

# The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

St. George's Church • Glenn Dale Parish  
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

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A Service of Holy Eucharist

Welcome to St. George's! If you are new or visiting, we are especially glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet has the prayers and hymns needed for your participation in today's service. Wherever you are in your journey, know that you are welcome here.

## Prelude: *Prelude in F-minor*

Music: J.S. Bach

## Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #296 *We know that Christ is raised*

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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.


### Gather #164 *Glory to God in the Highest*

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*Refrain*




Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.




Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

*Verse*



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God, Cre - a-tor, we wor-ship you, we

*Repeat Refrain*



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

### 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.**

### A Collect for Juneteenth

Holy and righteous God, you rescued your people from slavery in Egypt, and throughout the ages you have never failed to hear the cries of those in bondage: We remember before you those who received the glad tidings of their emancipation on this day, and we pray that you grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

**Ezekiel 17:22-24**

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm 92:1-4,11-14

It is good 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.**

The just shall flourish like a palm tree:

**and grow like a cedar in 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:

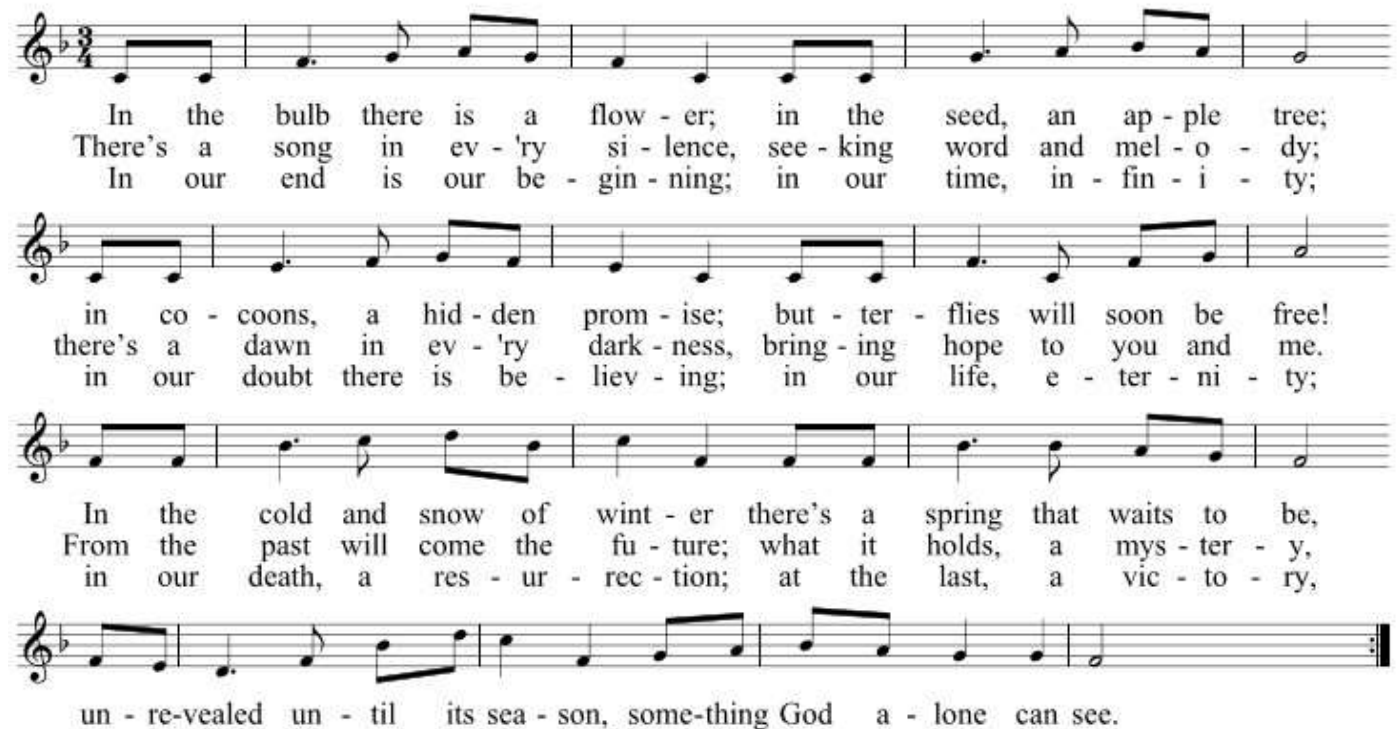
**the Lord my rock, in whom is no unrighteousness.**

*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: My Heart Sings Out # 86 *In the bulb there is A flower*

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In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, see - king word and mel - o - dy;  
In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;  
in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise; but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty;  
In the cold and snow of wint - er there's a spring that waits to be,  
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,  
un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**People:** **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.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

**As children of God, we affirm:**

**That God, who is Love, created all and called it good, that God is present with all of creation, and that, in darkness and in light, God is faithful; therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.**

**That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face, that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf, and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope; therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and hope.**

**That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us, that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment, and that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way; therefore, we seek to be people filled with God’s Spirit: discerning, loving and transforming our world. Amen.**

