

Second Sunday after Pentecost

St. George's Church

Glenn Dale Parish • The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

June 6, 2021

Prelude: Locus Iste (This Place) by Anton Bruckner (1824-1896) sung by St. George's virtual choir

Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est.

This place was made by God, a priceless mystery; it is without reproof.

Opening Hymn: Gather #536 Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race



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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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, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Read by Alix Volel-Stech

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke" —we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 130

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord: give heed, O Lord, to my cry.

Let your ears consider well: the plea I make for mercy.

If you should keep account of what is done amiss: who then, O Lord, could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you: **therefore you shall be revered.**

I wait for you, Lord, with all my soul: and in your word is my hope.

My soul waits for you, O Lord: **more than those who watch by night long for the morning, more I say than those who watch by night long for the morning.**

Wait in hope for the Lord, for with the Lord there is love unfailing:

and with the Lord there is ample redemption.

The Lord will redeem you: from all your many sins.

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

Mark 3:20-35

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons."

And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Motley



Creed: Wonder, Love. & Praise # 769 I Believe in God Almighty



The Prayers of the People

Led by Mary Rogers

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 0 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**.

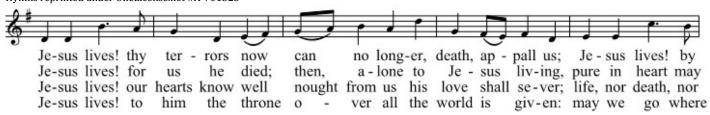
The Offertory

The Celebrant says:

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #195 Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now

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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.

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



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:

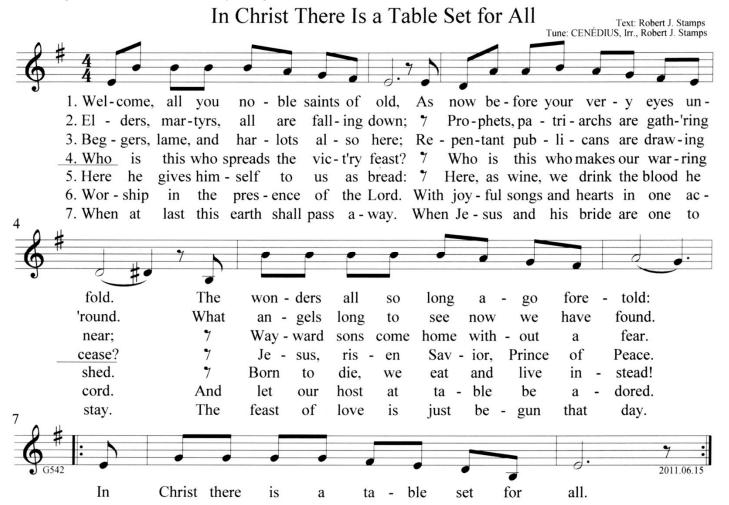
Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live 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.

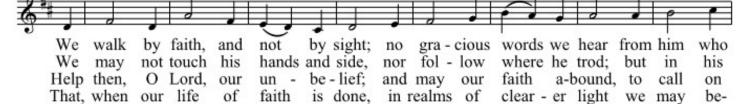
Communion Hymn 1: Gather #542 In Christ There is a Table Set for All

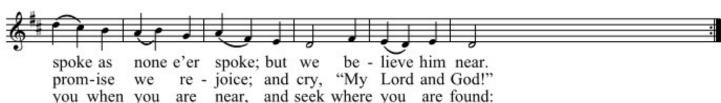
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Communion Hymn 2: Hymnal 1982 #209 We Walk by Faith, and not by Sight

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- hold you as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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: Hymnal 1982 #594 God of Grace and God of Glory

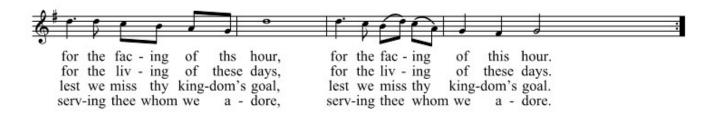
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God of grace and God of glo-ry, on thy peo-ple pour thy power; crown thine an-cient Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as-sail his ways! From the fears that Cure thy chil-dren's war-ring mad-ness, bend our pride to thy con-trol; shame our wan-ton, Save us from weak res-ig-na-tion to the e-vils we de-plore; let the gift of



Chur-ch's sto - ry; bring her bud to long have bound us free our hearts to self - ish glad-ness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry glo-rious flower. Grant us wis-dom grand us cour-age, faith and praise: grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, the cour-age wis-dom, grant us cour-age, Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, the cour-age wis-dom, grant us cour-age, grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, the cour-age wis-dom, grant us cour-age, grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, the cour-age wis-dom, grant us cour-age, grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, the cour-age wis-dom, grant us cour-age, grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, grant us



The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *God of Grace and God of Glory* by John Hughes (1873-1932), arr. Ken Medena (b. 1943)