



# The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**St. George's Church**  
**Glenn Dale Parish • The Episcopal Diocese of Washington**  
**July 16, 2023**

*Welcome to St. George's! We are delighted to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet includes all of the prayers, music and readings you will need to fully participate in today's service. Wherever you are in your journey, know that you are welcome here. 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.*

## **New Century Hymnal #28 *For the Beauty of the Earth***

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For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, pa - rent, child,  
For your - self, best gift di - vine, to the world so free - ly given,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies.  
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
a - gent of God's grand de - sign: peace on earth and joy in heaven.



Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grate-ful praise.

**Celebrant:** As we gather in gratitude and praise to you. O Holy One:

**People:** **Breathe on us breath of God, and fill us with your saving power.**

**Celebrant:** In your Wisdom, speak in us:

**People:** **and bring us strength, healing and peace.**

**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 and Praise #821 Glory to God *sung three times*

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Glo-ry to God; Praise to the Son; Loveto the Spi-rit; Three and yet One.

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### 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 who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 65:9-14

You O Lord visit the earth and water it:

**you make it very fruitful.**

The waters of heaven brim over their channel:

**providing us with grain,**

for so you have prepared the land,

drenching its furrows, levelling its ridges:

**softening it with showers and blessing its growth.**

You crown the year with your goodness:

**and your paths overflow with plenty.**

The pastures of the wilderness abound with grass:

**and the hills are girded with joy.**

The fields are clothed with sheep:

**the valleys are decked with wheat,**

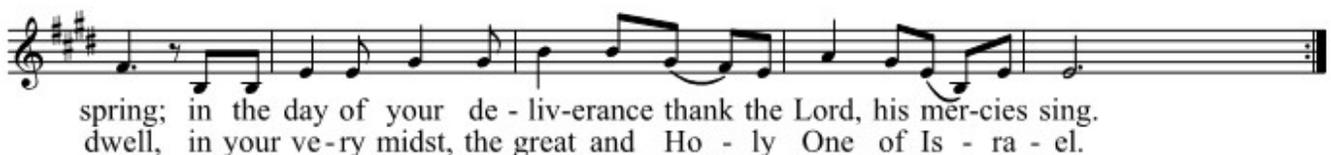
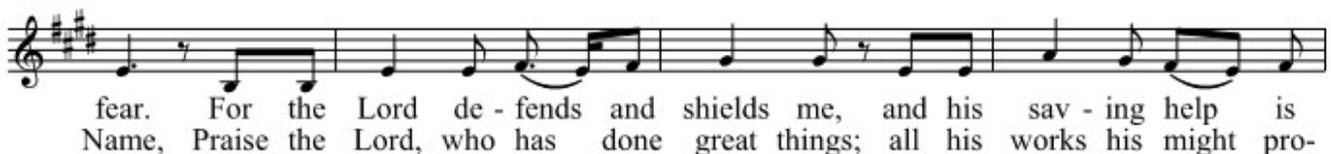
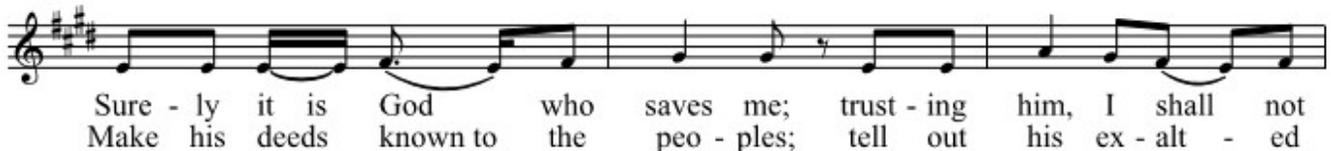
**so that they shout for joy and sing.**

*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 #679 *Surely it is God who saves me*

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

**Matthew 13:1-9,18-23**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon:** Terry Doyle, TSSF



## The Creed: We Believe in God Almighty

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Music: BEACH SPRING The Sacred Harp harmony by Marty Haugen (b. 1950) © 1995 G.I.A Publications, Inc. Gather #471

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We be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be,  
We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;  
We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with - in



Ma - ker of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and sea.  
tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied - True Life there had tru - ly died.  
one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin;



We be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ  
We be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,  
in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain



of the Spir - it and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life  
then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.  
gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

## Prayers of the People

O God, we are your beloved. As we pray to you in words, beyond words, and in sighs too deep for words, Be present with us as we pray: **Breathe on us, breath of God.**

