



The Twenty-Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost
Stewardship Ingathering
St. George's Church
Glenn Dale Parish
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington
November 12, 2023

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #68 *Rejoice! Rejoice Believers*

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722) Tr. Sarah B Findlater (1823-1907).

Music: *Llangloffan* from *Hymnau a Thomas Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear! The eve - ning is ad -
See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - plen - ish them with oil; look now for your sal -
Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear; A - rise, thou Sun so



- vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near. The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and
- va - tion, the end of sin and toil. The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the
longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere! With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we



soon he will draw nigh; up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
gates wide o - pen stand; Rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

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 the Collect for Purity: 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: A Song of Praise Wonder, Love, and Praise #886 (Sung 3 times)

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Glo-ry to you, O Lord, glo-ry to you, O Lord, you are wor-thy of praise.

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: **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; renew your trust in your abundance which knows no death and keeps no count; through Jesus Christ, the oil of gladness. Amen.**

Collect for Stewardship

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, we know that all we have is received from your hand. You call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, that we may take the next faithful step in our giving. May our faithful stewardship be a witness to the love God in our lives, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people may be seated

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78

Give heed to my teaching, O my people:

turn your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable:

I will reveal the hidden meanings of things in the past,

Things we have heard and known:

and such as our forbears have told us.

We will not hide them from their children,

but declare to the next generation:

your glories O Lord and your might,

and the wonders that you have done,

The testimony that you gave to Jacob, and the law you appointed in Israel:

which you commanded them to teach their children,

That their posterity might know it, the children yet unborn:

and these in turn should arise and tell their children,

That they should put their trust in you: and not forget your great acts,

but keep all your commandments,

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: Levas #4 *Better Be Ready*

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read-y to try on your long white robe!

1. Oh! Rise up children get your crown,
And by your Savior's side sit down.
2. What a glorious morning that will be,
Our friends and Jesus we shall see.
3. O shout you Christians, you're gaining ground,
We'll shout old Satan's kingdom down.
4. I soon shall reach that golden shore.
And sings the songs we sang before.

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

People: **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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. **People:** **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

The Creed *We Believe in God Our Creator*

Words: Nicene Creed para. Terry Doyle, TSSF. Music: 17th Century French Carol, *Picardy*;

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We be - lieve in God our Cre - a - tor, mak - ing ev - 'ry u - ni - verse,
We be - lieve in Christ our Re - deem - er, God from God and love from love,
Christ now con - quers death on the third day, and as - cends to God's holy throne,
We be - lieve in God's Ho - ly Spi - rit, Breath of life sus - tain - ing Earth.
We are sim - ple, bro - ken peo - ple, gath - ered in one church and made whole.



who was and will be for - e - ver, source of all that live and breathe.
one in be - ing with the Cre - a - tor, and the Spir - it three in one.
God tri - une now rules for all time as the course of stars will run.
For the Spir - it groans in la - bor as cre - a - tion gives new birth.
One with seek - ers, saints, and sin - ners, bap - tized in God's mer - cy and love.



All things vis - i - ble, and all that is un - seen come to be through God the One.
Je - sus born of Ma - ry from the Spir - it formed, shared our flesh and died our death.
Christ now comes a - gain as judge of all on Earth, re - con - cil - ing all to God.
And God's Spir - it now re - news all life on Earth, in God's end - less flow - ing love.
As God's lov - ing kind - ness knows no hu - man bounds, be - yond death we're raised to new life.

