

## The Last Sunday after Pentecost Christ the King

## St. George's Church

Glenn Dale Parish
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington
November 26, 2023

#### Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #494 Crown him with many crowns

Wors: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894). Music Diademata, George Job Elvery (1816-1893). Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up his throne; Hark! on the Son of God be - fore Crown him the worlds be - gan, the Lord of life. who tri-umphed o'er grave, Crown him the and of lords the Lord, who Crown him o - ver all doth reign, who Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; crown



an - them drowns all how the heaven - ly mu - sic but own: ve, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who strife for those he rose vic - to - rious in the came to save: his once on earth the in - car - nate Word, for ran-somed sin-ners slain, now him the King, to whom is giv'n, the won-drous name of Love. Crown



wake my sing of him who died thee. soul, and for and hath ev - 'ry grief known that wrings the hu - man breast. and glo - ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high, who lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their be - fore him with man - y crowns, as thrones him fall, crown



hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty. takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest. died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die. songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re-deem - er King. him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

*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.

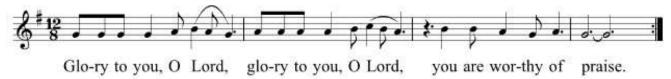
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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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## 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: You who are, who were, who are to come, before whose judgement all fades away that is not love: save us from the violence that seeks to claim our hearts so we might hear a different voice and belong to you in truth, through Jesus Christ, the wounded king of all. Amen.

The people may be seated

#### Ezekiel 34:11-16

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

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

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.

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 #364 Laudate Dominum

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

People: 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.'

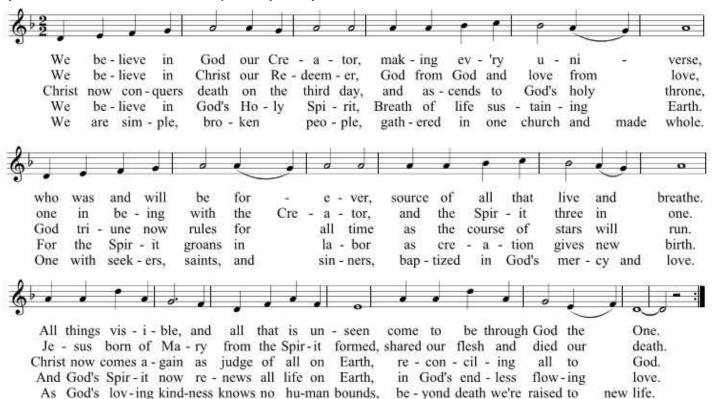
Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not 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."

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;* Hymnal 1982 #324 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent* Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



## Prayers of the People

Majestic and all encompassing God, you are the authority over everything that exists in all of creation, and yet you are one with us and we are one with you. As we reflect on the meaning of Jesus' reign over our hearts, let us pray for ourselves and for the world, saying: Your reign is justice, compassion, and love, Lord Jesus: **Receive our prayer and transform our hearts.** 

You teach us that your power comes in service to the least of our brothers and sisters; we pray now for all those in positions of power, that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, serving the needs of their people. Your reign is justice, compassion, and love, Lord Jesus: **Receive our prayer and transform our hearts.** 

You teach us that the church is your body and that all its members contribute to its well-being; we pray now for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Connie our Rector, and for the community of St. George's, that we may embody your love for the world. Your reign is justice, compassion, and love, Lord Jesus: **Receive our prayer and transform our hearts.** 

You teach us to hold fast to the truth we know in you; we pray now for all those whose commitment to truth brings them into conflict with earthly powers, that they may have the courage to endure. Your reign is justice, compassion, and love, Lord Jesus: **Receive our prayer and transform our hearts.** 

You teach us to see your face among the poor, and that perfect service in you is feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, and visiting those who are sick or in prison. We pray now for all of those in need of our prayers: for those who are sick or those who are suffering, for those who lack shelter and enough to eat; for those whose lives are torn apart by war, conflict and gun violence. We pray for those on our parish prayer list and those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* Your reign is justice, compassion, and love, Lord Jesus: **Receive our prayer and transform our hearts.** 

You teach us to give thanks for all that we have and to celebrate your goodness in our lives. We pray now for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for all of your blessings: *the people may offer their prayers.* Your reign is justice, compassion, and love, Lord Jesus: **Receive our prayer and transform our hearts.** 

May your reign come, O Lord, and to you be glory and power forever. 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.** 

## **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 <a href="www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give">www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give</a>. You may also donate via Zelle to <a href="mailto:donations@stgeorgesglenndale.org">donations@stgeorgesglenndale.org</a>. or Cash App to send your donation to \$StGeorgesGlennDale

#### Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #397 Now thank we all our God

Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649) Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, Johan Cruger (1598-1662) Harmony: William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) Hymns Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



#### 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.

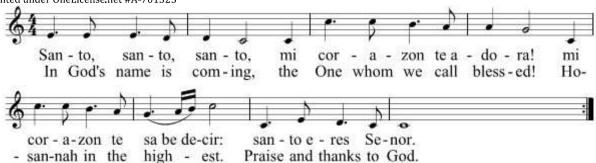
It is right to give unceasing thanks and boundless praise to you, Holy God, ruler of the universe and giver of life. You brought the world into being and declared it good; you made humankind in your image, and entrusted to us the stewardship of all creation.

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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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:

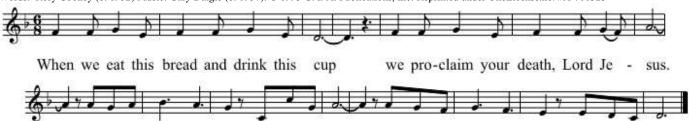
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory 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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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.

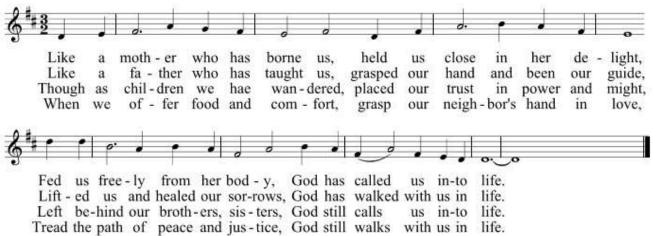
*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### 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: New Century Hymnal #583 Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

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## Communion Hymn 2: Hymnal 1982 #382 King of Glory

thou didst note my work-ing breast,

a - lone, when they re - plied,

e - ter - ni - ty's too short

Words. George Herbert (1593-1633). Music: General Seminary, David Charles Walker (b. 1938). Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323 of will glo King of peace, love thee: King ry, I Where - fore thee; with I will sing my ut - most art Seven whole days, I will not one in seven, praise thee; will that thee. and love may nev cease. move of I will and the cream all my heart, bring thee. I in my heart, though not in heaven, can raise thee. Thou thou heard hast has me: grant ed my re quest, - gainst Though sins cried. thou didst clear me: my a me Small it this 1 roll thee; is, in poor sort to en

## **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.

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#### **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 #14 Soon and Very Soon

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## The Dismissal

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

**People:** Thanks be to God!