O God, you created the heavens and the earth; bless the produce of our land and the works of our hands. Help us to care for creation and undo the damage we have done to the earth, your beating heart. Be present with us as we pray: **Breathe on us, breath of God.**

Lord Jesus, you call us to be your disciples; deepen in each of us a sense of purpose as we seek to follow you on your way of love. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and for the people of St. George's. Be with us as we pray: **Jesus, open our hearts to you.**

Lord Jesus, you were rich, yet for our sake you became poor; move those of us who have more resources to share generously with those who have less, and help us work for economic justice for all. Be with us as we pray: **Jesus, open our hearts to you.**

Lord Jesus, you were unjustly condemned by Pontius Pilate; strengthen those across the world who are suffering injustice and persecution, war and violence. Help us be bearers of your peace. Be with us as we pray: **Jesus, open our hearts to you.**

Lord Jesus, you healed by your touch and your word; we pray now for all who suffer and are in need of your healing presence. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* Be with us as we pray: **Jesus, open our hearts to you.**

Divine Spirit, you sustain us in difficult times. We pray for those who have died and for those who mourn, especially those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* Be with us as we pray: **Spirit of grace, comfort us and bring us closer to you.**

Divine Spirit, you bless us with life and love. Help us live in gratitude for what we have, as we pray especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for other blessings of this life. *The people may add their own petitions.* Be with us as we pray: **Spirit of grace, comfort us and bring us closer to you.**

Holy God, help us to know always that in your love you do for us more than we can ask or imagine, today and always. **Amen.**

### **The Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant:* Now let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence is kept.*

**Holy One, we encounter you in our lives and try to follow you faithfully, but often we get lost or turn away from you. We try to love our neighbors and ourselves, and even by your grace to love our enemies, but we fail. We have not fully shared the gifts you entrust to us; we have not treasured the gifts of others around us. For all of the ways we have fallen short, we are truly sorry. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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.**

### **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

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering holy and acceptable 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. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible; you can text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to [www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give](http://www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give). You may also donate via Zelle to [donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org](mailto:donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org) or use Cash App to send your donation to \$StGeorgesGlennDale. Baskets at the doors of the Sanctuary may be used for donations of checks or cash. Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's.*

### Offertory Hymn: LEVAS #56 *Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow* (sung twice)

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Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow, Praise God all crea-tures here be-low.



Paise God a-bove ye heav-en-ly hosts. Praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost.

## 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.**

We praise you Holy Trinity, mystery of being and freedom of the world. You opened your love to bring the creation into existence, reflecting infinite beauty in matter's complex bonds and spirit's evolution.

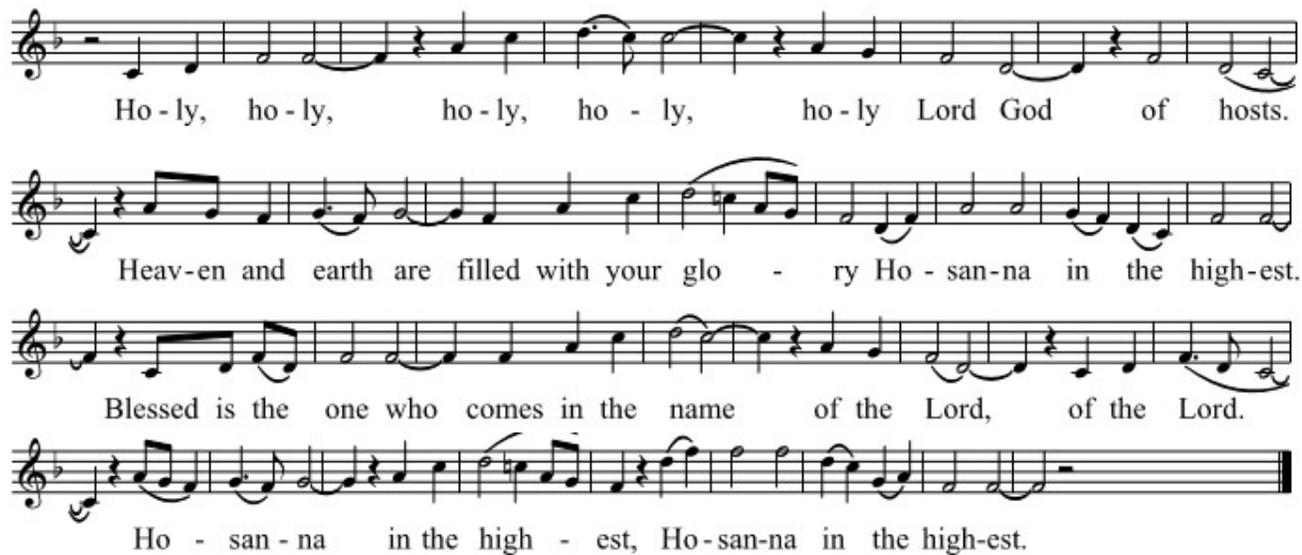
**You drew near to Abraham and Sarah as the unexpected guest; you wrestled with Jacob and blessed him with wounds; you dwelt in glory and wisdom with the people of your covenant.**