Prayers of the People

Holy One, our loving Creator and Giver of all good gifts, we ask that you bless our parish with the strength and courage to take the next faithful step that you lay out for us, so that we may give generously of our time, talent and treasure in service to you. We pray that you enable our hearts be open to behold your grace and respond in gratitude always. We pray, saying: **We give you our thanks for all the blessings you bestow.**

Holy One, we thank you for your gifts in creation: for the beauty of the earth, for the changing seasons that bring 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. We pray, saying: **We give you our thanks for all the blessings you bestow.**

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 for the people of St. George's, that we may be faithful in all we do. We pray, saying: **We give you our thanks for all the blessings you bestow.**

Holy One, we thank you for those who lead in grace and courage, and we pray that all leaders of nations may speak the truth, lead with compassion, and act with justice. We pray, saying: **We give you our thanks for all the blessings you bestow.**

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, and for all those who are served by the Bowie Food Pantry and the Warm Nights homeless shelter. We pray for all who are poor, and those who are hungry. We pray, saying: **We give you our thanks for all the blessings you bestow.**

Holy One, we pray for those on our parish prayer list and those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We give you praise and thanks for your loving care. We pray, saying: **we give you our thanks for all the blessings you bestow.**

Holy One, we thank you for all those who have gone before us. As we pray for those who have died and those who mourn, we ask you to surround them with your unceasing love and holy comfort. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray, saying: **We give you our thanks for all the blessings you bestow.**

Holy One, we thank you for all the gifts of our lives. We are grateful for the joy of special occasions and the goodness you shower upon our community. We pray in gratitude for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for all your blessings. We pray, saying: **We give you our thanks for all the blessings you bestow.**

We offer our prayers to you, Living God, in whom we live and move and have our being. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Now let us confess our sins to God.

After a time of silence, all pray together: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. 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.**

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.**

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

God of peace, we pray for the people of Israel, Palestine and Gaza in this heartbreaking and dangerous time. We pray for all who are in harm's way and for all who are fearful for the safety of their loved ones and themselves. For all who are wounded, we pray they find healing; for all who have died, we pray they find rest; for all who grieve, we pray they find comfort; for leaders of nations and peoples, we pray for wisdom, discernment, and acknowledgement of our common humanity. God of mercy and justice, we pray that your beloved children of the Holy Land will be spared a future of sustained violence and unrest and that a recognition of the humanity of all people will prevail. We ask all this in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

The Offertory

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing 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. We encourage you to give electronically; you can text stgeodragon to 73256. (Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.) Or just use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give. You may also donate via Zelle to donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org. or Cash App to send your donation to \$StGeorgesGlennDale

Offertory Hymn: Hymnal #436 *Lift up your heads*

Words: Georg Weissel (1596-1635). Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). Music: *Truro*, from *Psalmody Evangelica Paart II*(1789).



Lift up your heads, ye might-y gates; be - hold the King of glo - ry waits! The
O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the ru - ler is con-fessed! O
Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a tem - ple set a - part from
Re - deem - er come! I o - pen wide my heart to thee: here Lord, a - bid! Let
So, come my Sov-ereign; en - ter in! Let new and no - bler life be - gin; thy



King of kings is draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
hap - py hearts and hap - py homes to whom this King of tri-umph comes!
earth-ly use for heaven's em - ploy, a-dorned with prayer and love and joy.
me thy in - ner pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
Ho - ly Spi - rit guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

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 to give unceasing thanks and boundless praise to you, Holy God, ruler of the universe and giver of life. You brought the world into being and declared it good; you made humankind in your image, and entrusted to us the stewardship of all creation.

Despite our failings you showed us mercy. Through your law and the voices of prophets and poets, you called us to faithfulness and justice. You commanded us to remember the poor and the needy, the orphan and the stranger. With infinite generosity you forgave us as we followed selfish goals and ignored your words of love. Never abandoning us to our sinfulness, you came among us and showed us the path of life.

Therefore we praise you, joining the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing:

Sanctus: *Santo, Santo, Santo Wonder, Love and Praise #785*

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Music: Unknown composer

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do ra! Mi
In God's name is com-ing the One whom we call bles-sed. Ho-

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cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: "San - to e - res Se - ñor."
san - na in the high - - - est. Praise and thanks to God.

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Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. Your word of peace has been active from the beginning; your justice has sought incarnation in every age. In the fullness of time you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive your Son through the power of your Holy Spirit.

