



# The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

## A Celebration of Music

### St. George's Church

Glenn Dale Parish

The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

*November 19, 2023*

*This morning we continue our Sesquicentennial observance with a celebration of music. We sing hymns that have been important in the life of St. George's or that harken back to our history as Anglicans. Each hymn will be given a brief introduction by different members of the congregation. We hope you enjoy!*

### Opening Hymn: LEVAS #184 Blessed Assurance

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Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light! Vis-ions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my sav-ior am hap-py and blest;



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, Born of His spir-it, washed in His blood.  
An-gels de-scend-ing, bring from a-bove Ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
Watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, Filled with His good-ness, lost in His love.

#### *Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my sav-ior all the day long:



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my sav-ior all the day long.

**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: **Gracious One, reaching our need, overcoming our alienation: give us a spirit of gratitude for the abundance of the earth, the wildness of its creatures, the global threads that bind friend and foreigner; may our thanks be the soil in which a dream of justice grows; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. 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.

**2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever."

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 65**

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,  
**O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.**

You make fast the mountains by your power;

**they are girded about with might.**

You still the roaring of the seas,

**the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.**

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;

**you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;

**the river of God is full of water.**

You prepare the grain,

**for so you provide for the earth.**

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;

**with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

You crown the year with your goodness,

**and your paths overflow with plenty.**

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,

**and the hills be clothed with joy.**

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;

**let them shout for joy and sing.**

*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: Gather #205 *Halle, Halle, Halle* (sung four times)

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Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
- lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le-lu - jah!

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

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you Lord Christ.**



## The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

### Sermon Hymn: LEVAS #1 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

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Lift ev-'ry voice and sing, 'Till earth and heav - en ring, Ring with the har - mo -  
Ston-y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast-'ning rod. Felt in the days when  
God of our wear - y years, God of our si - lent tears, Thou who has brought us



- nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re-joic-ing rise High as the list -'ning  
hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead-y beat, Have not our wear-y  
thus far on the way; Thou who has by thy might, Led us in to the



skies, Let it re-sound loud as the roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the  
feet Come to the place for which our Fa - thers sighed? We have come o - ver a  
light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path we pray. Lest our feet stray from the



faith that the dark past has taught us; Sing a song full of the  
way that with tears has been wa - tered; We have come, tread - ing our  
pla - ces, our God, where we met thee; Lest our hearts, drunk with the



hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing  
path through the blood of the slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y  
wine of the world, we for - get thee, Shad - owed be - neath Thy



sun Of our new day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
past, Till now we stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
hand, May we for - ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.



## Affirmation of Faith

**O God, the source of our being and the goal of all our longing, we believe and trust in you. The whole earth is alive with your glory, and all that has life is sustained by you. We commit ourselves to cherish your world, and to seek your face.**

**O God, embodied in a human life, we believe and trust in you. Jesus our brother, born of the woman Mary, you confronted the proud and the powerful, and welcomed as your friends those of no account. Holy Wisdom of God, firstborn of creation, you emptied yourself of power, and became foolishness for our sake. You labored with us upon the cross, and have brought us forth to the hope of resurrection. We commit ourselves to the struggle against evil and to choose life.**

**O God, life-giving Spirit, Spirit of healing and comfort, of integrity and truth, we believe and trust in you. Warm-winged Spirit, brooding over creation, rushing wind and Pentecostal fire, we commit ourselves to work with you and renew our world. Amen.**

## 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.**

### **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**

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 72356. (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](http://www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give). You may also donate via Zelle to [donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org](mailto:donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org). or Cash App to send your donation to \$StGeorgesGlennDale*

## **Offertory Anthem: John Rutter *For the Beauty of the Earth***

*For the beauty of the earth  
For the beauty of the skies  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies*

*Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise*

*For the beauty of the hour  
Of the day and of the night  
Hill and vale and tree and flower  
Sun and moon and stars of light  
Refrain*

*For the joy of human love  
Brother, sister, parent, child  
Friends on earth and friends above  
For all gentle thoughts and mild  
For all gentle thoughts and mild  
Refrain*



## **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.

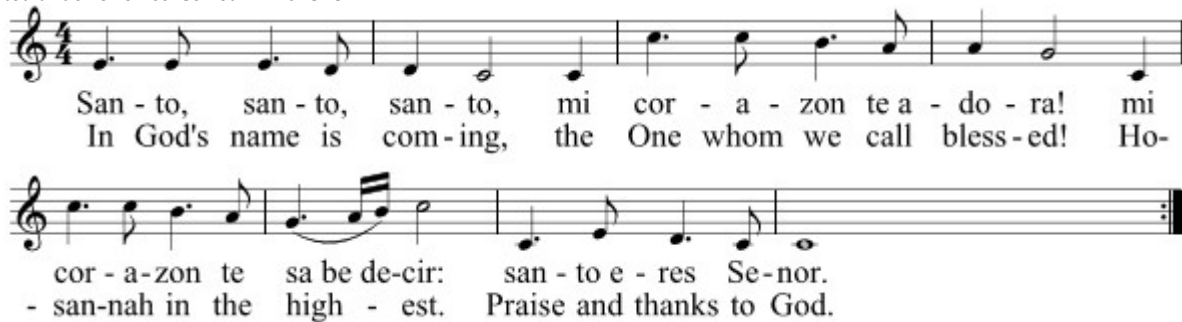
Despite our failings you showed us mercy. Through your law and the voices of prophets and poets, you called us to faithfulness and justice. You commanded us to remember the poor and the needy, the orphan and the stranger. With infinite generosity you forgave us as we followed selfish goals and ignored 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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San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! mi  
In God's name is com-ing, the One whom we call bless-ed! Ho-

cor - a - zon te sa be de-cir: san - to e - res Se-nor.  
- san-nah in the high - est. Praise and thanks to God.

