



The Season After Pentecost
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**Third Sunday after
Pentecost**
St. George's Church

**Glenn Dale Parish • The
Episcopal Diocese of Washington**

June 13, 2021

Prelude: *Finlandia Dance (This Is My Song)* arr. Thomas Keesecker (b. 1956)

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #296 *We Know That Christ is Raised and Dies No More*

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We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em-braced by
We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. Re - born we
The Fa - ther's splen-dor clothes the Son with life. The Spir - it's
A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows as Christ's new



death he broke its fear - ful hold; and our de - spair he turned to
share with him an Eas - ter life as liv - ing mem - bers of a
pow - er shakes the Church of God. Bap - tized we live with God the
bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. The un - i - verse re - stored and



blaz - ing joy. Al - le - lu - ia!
liv - ing Christ. Al - le - lu - ia!
Three in One. Al - le - lu - ia!
whole will sing: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A-men.

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

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

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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: **Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Read by Lydia Murray

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

Psalm 92:1-4,11-15

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord:

to sing praise to your name, O Most High,

to tell of your love in the morning:

and of your faithfulness during the night,

on the ten-stringed lyre and the lute:

with the tuneful sound of the harp.

For you Lord have made me glad by your deeds:

I shout for joy at the works of your hands.

My eyes have looked down in triumph on my enemies:

And my ears were gladdened with news of their downfall.

The just shall flourish like a palm tree:

and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

Planted in the house of the Lord:

they flourish in the courts of our God;

Still bearing fruit in their old age:

they are still green and full of sap,

to show that the Lord is just:

the Lord my Rock, in whom is no unrighteousness.

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

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

The Sermon:



I believe in God almighty

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)
Music: *Arfon* (Major), Welsh hymn melody,
harm. Carlton R. Young, alt.

$\text{♩} = 44$

1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y,
2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered,
3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it,

Au - thor of all things that be,
scourged and scorned and the cru - ci - fied;
bond - ing all the saints with - in

Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the
tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied — True Life there had
one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness

sky and sea. I be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus,
tru - ly died. I be - lieve that on the third day
frees from sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion,

now for us both Lord and Christ of the Spir - it
Christ was raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed
for the break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's

and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

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The Prayers of the People

Led by John Rebstock

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 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, Connie our rector, 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 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 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

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.

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Offertory Virtual Choir Anthem: *Si Tuvieras Fe (If You Had Faith)* arr. Rory Cooney (b. 1952) and Beth Lederman

Si tuvieras fe como un grano de mostaza, eso lo dice el Señor,
Si tuvieras fe como un grano de mostaza, eso lo dice el Señor,
Tu le dirías a esa montaña , Muévete, muévete!
Tu le dirías a esa montaña , Muévete, muévete!
Y esa montana se moverá, se moverá, se moverá.
Y esa montana se moverá, se moverá, se moverá.
Y esa montana se moverá, se moverá, se moverá.
Y esa montana se moverá, se moverá, se moverá.

If you had faith small as a mustard seed within you, so says the word of the Lord,
If you had faith small as a mustard seed within you, so says the word of the Lord,
Then you could say to any mountain, "Get up and fly, get up and fly!"
Then you could say to any mountain, "Get up and fly, get up and fly!"
And then the mountain would fly away, fly away, fly away.
And then the mountain would fly away, fly away, fly away.
And then the mountain would fly away, fly away, fly away.
And then the mountain would fly away, fly away, fly away.

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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Santus And Benedictus
Santo, Santo, Santo Words: Variation on a traditional liturgical text
Music: Unknown composer

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do ra! Mi
In God's name is com-ing the One whom we call bles-sed. Ho-

cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: "San - to e - res Se - ñor."
san - na in the high - - - est. Praise and thanks to God.

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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

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: *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree* by Scott Baily (b. 1980)

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit
and always green, the trees of nature fruitless be
compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know, but
ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus
Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure
dearly I have bought; I missed of all, but now I see
'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and
rest awhile; under the shadow I will be of Jesus
Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my
dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to
be with Jesus Christ the apple tree,
with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Communion Hymn: *Wonder, Love & Praise # 754 When From Bondage We are Summoned*

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1. When from bond - age we are sum - moned
2. When our God names us a peo - ple,
3. Through all stag - es of the jour - ney
4. We must not lose sight of Je - sus;
5. See the prize our God has prom - ised:



out of dark - ness in - to light, we must go in hope and
Je - sus leads us by the hand through a lone - ly, bar - ren
Christ is with us, night and day, with com - pas - sion for our
who ac - cept - ed pain and loss, who, for joy of love un -
end - less life with Christ our Lord. Now we fix our eyes on



pat - ience, walk by faith and not by sight.
des - ert to a great and glor - ious land.
weak - ness ev - 'ry step a - long the way.
meas - ured, dared em - brace the shame - ful cross.
Je - sus, walk by faith in Je - sus' word.



Let us throw off all that hin - ders; let us run the race to win! Let us



hast - en to our home - land and, re - joic - ing en - ter in. in.

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 #157 *Revive Us Again*

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We praise thee, O God, For the son of thy love, For Je - sus who
We praise thee, O God, for thy spir - it of light, Who has shown us our
All glo - ry and praise To the lamb that was slain, Who has borne all our
Re - vive us a - gain, Fill each heart with thy love. May each soul be re-



died And is now gone a - bove. Hal-le - lu-jah! Thine the glo-ry, Hal-le-
Sav - ior, And scat - tered our sight.
sins And has cleansed ev - 'ry stain.
- kin - dled With fire from a - bove.



- lu-jah! A-men, Hal-le - lu-jah! Thine the glo-ry, re - vive us a - gain.

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Revive Us Again* by John J. Husband (1760-1825) arr. Mary McDonald (b. 1956)