



# The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

St. George's Church


Glenn Dale Parish • The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

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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.

## Opening Hymn: Communion Hymn: Gather #589 *All Who Hunger*

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All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.  
All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
All who hun-ger, sing to-geth-er; Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mun-ion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their lives in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

- 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: **Scandalous God, sowing weeds among crop, raising bread with impure yeast, offering treasure beyond price, casting a net that catches good and bad: throw down our mean idols of purity and possession and let the Son of Man show us your inclusive, provocative, wide-branching love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**Romans 8:26-39**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

### **Psalm 119:129-135**

Your instruction O God is wonderful:

**therefore I keep it with all my heart.**

The unfolding of your word gives light:

**and those who are untaught receive understanding.**

I open my mouth and sigh:

**with longing for your commandments.**

Turn to me and be merciful to me:

**as is your way with those who love you.**

Keep steady my footsteps, according to your promise:

**and let no evil get mastery over me.**

Rescue me from human oppression:

**so that I may keep your precepts.**

Let your face shine on your servant:

**and teach me your decrees.**

*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: LEVAS #216 *In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified***

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In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;  
In my song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;  
In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;



In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.  
In my song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.  
In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

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

**Matthew 13:31-33,44-52**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord. **People:** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt**



## 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.*

### **Anthem: To God be the Glory**

by Fanny J. Crosby and Vicki Hancock Wright

*To God be the glory, great things he has done;  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son.  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.*

*Praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!*

*Come to the Father, through Jesus, the Son,  
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.  
Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son  
But purer and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our victory, when Jesus we see.*

*Praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!*

*Come to the Father, through Jesus, the Son,  
And give him the glory, great things he has done.  
To God be the glory, to God be the glory, Amen, amen, amen.*

## 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.**

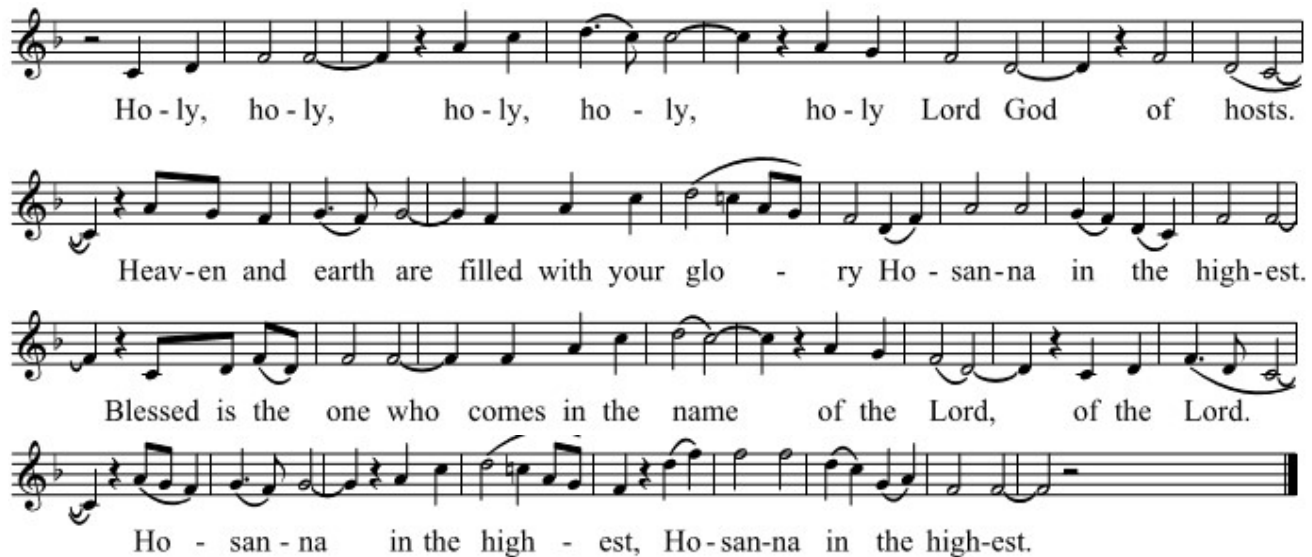
We praise you Holy Trinity, mystery of being and freedom of the world. You opened your love to bring the creation into existence, reflecting infinite beauty in matter's complex bonds and spirit's evolution.

