



# The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## St. George's Church

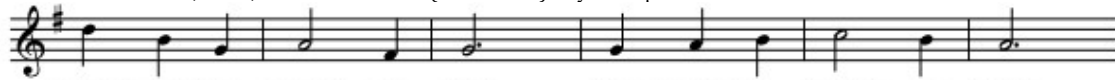
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*June 25, 2023*

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.

### Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #537 *Christ for the world we sing*

Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886) Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872). Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Christ for the world we sing!      The world to Christ we bring  
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Christ for the world we sing!      The world to Christ we bring  
Christ for the world we sing!      The world to Christ we bring



with lov - ing zeal;      the poor and them that mourn, the faint and  
with fer - vent prayer;      the way - ward and the lost, by rest - less  
with one ac - cord;      with us the work to share, with us re -  
with joy - ful song;      the new - born souls, whose days, re - claimed from



o - ver borne, sin - sick and sor - row worn, whom Christ doth heal.  
pas - sions tossed, re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.  
- proach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.  
er - ror's ways, in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

**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; Love to 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, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The people may be seated for the readings.*

### Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

## Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17

Turn your ear to me O Lord and answer me:

**for I am poor and in misery.**

Preserve my life for I am faithful:

**my God save your servant for I put my trust in you.**

Be merciful to me O Lord:

**for I call to you all the day long.**

Gladden the heart of your servant:

**for to you Lord I lift up my soul.**

For you Lord are good and forgiving:

**and of great mercy to all who call upon you.**

Give heed O Lord to my prayer:

**and listen to my cry of supplication.**

In the day of my distress I will call:

**and surely you will answer me.**

Among the gods there is none like you O Lord:

**nor can the deeds of any be compared with yours.**

All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you:

**and they shall glorify your name.**

For you are great, and do marvelous things:

**truly you alone are God.**

Turn to me then and have mercy, give your strength to your servant:

**and save the son of your handmaid.**

Give me a sign of your favor, that those who hate me may see it, and be put to shame:

**because you Lord have been my help and my comfort.**

**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 #106 *Take My Hand, Precious Lord*

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Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand, I am tired,  
When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin ger near, When my life  
When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near, And the day

I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on  
is al - most gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand,  
is past and gone. At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet,

to the light, Take my hand, prec-ious Lord, Lead me on.  
lest I fall, Take my hand, prec-ious Lord, Lead me on.  
hold my hand, Take my hand, prec-ious Lord, Lead me on.

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

### **Matthew 10:24-39**

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon:** The Rev. Charles Hoffacker



## 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 fewer resources, 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 we often 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.

# Offertory Hymn: Gather #430 *Be Not Afraid*

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1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall



wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in



for-eign lands and all will un-der-stand. You shall see the face of God and live.



Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways. Come fol-low me, and I will give you rest.



2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you



walk a-mid the burn-ing flames, you shall not be harmed. If you stand be-fore the pow'r of hell and



death is at your side, know that I am with you through it all.



3. Bless-ed are your poor, for the king-dom shall be theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for



one day you shall laugh. And if wick-ed tongues in-sult and hate you all be-cause of me,



bles-ed, bless-ed are you!

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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 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.**

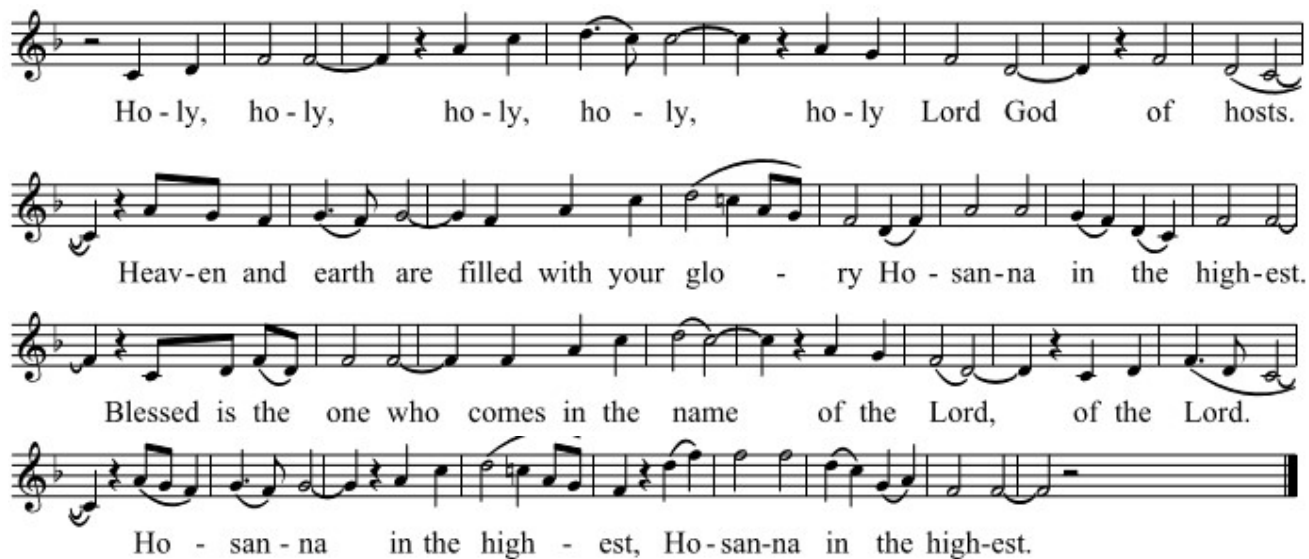
Your all-embracing heart assumed our human story and came among us in Word made flesh, Jesus the holy child of God. Through the scandal of Christ crucified and the Spirit of love that raised him from the dead, you end our isolation and draw us into the community of your grace.

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: Gather #417 *We Remember*

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*Refrain*




We re-mem-ber how you loved us to your death, and still we cel-e-brate, for




you are with us here; and we be-lieve that we will see you when you come in your



glo-ry, Lord. We re-mem-ber, we cel-e-brate, we be-lieve.



Here, a mil-lion wound-ed souls are yearn-ing just to touch you and be  
Now we re-cre-ate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a  
Christ, the Fa-ther's great "A-men" to all the hopes and dreams of ev-'ry  
See the face of Christ re-vealed in ev-'ry per-son stand-ing by your



healed. Gath-er all your peo-ple, and hold them to your heart.  
meal. Sign of grace and mer-cy, the pres-ence of the Lord.  
heart, Peace be-yond all tell-ing, and free-dom from all fear.  
side, Gift to one an-oth-er, and tem-ples of your love.

## Communion Hymn 2: Hymnal 1982 #321 *My God, thy table now is spread*

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751) v. 1-3; Isaac Watts (1674-1748) v. 4

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My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with love doth o - ver flow;  
O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished well with joy - ful guests;  
Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in count - less num - bers let them come  
Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the world thy truth has run,



be all thy chil - dren thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.  
and may each soul sal - va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.  
and gath - er from their Fath - er's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.  
till with this Bread shall all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

### 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: LEVAS #136 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

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I have de - ci - ded to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - ci - ded  
Though no one join me, still I will fol - low, Though no one join me,  
The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, The world be - hind me,



to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - ci - ded to fol - low Je - sus,  
still I will fol - low, Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,  
the cross be - fore me, The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,



No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!  
No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!  
No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

