are faithful in all your words O God: and merciful in all your deeds.

God of Light and Life, you are a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Come to us in our darkness and comfort us in our fears. With your generous touch, heal those for whom we pray, especially for those suffering from the effects of Covid-19, for those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now in our hearts. For you are faithful in all your words O God: and merciful in all your deeds.

God of Light and Life, you bless us with joy and celebration. Accept our gratitude for the abundance of your grace, especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for other blessings of this life. For you are faithful in all your words O God: and merciful in all your deeds.

God of Light and Life, you gather up the lives of your children, receiving into your fullness all who have died. We pray for those whom we love but see no longer, and we pray for those who mourn. Help us remember that you are faithful in all your words O God: **and merciful in all your deeds.**

Holy One, your people look to you for nurture and healing: Fill our hungry lives with the abundance of your Spirit, that we may be fruitful disciples of the one whose compassion reaches across all boundaries, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Now let us confess our sins to God. Silence is kept.

All pray together: God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. We dishonor your generosity by withholding ourselves and our resources from those in need; we disregard your compassion by judging the sins of others. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your Spirit, renew us and free us from our bondage, that with open hearts we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing on all creation. Amen.

Celebrant: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, the will for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **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.**

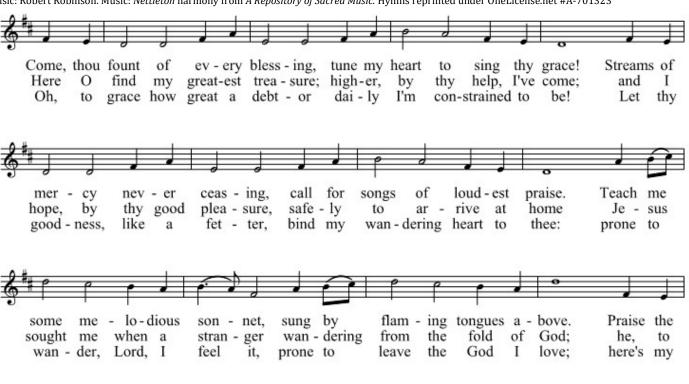
The Offertory

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

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. 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: Hymnal 1982 #686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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mount! Oh fix me on it, mount of God's un - chang-ing love.
re - scue me from dan - ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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.

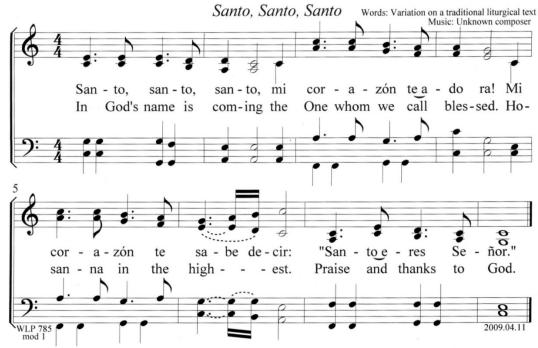
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore, joining with saints and angels and all of creation, we praise you as we sing:

Sanctus: Wonder, Love, & Praise # 785

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The celebrant continues

Holy are you O God and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. At his baptism in the Jordan your Spirit descended upon him and declared him your beloved Son. The Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

By the baptism of Jesus's suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the sharing of the bread and cup around your table.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Holy One, pour out your Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world, empowered by the gifts of the Spirit.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, for all honor and glory is yours, God our Light and Life, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now in the Spirit 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. And 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 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 Celebrant then 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 Communion

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 cup into the recycling bin at the door after you consume it. 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.

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: *Ave verum Corpus* by William Byrd Performed by the St. George's Anthem Choir under the direction of Dr. Joshua Fishbein

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: Cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine: O Dulcis! O pie! O Jesu fili Mariae, miserere mei, Amen

Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary, who having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mankind, whose pierced side flowed with blood.

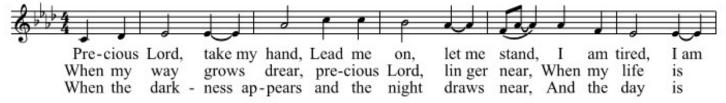
May it be for us a foretaste in the trial of death.

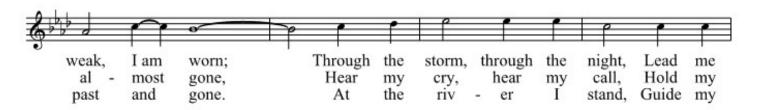
O sweet, O holy, O Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on me.

Amen

Communion Hymn: LEVAS # 106 Precious Lord

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hand, lest I fall, Take my hand, prec-ious Lord, Lead me on. feet, hold my hand, Take my hand, prec-ious Lord, Lead me on.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray:

Holy and Gracious One, we give you thanks that through Word and Sacrament, Jesus has once again shared himself with us. As we leave this place, we pray that you send us out inspired by your Spirit to be Christ's love to others, that our daily living may show forth our gratitude and our lives become a praise to you, through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

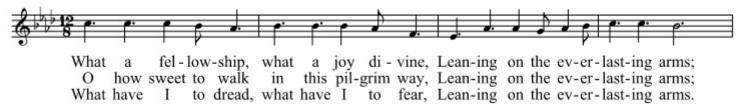
God blesses us so that we may be a blessing for others, so as you go out into the world, May the grace of God bless you with peace;

may the love of Christ sustain you with joy;

and may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with courage, this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS #196 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

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The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing Traditional American, arr. by Kristen Personius

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