Your all-embracing heart assumed our human story and came among us in Word made flesh, Jesus the holy child of God. Through the scandal of Christ crucified and the Spirit of love that raised him from the dead, you end our isolation and draw us into the community of your grace. Therefore we join the eternal song of power and glory, of difference and delight, as we sing:

## Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy Levas #255*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy One, we praise you for your love that brings order out of chaos, breathes life into dust, leads captives into freedom, and calls home those who wander away from you. You give bread to the hungry and drink to the thirsty; you even raise the dead to life.

**We thank you for Jesus, the Word made flesh and light of the world, who is shepherd and gate, way and truth, and fountain of living water that gives life everlasting.**

We thank you for Jesus, who is the bread of heaven, the cup of salvation, and the resurrection and the life. On the night before he died, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you O God, gave it to them and said "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, gave you thanks and said, "Drink this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all for forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We ask you to pour out your Spirit on us O God and come and live in us, in this bread and in this cup, in our hearts and in our being, that we may be one body in Christ. May we be one in service to others and love of you in this place and every place, in this world and in the world to come.

**Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor and power be to you O Holy One, forever and ever! Amen.**



## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant:* The Risen Christ is in our midst, and so with 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*

### Fraction Hymn: Wonder, Love and Praise #865 *Christ our Passover*

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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.

*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 like to receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine, please indicate this to the Celebrant by crossing your arms in front of your chest.*

### Communion Hymn 1: Gather #585 *Let Us Be Bread*

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Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and shared, life for the world.



Let us be wine, love free-ly poured. Let us be one in the Lord.



1. I am the bread of life, bro-ken for all Eat now and hun-ger no more.



2. You are my friends if you keep my com-mands, no long-er ser-vants but friends.



3 See how my peo-ple have no-thing to eat. Give them the bread that is you.



4 As God has loved me so I have loved you. Go and live on in my love.

### Communion Hymn 2: LEVAS #145 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord!*

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Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the pot-ter I am the clay!  
Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and try me, Mas-ter, to - day!  
Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wound-ed and wea-ry, Help me, I pray!  
Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my be-ing Ab - so-lute sway!



Mold me and make me Aft - er thy will, While I am wait-ing, Yield-ed and still.  
Pur - er than snow, Lord, Wash me just now As in thy pres-ence Hum-bly I bow.  
Pow - er all pow - er Sure - ly is thine! Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!  
Fill with thy Spir - it 'Til all shall see Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* Let us pray: **God of fire and wind, giver of life, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Now send us forth to serve others following the example of Jesus. May the Spirit blow through us and into the world you have made, that we may bring your love wherever we go, through Jesus Christ who gave himself away for love. Amen.**

*The people may be seated for announcements*

## Announcements

### The Blessing

We do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us; so be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. Go in peace to follow the good road, and may the blessing of God, who creates, redeems and sustains us, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal #534 *God is working his purpose out*

Words: Arthur Campbell Ainger (1841-1919). Music: *Purpose*, Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958)



God is work-ing his pur - pose out as year suc-ceeds to year:  
From ut - most east to ut - most west, wher - ev - er foot hath trod, by the  
March we forth in the strength of God, with the ban - ner of Christ un - furled, that the  
All we can do is noth - ing worth un - less God bless es the deed;



God is work - ing his pur - pose out, and the time is draw - ing near;  
mouth of man - y mess - en - gers goes forth the voice of God;  
light of the glor - ious gos - pel of truth may shine through - out the world:  
vain - ly we hope for the har - vest - tide till God gives life to the seed; yet



near - er and near - er draws the time, the time that shall sure - ly be, when the  
give ear to me, ye con - ti - nents, ye isles, give ear to me, that the  
fight we the fight with sor - row and sin to set their capt - ives free, that  
near - er and near - er draws the time, the time that shall surely be, when the



earth shall be filled with the glor-y of God as the wat-ers cov-er the sea.  
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*Celebrant:* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People: Thanks be to God.**