Expecting his birth she sang of your purpose: The mighty shall be cast down and the humble lifted up; the promise of mercy to Abraham and Sarah and all their children shall be fulfilled in the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Glory to you, holy and living God. Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He pronounced the blessedness of peacemakers, all those who are willing to seek first your Kingdom and your righteousness. Jesus yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. We returned violence for his friendship, crucifixion for his self-offering. Yet even this you turned to blessing, and transformed his unjust death into the means of salvation.

Glory to you, holy and living God. Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. Send your Spirit upon us also, and grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness. Through the abiding presence of Christ, empower us to live the gospel of peace and bring reconciliation to the world in his Name.

Glory to you, holy and living God. Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **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 Anthem: Gather #247 May We Be One

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When we eat this bread and drink this cup we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus.



So as we share this feast may we be come, heal-ing and light and peace. May we be one.

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.

Communion Hymn 1: Levas #191 *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

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Why should I feel dis - cour - aged, Why should the shad - ows come,
 "Let not your heart be trou - bled," His ten - der word I hear
 When ev - er I am tempt - ed, When ev - er clouds a - rise,



Why should my heart be lone - ly, And long for heav'n and home; When
 And rest - ing on His good - ness, I lose my doubts and fears, Though
 When songs give place to sigh - ing, When hope with - in me dies, I



Je - sus is my por - tion? My con - stant friend is He; His eye is on the
 by the path He lead - eth, But one step I may see;
 draw the close - er to Him, From care he sets me free;



spar - row, And I know he watch - es me; His eye is on the spar - row, And I



know he watch - es me. I sing be - cause I'm hap - py, I sing be - cause I'm



free; For his eye is on the spar - row, And I know he watch - es me.

Communion Hymn 2: Gather #447 Song of Thanksgiving Verses 2-4

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Love that's free-ly giv - en wants to free-ly be re-cieved. All the love you've poured



on us can hard-ly be be-lieved. And all that we can of - fer you is thanks.



All that we can of - fer you is thanks.



Your care called out a peo - ple; Your love made them your own. You
Our hearts for - got your sto - ry, So your Son be - came its Word and
So now we stand in won - der of all your love has done: to



freed their hearts and calmed their fears and fin-nally brought them home. It's
gave a sign in bread and wine to be sure that we had heard. We
hear your tale and of - fer thanks that we are not a - lone. Just



when our trials are end - ed we most eas - i - ly for - get, but your
tried to kill his mem - 'ry but your love re - fused to die, now
fill us with your Spir - it to make your peo - ple one, so



friend-ship nev - er ceas - es, Your love shows no re - gret.
ev - 'ry time we break this bread love's mean - ing comes a - live.
we can join your sto - ry to the one told through your son.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray: **Holy and Gracious One, with joy we offer thanksgiving for your love as we have experienced it sharing Christ's body in fellowship around this table. As we go forth into the world you have made, we pray that you move our hearts to be generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all creation. Amen.**

Announcements

The Blessing

Celebrant: May God, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour out blessings upon all creation, and upon us God's people, that we may use the gifts God has given us to do justice and bring peace. 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 #208 *We've Come This Far by Faith*

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The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'We've come this far by faith, Lean-ing on the Lord; Trust-ing in his ho-ly'. The second staff continues the lyrics: 'word, He's nev-er failed me yet. O can't turn a-round,'. The third staff is labeled 'Verse 1' and contains the lyrics: 'We've come this far by faith, Don't be dis-cour-aged when trou-ble's in your'. The fourth staff concludes the verse with the lyrics: 'life. He'll bear your bur-dens and move all mis-er-y and strife. That's why we've'. The score includes various musical notations such as triplets, slurs, and a 'D.S.' (Da Capo) marking at the end.

Just the other day I heard someone say
He didn't believe in God's word;
But I can truly say that God had made a way
And he never failed me yet
That's why we've (refrain)

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!