

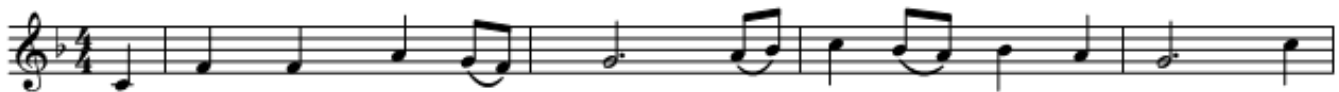
The Season After Pentecost
St. George's Church † Glenn Dale, Maryland
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington
The Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2020

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 the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953), quoting "Moonlight" Sonata by Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827).

Opening Hymn: New Century Hymnal #588 *Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

Words: June Parker Huber. Tune: St. Thomas Aaron Williams *New Universal Psalmodist*, 1770. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Let jus - tice flow like streams of spark - ling wa - ter, pure, En -
Let right - eous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed, An
So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our meas - ure true, And



- a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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: **Holy God, whose fire of love never goes out: free us from the fear of scarcity that keeps us out of love's own feast, and renew our trust in your abundance which knows no death and keeps no count; through Jesus Christ, the oil of gladness. 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. May the Spirit of wisdom save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Amos 5:18-24*Read by Jay Tobias*

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.

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

Psalm 70

O God be pleased to deliver me; **make haste O Lord to help me.**

Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confusion;

let those who desire my hurt be turned back and brought to dishonor.

Let those who mock at my humiliation, **be appalled at their own disgrace...**

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

and let those who long for your saving help say always, "God is great!

As for me, I am poor and needy; **come quickly, O God to my aid.**

You are my helper and my deliverer; **O Lord make no delay.**

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

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 Ingrid Charlton

In this challenging time in our life together, in our country, and in our world, we pray to you O Holy One, and we offer our thanks and praise even as we ask you for strength and courage for the days ahead.

Holy One, we thank you for your gifts in creation: for the beauty of the earth, for the changing seasons and the blessings of harvest, and for the bounty your good earth provides. We pray for your wisdom and courage to care for your creation and preserve its resources for generations yet to come. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for science, for knowledge, and for the wisdom that is available to us. We pray that we have the fortitude to be vigilant, attentive, and proactive in the face of the coronavirus, and act not only for ourselves, but for the good of others.

O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gift of your church. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the community of St. George's.

O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for leaders who truly care for your people. We ask that all leaders of nations, including our own, may speak the truth, lead with compassion, and act with justice.

O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for all who are working for racial justice in our country. We pray that you inspire us to action. May we who believe in freedom never rest until it comes for all people. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for the opportunity to serve you by serving others. We pray for the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School, for the homeless guests of the Warm Nights program, and for all those in need, especially those who are poor, those who are hungry, and those who are out of work.

O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for all of the gifts of our lives. We pray that we may live always in gratitude to you. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we pray for all who have died, and for all who mourn. We pray as well for the more than 236,000 lives lost to the pandemic in our country and for those around the globe who have died, now over 1.2 million.

O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

We offer our prayers to you, Living God, in whom we live and move and have our being.
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. 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 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: Wonder Love & Praise #721 *Signs of Ending All Around Us*

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Signs of end - ings all a - round us - dark - ness, death, and win - ter days -
Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?
Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.



shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.
Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?
Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.



Come, O³ Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:
Let your pro - mised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;



Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.
Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

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

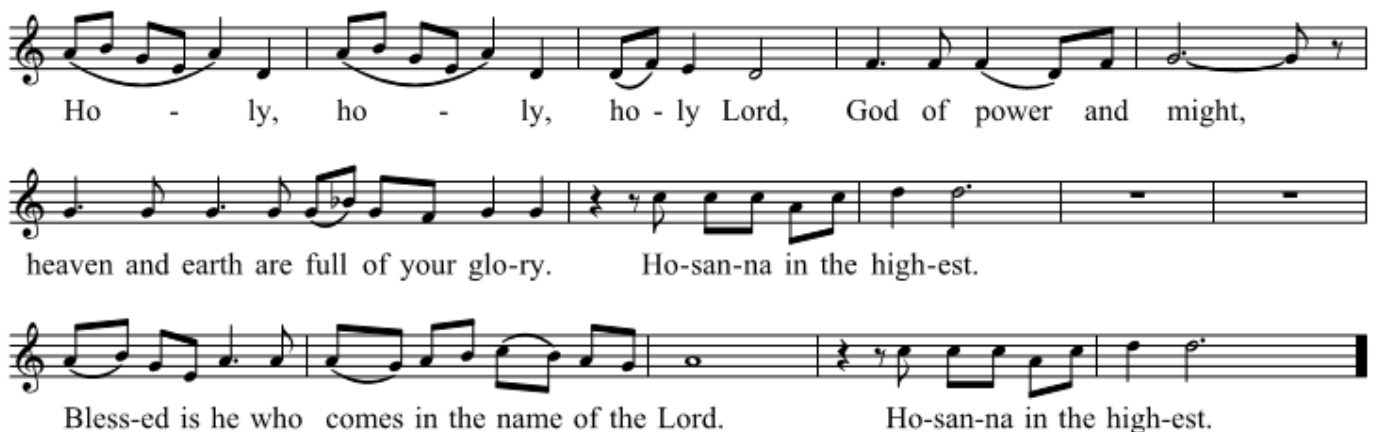
O God of blessing, we thank you always for making us in your image to serve the peace of all creation. You shared your name with our ancestors: Sarah and Abraham, who left their home and became a blessing to all nations; Moses and Miriam, who went through sea and wilderness to the place of revelation; 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: *My Lord, What a Morning* arr. Burleigh