### **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, Connie our rector, and the community 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. We pray especially for the people of Gaza, of Haiti, of Sudan, of Ukraine, and other places of conflict. In every place of terror, 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, for those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now. *The people may add their own petitions.* 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. *The people may add their own petitions.* 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. *The people may add their own petitions.* 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:* **Most Merciful God, we confess that we have resisted the light of your love; we have not fully shared the gifts entrusted to us; and we have not treasured the gifts of others around us. We stand in need of your love, forgiveness, and grace. Holy God, make us holy. Holy Jesus, make us holy. Holy Spirit, make us holy. Holy One, make us whole. 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**

## 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

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice 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. Baskets for donations by check or cash are located at the corner entrances to the Sanctuary. We encourage you to give electronically: you can text\* stgeodragon to 73256, use a web browser to go to [onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/give](http://onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/give), or donate via Zelle to [donations@stgeorgesglenmdale.org](mailto:donations@stgeorgesglenmdale.org). (\*For texts, message and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.)*

### **Offertory 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.  
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## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**People:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be. From dust and spirit you have woven our humanity; in all our wanderings you never cease to call us to fullness of life.

**You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world. He fed us and feasted with us; he healed us and suffered for us. His dying and rising have freed us from the poverty of sin and the famine of death.**

Therefore with all whom who have made, cherished and called, with broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of your praise, singing:

### Sanctus: Gather #144 *Holy, holy, holy*

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And now O Gracious One, we ask that your Holy Spirit fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile and earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ.

For we remember that the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."



In the same way after supper he took the cup, saying “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.” As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond what words can hold.

Great then is the mystery of faith:

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

And now in our eating and drinking around this table may we be filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; may we know ourselves to be guests at his table, as he transforms poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

**Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more, and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal.**

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord’s Prayer

*Celebrant:* And now let us pray with confidence the words our Savior has taught us:

**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. After a time of silence, all sing together*

### Fraction Hymn: *When We Eat This Bread*

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When we eat this bread of life, when we drink of this ho-ly cup,  
we pro-claim your death, O Lord, till you come a-gain.

*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 prefer not to receive the Eucharist, you are welcome to come up for a blessing; cross your hands to your shoulders to indicate this to the priest.*

### Communion Hymn 1: Levas #191 *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

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Why should I feel dis-cour-aged, Why should the shad-ows come,  
"Let not your heart be trou-bled," His ten-der word I hear  
When ev-er I am tempt-ed, When ev-er clouds a-rise,



Why should my heart be lone-ly, And long for heav'n and home; When  
And rest-ing on His good-ness, I lose my doubts and fears, Though  
When songs give place to sigh-ing, When hope with-in me dies, I



Je-sus is my por-tion? My con-stant friend is He; His eye is on the  
by the path He lead-eth, But one step I may see;  
draw the close-er to Him, From care he sets me free;



spar-row, And I know he watch-es me; His eye is on the spar-row, And I



know he watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, I sing be-cause I'm



free; For his eye is on the spar-row, And I know he watch-es me.

## Communion Hymn 2: WLP #754 *When from bondage we are summoned*

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When from bond - age we are sum - moned out of dark - ness in - to light.  
When our God names us a peo - ple, Je - sus leads us by the hand  
Through all stag - es of the jour - ney Christ is with us, night and day.  
We must not lose sight of Je - sus, who ac - cept - ed pain and loss,  
See the prize our God has prom - ised; end - less life with Christ our Lord.



We must go in hope and pat - ience, walk by faith and not by sight.  
through a lone - ly, bar - ren de - sert to a great and glo - rious land.  
with com - pas - sion for our weak - ness ev - 'ry step a - long the way.  
who, for joy of love, un - meas - ured, dared em - brace the shame - ful cross.  
Now we fix our eyes on 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 has - ten to our home - land and re - joic - ing, ent - er in. in.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*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. May our daily living show forth our gratitude and our lives become a praise to you, through Jesus Christ our Risen Savior. Amen.**

## Announcements

### The Blessing

May God give you grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love.

And may the blessing of God who created us, Christ Jesus who brings us new life, and the Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS #1 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

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Lift ev-'ry voice and sing, 'Till earth and heav - en ring, Ring with the har - mo -  
Ston-y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast-'ning rod. Felt in the days when  
God of our wear - y years, God of our si - lent tears, Thou who has brought us



- nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic-ing rise High as the list - 'ning  
hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead-y beat, Have not our wear-y  
thus far on the way; Thou who has by thy might, Led us in to the



skies, Let it re-sound loud as the roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the  
feet Come to the place for which our Fa - thers sighed? We have come o - ver a  
light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path we pray. Lest our feet stray from the



faith that the dark past has taught us; Sing a song full of the  
way that with tears has been wa - tered; We have come, tread - ing our  
pla - ces, our God, where we met thee; Lest our hearts, drunk with the



hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing  
path through the blood of the slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y  
wine of the world, we for - get thee, Shad - owed be - neath Thy



sun Of our new day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
past, Till now we stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
hand, May we for - ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

### The Dismissal

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude: *The Garden of Fairies*

Music: Maurice Ravel