

St. George's Church

Glenn Dale Parish The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

> All Saints Day in the Season of Stewardship November 5, 2023

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #556 Rejoice ye pure in heart verses 1-4

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Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. **People** Glory to God forever and ever. *Amen*.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

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: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. 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.

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Psalm 34:1-10,22

I will bless our God at all times;

your praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in our God;

let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Most High;

let us exalt God's Name together.

I sought you, O God, and you answered me

and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon the Most High and be radiant,

and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and God heard me

and saved me from all my troubles.

Your angel, O God, encompasses those who hold you in awe:

and you will deliver them.

Taste and see that the Holy One is good;

happy are they who trust in God!

Fear the Holy One, you that are God's saints,

for those who fear God lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger,

but those who seek our God lack nothing that is good.

You ransom the life of your servants,

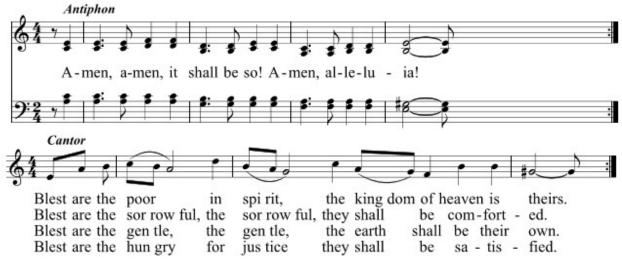
and none will be punished who trust in you.

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: My Heart Sings Out #74 Blest are the poor in spirit (Verses 1-4)

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

Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

- "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

The Sermon The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

The Renewal of our Baptismal Covenant

The Celebrant addresses the people and says:

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, on this day we celebrate the Communion of Saints to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in God's holy universal Church.

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus

Christ?

People: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? *People:* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? *People:* **I will, with God's help**.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? *People:* I will, with God's help.

Almighty God, you have given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins. Keep us in eternal life by your grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *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 for who the communion of saints and all 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.**

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 wherever possible; 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. You may also donate via Zelle to donations@stgeorgesglenndale.org. or use Cash App to send your donation to \$StGeorgesGlennDale

Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #293 I sing a song of the saints of God

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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.

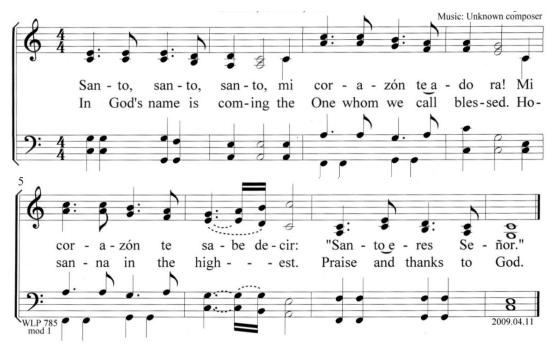
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right to give unceasing thanks and boundless praise to you, Holy God, ruler of the universe and giver of life. For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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: And now let us pray with confidence the words our Savior has taught us:

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 and silence is kept, all sing the fraction anthem.

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

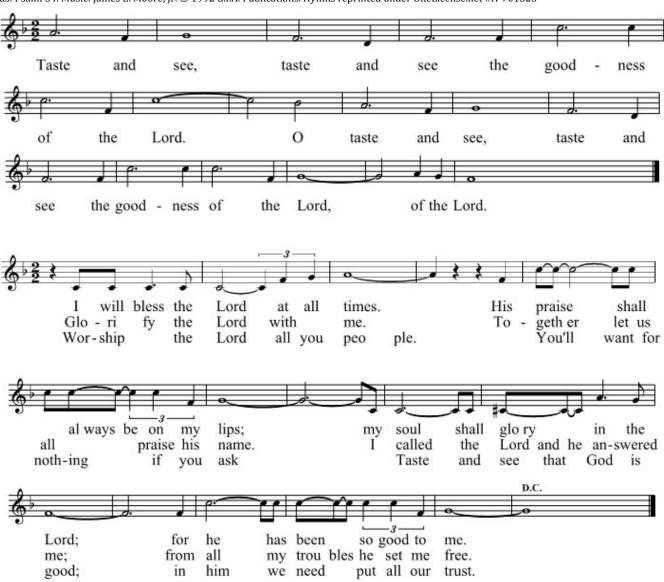
Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.

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



Hymn 1: LEVAS #154 Taste and See

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Communion Hymn 2: Gather #430 Be Not Afraid

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bless-ed, bless-ed are you!

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.

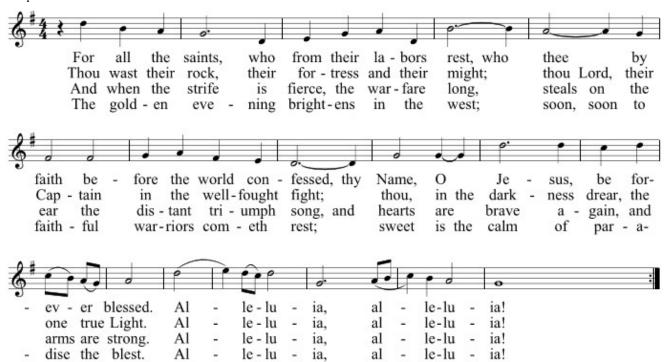
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The Blessing

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: Hymnal 1982 #287 For All the Saints verses 1-2, 5-6

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The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.