

The Sunday after the Ascension

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The Seventh Sunday of Eastertide: A Service of Holy Eucharist

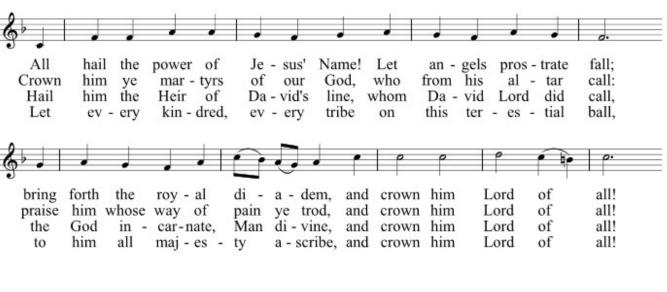
Welcome to St. George's! If you are new or visiting, we are especially glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet has the prayers and hymns needed for your participation in today's service. Wherever you are in your journey, know that you are welcome here.

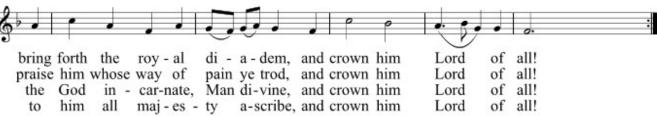
Prelude: VI. "Venetian Boat Song" from Songs Without Words Op.30

Music: Felix Mendelssohn

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #450 All hail the power of Jesus' Name verses 1-3, 6

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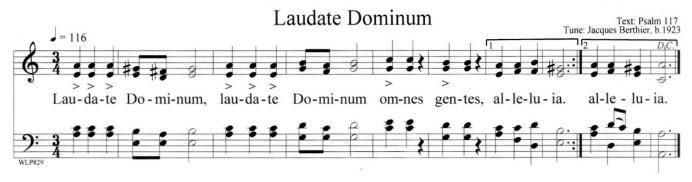
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 (Praise the Lord, all you peoples)

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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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Mother's Day Prayer

Adapted from a prayer by the Rev. Leslie Nipps, from Women's Uncommon Prayers

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. We pray for all the mothers among us today, and we pray for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away. We pray for the mothers who loved us unconditionally and for those who fell short of loving us as fully as we needed to be loved.

We pray for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has not been realized; We pray for all mothers who have lost children.

We pray for women, men, and all people who have mothered others in any way – those who have been mother to us and we who have done so for those in need:

and we pray for the earth that bore us and provides us with our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. Amen.

The people may be seated.

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Psalm 47

Clap your hands all you peoples:

cry out to God with shouts of joy.

For the Lord most high is to be feared:

and is the great sovereign over all the earth.

The Lord has subdued the peoples under us:

and the nations under our feet.

The Lord chose a land to be our heritage:

it is the pride of Jacob whom God loves.

God has gone up with shouts of triumph:

the Lord has gone up with a fanfare of trumpets.

Sing praises, sing praises to God:

sing praises, sing praises to our king.

For God is the king of all the earth:

sing praises with your utmost skill.

God reigns over the nations:

God is seated on a holy throne.

The princes of the nations assemble:

with the people of the God of Abraham.

For the mighty ones of the earth have become the servants of God:

the Lord is exalted over all.

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 #482 Lord of All Hopefulness

Words: Jim Struther (1901-1953). Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church hymnary*, 1927. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 24:44-53

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with youthat everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Sermon: Mildred Reyes, TSSF

Creed: I Believe, I Do Believe, Truly I Believe It

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The Prayers of the People

Written by St. George's Teen Confirmation Class - Caleb Matson, Anna Coon, and Nate Charlton.

Let us pray for all people, the church, our communities, and the world.

Holy and Living One, we pray for those who serve you with whole and open hearts. Grant us the strength and courage to know and serve you unconditionally as you do us. In all that we say and do: **We offer our prayers and hearts to you.**

Holy and Living One, we pray for the people of this nation and every nation across this earth. We thank you for valiantly guarding them and their families. We pray for their safety in these trying times of conflict, that no matter where they may be your grace and love protect them. In all that we say and do: **We offer our prayers and hearts to you.**

Gracious and Merciful God, we pray for forgiveness. Forgive us for trespassing against ourselves and others, and assist us in the opening of our hearts to you and to those around us. Please forgive those bringing violence and war, and open their hearts to you. In all that we say and do: **We offer our prayers and hearts to you.**

Almighty and Gracious God, we ask that you watch over and care for those who don't have a roof to sleep under tonight and for those whose stomachs are empty. Please show them your love in these challenging times. In all that we say and do: **We offer our prayers and hearts to you.**

Loving God, we ask that you bring hope and care to those in pain, those who suffer, and those in need of your saving grace, including those on our parish prayer list and those we name before you now: *The people may add their own petitions.* In all that we say and do: **We offer our prayers and hearts to you.**

Holy, Understanding, and Selfless God, we pray for those in our communities who may be struggling with substance abuse, that they receive the help they need. Please care for and watch out for anyone inflicting harm on themselves. Help them in loving themselves as you love them. In all that we say and do: **We offer our prayers and hearts to you.**

Great and Powerful God, we humbly request that you look after the departed in our community and across the world, including those we name before you now: *The people may add their own petitions*. May you also give strength to the families of their loved ones so that they may keep their loving memories alive. In all that we say and do: **We offer our prayers and hearts to you.**

