



The Sixth 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: Hymnal 1982 #213 *Come away to the skies*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Middlebury from *The Southern Harmony*. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re - joice in the
Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our hea - ven - ly
For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the na - ture and
We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which hath joined us to
Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King, and his rap - tu - rous



day thou wast born; on this fes - ti - val day, come ex - ult - ing a -
Fa - ther be - stowed, while his grace we re - ceive from his boun - ty, and
king - dom di - vine! Now cre - a - ted a - gain that our lives may re -
Je - sus' Name; so u - ni - ted in heart, let us nev - er - more
prais - es, re - peat: to the Lamb that was slain, hal - le - lu - jah a -



- way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn.
live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God.
- main, through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine.
part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.
- gain, sing, all hea - ven, and fall at his feet.

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 God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.
My beloved speaks and says to me:
"Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away."

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



Psalm 145: 8-15

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion:

slow to anger and abounding in love.

You Lord are good to all of us:

and your mercy rests upon all your creatures.

All your creation shall praise you O Lord:

and your servants will bless your name.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom:

and their talk shall be of your power,

so that all may know of your mighty deeds:

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom:

and your dominion endures from age to age.

The Lord upholds those who stumble:

and raises up those who are cast down.

The eyes of all look to you O Lord:

and you give them their food in due season.

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 #554 *'Tis the gift to be simple* (Sung twice)

Words and Music: Joseph Brackett, Jr. (1797-1882 *Simple Gifts* Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323)



'Tis the gift to be sim-ple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down
where we ought to be, and when we find our-selves in the place just right, 'twill be in the val-ley of
love and de-light. When true sim-plic-i-ty is gained to bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to
turn, turn, will be our de-light till by turn-ing, turn-ing we come round right

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

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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 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. You may also donate via Zelle to 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: Hymnal 1982 #482 *Lord of All Hopefulness*

Words: Jim Struther (1901-1953). Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church hymnary*, 1927.

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Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ev - er
Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were
Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to
Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is con-



child-like, no cares could des - troy, be there at our wak - ing and give us, we
skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our la - bors and give us, we
wel - come, your arms to em - brace be there at our hom - ing and give us, we
- tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm, be there at our sleep - ing and give us, we



pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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.

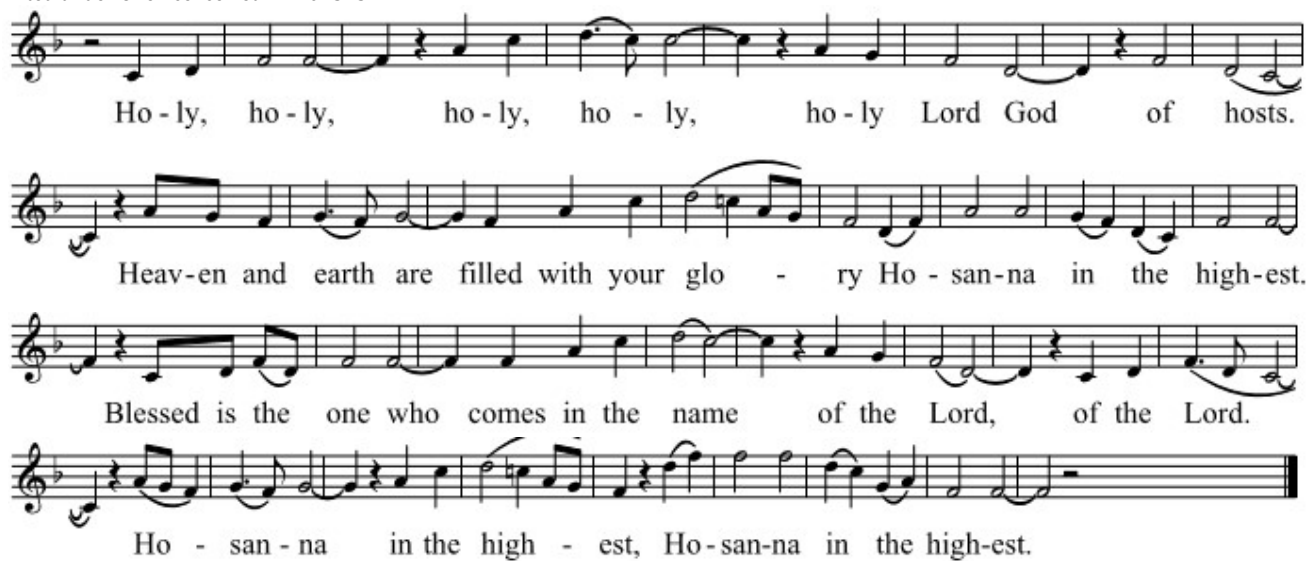
We praise you Holy Trinity, mystery of being and freedom of the world. You opened your love to bring the creation into existence, reflecting infinite beauty in matter's complex bonds and spirit's evolution.

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.

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: LEVAS #137 *Just as I am*

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Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,
Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt;
Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,
Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve,
Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down;
Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,



and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
fight-ings and fears with - in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
yea all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
here for a sea - son, then a - bove; O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



Communion Hymn 2: LEVAS #109 *What a Friend We have in Jesus*

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What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - ledge to car - ry Ev - 'ry thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - ruge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.



O, what peace we of - ten for - feit, O, what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friend de - spise, for sake - thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms He - ll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace

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 #389 *Joyfully Singing*

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