



**The Season After Pentecost**  
**St. George's Church † Glenn Dale, Maryland**  
**The Episcopal Diocese of Washington**  
***The Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost***  
***November 15, 2020***

*Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet has everything you need to fully participate in today's worship service, including scripture readings as well as prayers and music.*

**Prelude: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* arr. Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)**

**Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #680 *O God, Our Help In Ages Past***

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O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
Un - der the sha-dow of thy throne, thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
A thou-sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve-ning gone;  
Time, like an ev - er roll-ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



our shel-ter from the storm-y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de-fense is sure.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o-pening day.

***Celebrant:*** We enter into your presence O Holy One, we who hunger for life:

***People:*** For it is you O God who nourishes us at the table of grace.

***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: Hymnal 1982 S280 Sung by St. George's Virtual Choir

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-



- might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our



prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-y One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most



High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray together the Collect of the day: **Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### A Prayer For This Time

O God, our hope and our strength, we pray that you be present with us this day. Remind us that you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to engage with one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect. Grant to those in distress mercy, relief, and refreshment, and grant us, in the midst of uncertainty, the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit that in your light we may see light, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** *Read by Lydia Murray*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

**Psalm 90: 1-12**

Lord you have been our refuge; **from one generation to another.**

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were made;

**you are God, from age to age everlasting.**

You turn humanity back into dust; **Saying, 'Return to dust you children of mortals.'**

For a thousand years in your sight are only as yesterday;

**as it were but a day that is past.**

As a night-watch that comes quickly to an end you scatter them;

**they fade like a dream at daybreak.**

They are like the grass which in the morning is green;

**but in the evening is dried up and withered.**

For we consume away in your anger; **and are terrified by your wrath...**

You set our misdeeds before you: **our secret sins in the light of your face.**

All our days pass away under your anger; **we bring our years to an end as it were a sigh.**

The span of our life is seventy years, though the strong may come to eighty;

**yet all years bring is labor and sorrow, so soon we pass away and we are gone.**

But who understands the power of your wrath;

**or who considers the fierceness of your anger?**

Teach us to know how few are our days; **that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

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

**Matthew 25:14-30**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your

master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

**The Sermon:      The Rev. Connie Reinhardt**

### **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Led by Terry Doyle*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially for the more than 239,000 lives lost to the pandemic in our country and for those around the globe who have died, now over 1.2 million. We pray that your will for them may be fulfilled; that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

## **The Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant:* Now let us confess our sins to God. *Silence is kept.*

**People:** **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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 Offertory

*The Celebrant says*

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

*Traditionally this would be the time for the basket to be passed to receive financial donations from those worshipping in person. For safety reasons, that practice has changed. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible. You can use your phone to text [stgeodragon](text:stgeodragon) to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to [www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give](http://www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give). If your bank offers Zelle, you can use your banking app to send a donation via Zelle to [donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net](mailto:donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net).*

### Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #490 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

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I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol-low Je - sus. God set the  
I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at Je - sus. Clear sun of  
I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with Je - sus. When we have



stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
righteous-ness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa-ther.  
run with pa-tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## 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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

O God of blessing, we thank you always for making us in your image to serve the peace of all creation. You shared your name with our ancestors: Sarah and Abraham, who left their home and became a blessing to all nations; Moses and Miriam, who went through sea and wilderness to the place of revelation; Deborah and Samson, who gave hope and justice to a people ruled by fear; Ruth and Jonah, who went to foreign soil and found a God who loves the stranger.

From our ancestors in faith came Jesus, the son of promise, to fulfill the law, embody your love, and draw all people to himself.

**He accepted death to break its fearful hold; he was raised to new life to share it in abundance; he comes again to break the bread of justice and pour the wine of hope.**

Therefore, with all the people whose story you have shaped, O Holy One, with people of faith in every part of the world, we glory in your generous love and sing in praise of you:

***Hymnal 1982 S 128 Sanctus***

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The Celebrant continues:*

Holy One, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your Son Jesus to be our Savior. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to the prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. In love for us and for you he gave himself up to death, and rising from the grave he destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And so we remember that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Jesus 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."

Great then is the mystery of faith:

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

And now, we pray you to send your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, 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.

**Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time, gather us from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.**

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

**Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant 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 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. 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 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: *Do not Be Afraid* by Bernard Sexton**

Refrain:

Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid. God is always  
by your side. Do not be afraid

1. The one who dwells in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abides in the Almighty's shade,  
says to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock, my God in  
whom I trust." [Refrain]

2. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor  
the arrow that flies by day. His angels guard you  
at his command, keep you in all your ways.  
[Refrain]

3. Though mountains fall to the depths of the sea,  
though the waters may rage and foam,  
the Lord of hosts is always there, Jacob's God, our  
stronghold. [Refrain]

4. One thing I ask, for this I long: To live in the  
house of the Lord,  
and dwell with him all the days of my life, where  
he shall keep me safe.

### **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Let us pray: **Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this gathering, this bread and this wine. May they strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may embody your desire for justice and be renewed for your service to others, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **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: New Century Hymnal #610 *My Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

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My eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord,  
God has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall ne - ver call re - treat;  
In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



who is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored,  
and is sift - ing out the hearts of all be - fore the judg - ment seat;  
with a glo - ry in whose bo - som that trans - fig - ures you and me;



And has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of a ter - ri - ble swift sword; God's  
O be swift, my soul, to an - swer and be ju - bi - lant, my feet! Our  
As Christ died to make us ho - ly, let us die to make all free; While



truth is march - ing on.                      Glo - ry glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!                      Glo - ry glo - ry, hal - le -  
God is march - ing on.  
God is march - ing on.



- lu - jah!                      Glo - ry glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!                      God's truth is march - ing on.

### Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth into the world to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God and our neighbor.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Postlude:** *We're Marching to Zion* arr. Anna Laura Page