*My Lord, what a mornin', My Lord, what a mornin',
Oh my Lord what a mornin',
when the stars begin to fall, when the stars
begin to fall.*

*My Lord, what a mornin', My Lord, what a mornin',
Oh my Lord what a mornin',
when the stars begin to fall, when the stars
begin to fall.*

*Done quit all my worldly ways, join that
heavenly band?
Done quit all my worldly ways, join that
heavenly band. Oh!*

*My Lord, what a mornin', My Lord, what a mornin',
Oh my Lord what a mornin',
When the stars begin to fall.*

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.**



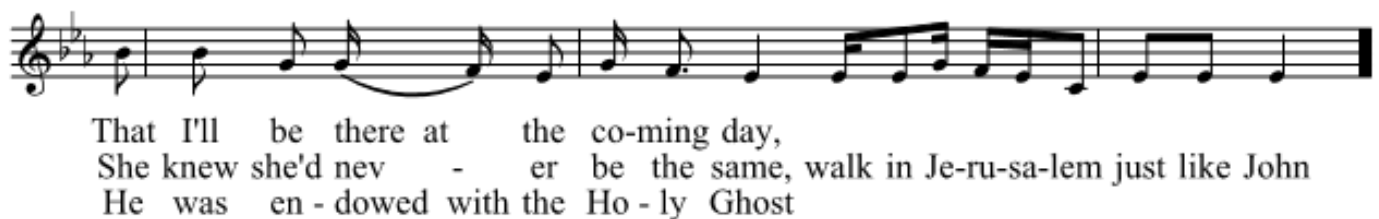
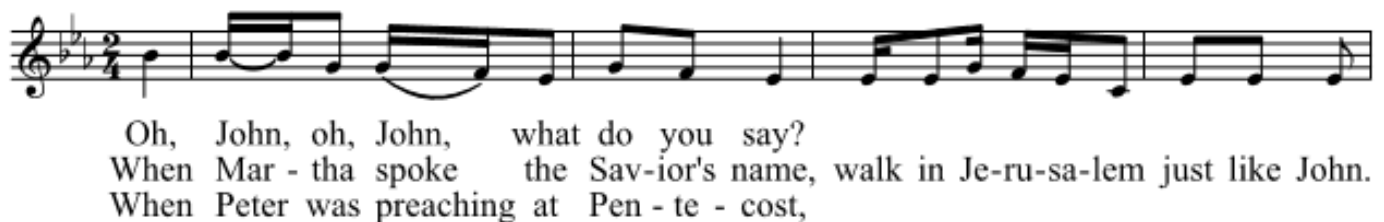
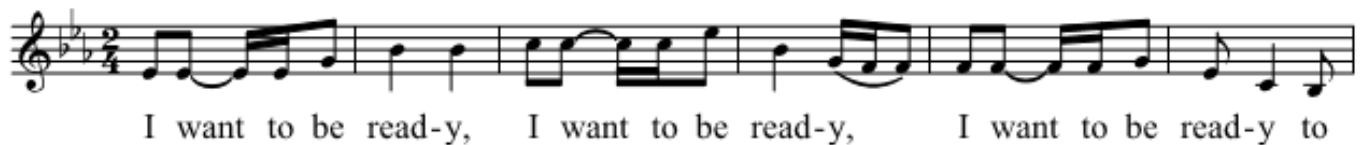
The Blessing

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 #616 *I Want to Be Ready*

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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: *The Church's One Foundation* arr. Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)