

The Season After Pentecost

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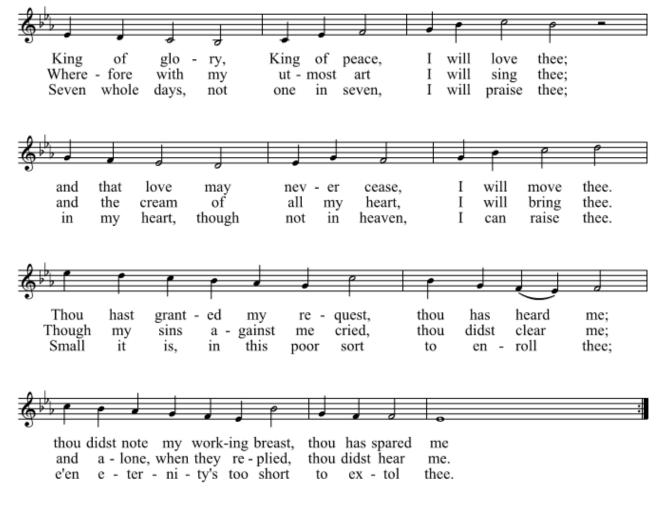
The Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Christ the King November 22, 2020

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: The King of Love My Shepherd Is arr. Penny Rodriguez

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #382 King of Glory

Words. George Herbert. Music: General Seminary, David Charles Walker. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



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 Robert Powell Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323 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 12 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: **Almighty and everlasting God, whose** will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we give you thanks and praise for this harvest time of gathering in of the fruits of the earth, and for all the other blessings your merciful providence has bestowed upon this nation and people. We offer our thanks for life and health and safety, for strength to work and

leisure to rest, for all that is beautiful in creation and in human life. We pray that we may walk before you in humility, holiness, and obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all glory and honor, world without end. **Amen.**

Ephesians 1:15-23

Read by Dan Ryan

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.

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

Psalm 100

Cry out with joy to the Lord all the earth:

worship with gladness, and enter the Lord's presence with songs of joy.

Know that the Lord is God, our maker, whose people we are:

the flock which the Lord our God shepherds.

Enter the gates of the temple with thanksgiving, and go into its courts with praise:

give thanks and bless God's holy name.

For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting:

and whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Matthew. Glory to you, Lord Christ. Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,

naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Todd Thomas

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 PeopleLed by Carolyn Lassiter

Let us give thanks to God, for all of the gifts our Creator freely bestows upon us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea. **We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of all people, revealing the image of Christ, **We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends and loved ones, **We thank you, Lord.**

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve, **We thank you, Lord.**

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity, **We thank you, Lord.**

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

We pray for all who have died, including the more than 250,000 lives lost to the pandemic in our country and for those around the globe who have died, now over 1.3 million.

Be present with them, O Lord.

We pray for all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those who are sick and suffering, those out of work or suffering financial hardship, and for health care workers who serve with such strength and courage. We also pray for those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name before you now.

Be present with them, O Lord.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for other blessings of this life.

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with you, O God and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. 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 to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to 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. Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's.

Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #494 Crown Him With Many Crowns

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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.

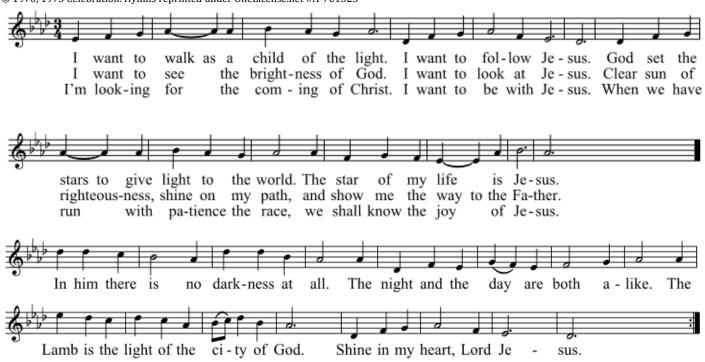
The Celebrant continues

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:

Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #490 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* © 1970, 1975 Celebration. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



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 Hymn: Wonder Love & Praise #802 Cuando el pobre nada tiene/When the poor one who has nothing

Spanish verses

1. Cuando el pobre nada tiene y aun reparte, cuando alguien pasa sed y agua nos da, cuando el débil a su hermano fortalece, va Dios mismo en nuestro mismo caminar. Va Dios mismo en nuestro mismo caminar.

2. Cuando alguien sufre y logra su consuelo, cuando espera y no se cansa de esperar, cuando amamos, aunque el odio nos rodee, va Dios mismo en nuestro mismo caminar. Va Dios mismo en nuestro mismo caminar.

English verses

1. When a poor one who has nothing shares with strangers, when the thirsty water give unto us all, when the cripples in their weakness strengthen others. Then we know that God still goes that road with us. Then we know that God still goes that road with us.

2. When at last all those who suffer find their comfort, when they hope through even hope seems hopelessness, when we love though hate at times seems all around us.

Then we know that God still goes that road with us. Then we know that God still goes that road with us.

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: LEVAS #14 Soon and Very Soon

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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: Come, Thou Almighty King arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)