We thank you God and praise you for your goodness and all that you bless us with. *The people may add their own thanksgivings.* Thank you for our family and friends and this congregation gathered here today. In all that we say and do: **We offer our prayers and hearts to you.**

In the name of God in whom we live and move and have our being, Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Risen Christ 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.**

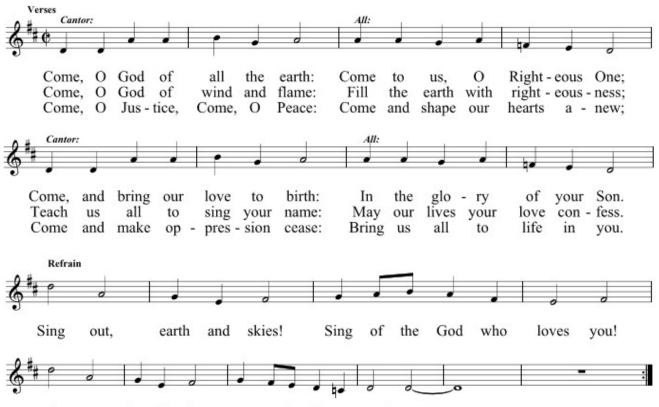
The Offertory

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, or donate via Zelle to donations@stgeorgesglenndale.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 Hymn: Gather #337 Sing Out, Earth and Skies Verses 1, 2 and 5

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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.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. We praise you for the resurrection of your Son, who is the true Paschal Lamb. For by his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus: S 130 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Setting: from Deutsch Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1787-1828). Arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



The Celebrant continues:

You are holy, O God of majesty, and to you we give thanks and praise for Jesus our Risen Lord, who breathes on us with the gift of the Spirit and the power of forgiveness, and comes among us to walk with us and to eat with us.

Jesus is the good shepherd who taught us to love one another even as he has loved us, and who laid down his own life in love for the world.

And so we thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said, "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Teach us to love, not only in word or in speech, but in truth and action also. Show us how to love one another, and to serve each other, so that Christ will abide in us, and we may abide in him. Fill us with your perfect love that casts out all fear, and draw us together into the body of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator, in voices of unending praise:

Blessed are you, now and forever. 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. After a time of silence, all sing together

Fraction Hymn: Enriching Our Music #37 Alleluia. Christ our Passover

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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

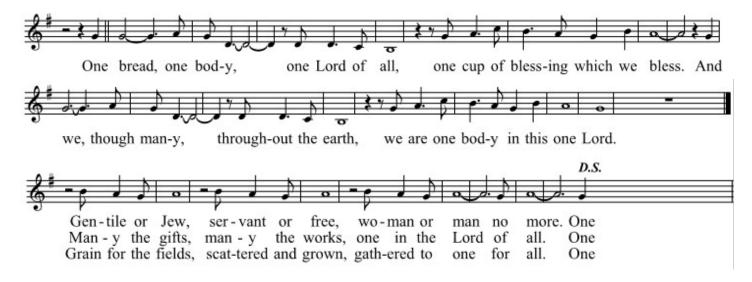
Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.

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.



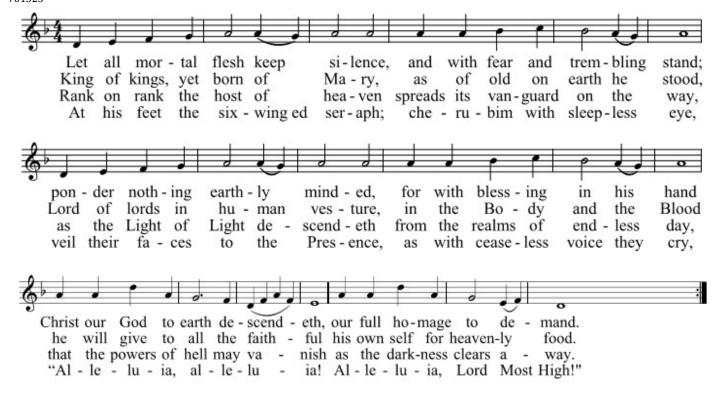
Communion Hymn 1: LEVAS #151 One Bread, One Body

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Communion Hymn 2: Hymnal 1982 #324 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Words: Liturgy of Saint James para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885) Music: Picardy 17th century French carol. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray: Holy and gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the bread of life, and sustaining us with the presence of the Risen Christ. Grant that we who have gathered together this season of Resurrection will go out as people of hope and new life to love kindness, do justice, and walk humbly with you. Make us glad to share the good news that Christ is risen; for he is alive and reigns with you, forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

The Blessing

May God our Creator renew in you the creative Spirit that brings healing and life to our world. **Amen.**

May Jesus the Risen Christ, uphold you in grace and love. Amen.

May the Holy Spirit fill you with courage to be bearers of God's song of hope in the world. **Amen.** And may the blessing of God be with you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #544 Jesus Shall Reign

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Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc - ces - sive jour-nevs run; To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es throng to crown his head. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his love with sweet-est song; Bless-ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns the pris-oners leap to lose their chains, Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar hon - ors to King:



his king-dom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more His Name like sweet per - fume shall rise with ev - ery morn-ing sac - ri - fice. and in - fant voic - es shall pro-claim their ear - ly bless-ings on his Name. the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest. an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: "Fly Me To The Moon"

Music: Bart Howard / Jacob Koller