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, 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. And 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. 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.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine, please indicate this to the Celebrant by crossing your arms in front of your chest*


### Communion Hymn: Gather #585 *Let Us Be Bread*

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Refrain




Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and shared, life for the world.

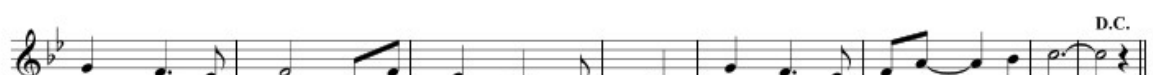


Let us be wine, love free-ly poured. Let us be one in the Lord.


1. I am the bread of life, bro-ken for all Eat now and hun-ger no more. D.C.



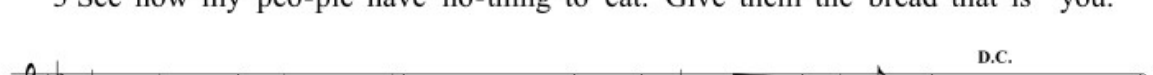
2. You are my friends if you keep my com-mands, no long-er ser-vants but friends. D.C.



3 See how my peo-ple have no-thing to eat. Give them the bread that is you. D.C.



4 As God has loved me so I have loved you. Go and live on in my love. D.C.



## Communion Hymn 2: God Save the King

Words: Anonymous 18<sup>th</sup> century. Music: America from *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1745, Hymnal 1982 #717 *My Country 'Tis of Thee*  
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God save our gra-cious King, long live our no - ble King, God save the King. Send him vic-  
Thy choic-est gifts in store on him be pleased to pour, long may he reign. May he de-



- tor - i - ous, hap-py and glor - i - ous, long to reign o - ver us: God save the King.  
- fend our laws, and ev - er give us cause to sing with heart and voice, God save the King.

## 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: Gather #485 *City of God*

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A-wake from your slum-ber! A-rise from your sleep! A new day is dawn-ing




for all those who weep. The peo-ple in dark-ness have seen a great light.




The Lord of our long-ing has con-quired the night.

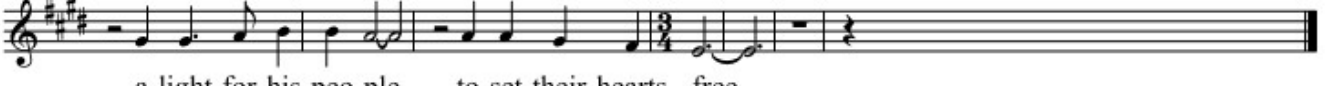
Verse 2



We are sons of the morn-ing; we are daugh-ters of day. The one who has loved us




has bright-ened our way. The Lord of all kind-ness has called us to be




a light for his peo-ple to set their hearts free.

Refrain

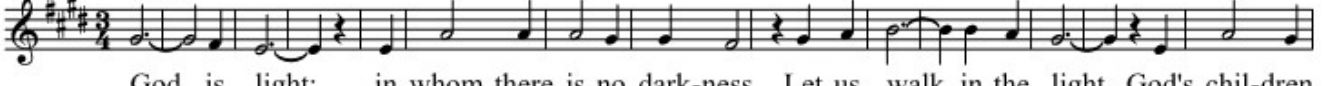


Let us build the cit-y of God. May our tears be turned in-to danc-ing! For the

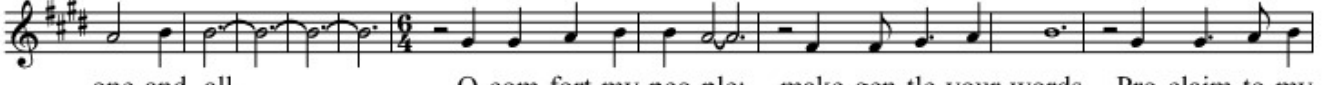


Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night in-to day.

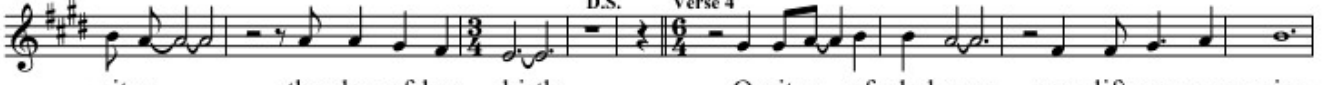
Verse 3




God is light; in whom there is no dark-ness. Let us walk in the light, God's chil-dren,



one and all. O com-fort my peo-ple; make gen-tle your words. Pro-claim to my



cit-y the day of her birth. **D.S.** Verse 4 O cit-y of glad-ness, now lift up your voice.



Pro-claim the good tid-ings that all my re - joice! **D.S.**

## The Dismissal

**Celebrant:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

*The celebration of music at St. George's continues each week as we sing from not only Hymnal 1982, Gather, and Lift Every Voice and Sing but also My Heart Sings Out, Wonder Love and Praise, New Century Hymnal, and Voices Found, other main hymnals in us at services. Each of these offer diversity and breadth and depth to as we lift our voices in praise of God worshipping in song and music.*

*Many thanks to the members of our choir who lead us each week and our music director Keng Siong Sim as well as those behind the scenes who help bring the music to our service booklets each week.*