**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 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 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.**

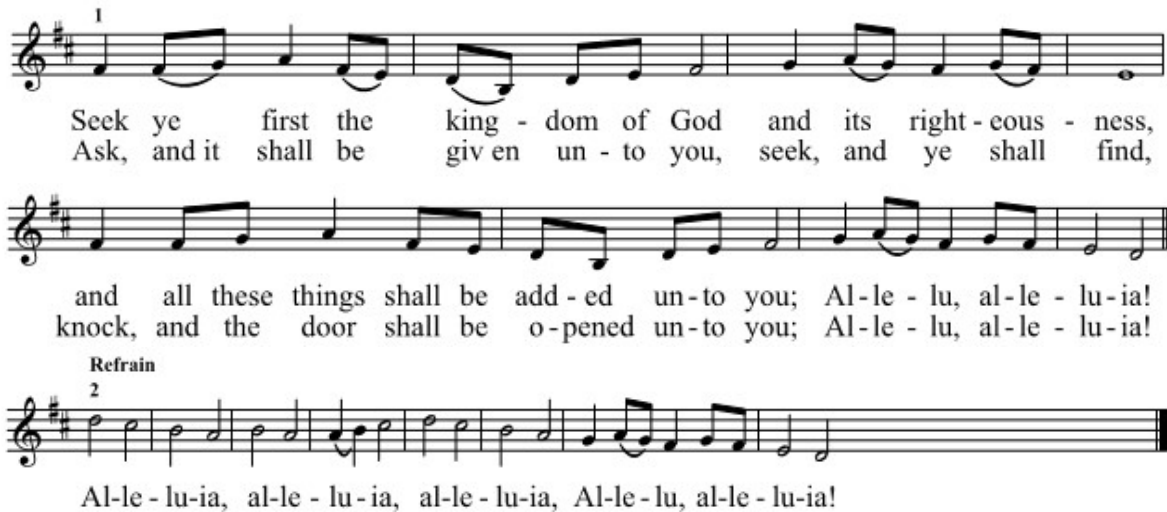
*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## 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.

### Communion Hymn 1: Hymnal 1982 #711 *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

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Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its right - eous - ness,  
Ask, and it shall be giv en un - to you, seek, and ye shall find,

and all these things shall be add - ed un-to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un-to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!


Refrain

2

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

### Communion Hymn 2: Hymnal 1982 #314 *Humbly I adore thee*

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Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,  
Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;  
O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;  
Je - sus, who now hid - den I by faith be - hold,

who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;  
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.  
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath.  
what my soul doth long for that thy world fore - told;

lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,  
I be - lieve what e'er the Son of God hath told;  
grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,  
face - to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,

tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.  
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.  
to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er fail - ing give.  
in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

## 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

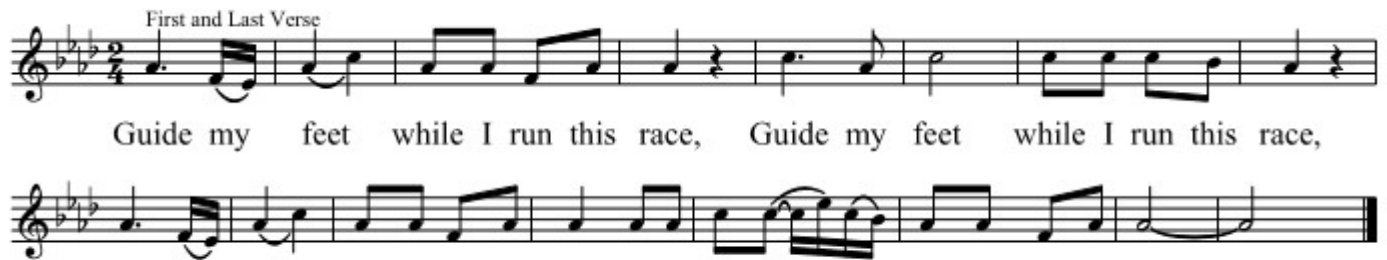
### The Blessing

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: Gather #508 *Guide My Feet*

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First and Last Verse



Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my feet while I run this race,  
Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 2/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the melody for the first and last verses. The second staff continues the melody for the final verse. The lyrics are written below the notes.

2. Hold my hand ...
3. Stand by me ...
4. I'm your child ...
5. Search my heart ...

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**