

The Season After Pentecost
St. George's Church † Glenn Dale, Maryland
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 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 participate in today's worship service, including scripture readings as well as prayers and music.

Prelude: *In Christ There Is No East or West* by Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)

Opening Hymn: LEVAS #62 *In Christ There is No East or West*

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In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North; But
In Him shall true hearts ev - 'ry where their high com - mu - nion find; His
Join hands dis - ci - ples of the faith, what e'er your race may be! Who
In Christ now meet both East and West, In Him meet South and North; All



one great fel - ow-ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
ser - vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu - man kind.
serves my Fa - ther as a child is sure - ly kin to me.
Christ-ly souls are one in Him through - out the whole wide earth.

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

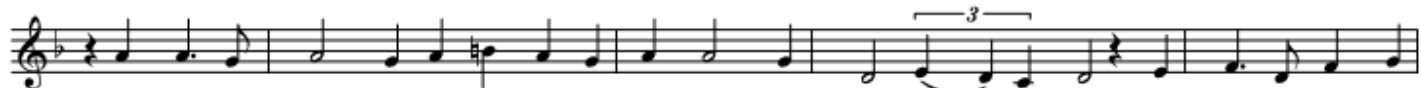
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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-



- migh-ty 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: **God of servant rule, your kingdom breaks our tangled webs where state and church collude to worship power and trade on fear: grant us the wit and will to give you what is your own, no more nor less than all the world and time; through Jesus Christ, whose kingdom comes.**

Amen.

A Prayer for Racial Justice:

O God who calls us to love kindness and do justice: in the midst of violence and injustice in our country we pray that you grant us grace to fearlessly contend against the evils of racism, and that you give us strength and courage to stand against oppression with our words and with our deeds, through Jesus Christ our strength and our guide. **Amen.**



1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Read by Maureen Groome-Lane

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming. The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 96:1-13

For you O Lord are coming to judge the earth:

with righteousness you will judge the world, and the peoples with your truth.

O sing to the Lord a new song: **sing to the Lord all the earth.**

Sing, and give praise to God's name: **tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

Proclaim God's glory to the nations: **God's marvelous deeds to all the peoples.**

For you O Lord are great and highly to be praised: **more to be feared than all the gods.**

The gods of the nations are no more than idols:

but you O Lord are the one who made the heavens.

Glory and majesty attend you: **strength and beauty are in your sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the nations: **ascribe to the Lord honor and might.**

Ascribe due honor to God's holy name: **bring offerings, and enter the courts of the Lord.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: **let the whole earth stand in awe.**

Proclaim to the nations, The Lord is king: **the Lord has made the world so firm it cannot be moved, and will judge the peoples with justice.**

Let the heavens rejoice, and the earth be glad: **let the sea roar and all the creatures in it.**

Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them:

then all the trees of the forest will shout with joy before the Lord.

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

Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: Brother Ed Munro, BSG

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 Brother Ed Munro*

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 216,000 lives lost to the pandemic in our country and for those around the globe who have died, now in excess of one 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

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants *N.* 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

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. For safety reasons, that practice has changed. 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 www.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. There are also baskets at the entrance and exit doors of the Sanctuary for donations of checks or cash. Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's.

Offertory Anthem: *Cantate Domino* by Hans Leo Hassler

*Cantate Domino, canticum novum:
cantate Domino omnis terra.*

*Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini eius,
Annuntiate, annuntiate de die in diem salutare eius.
Annuntiate, inter gentes gloriam eius, in omnibus
populis mirabilia eius.*

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, and bless his name:
announce his salvation from day to day.
Announce among the nations his glory,
and his wonders to all peoples.

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 Hymn: Voices Found #124 *Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You*

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1,6. Bro-ther, sis-ter, let me serve you, let me be as
2. We are pil-grims on a jour-ney, fel-low trav'l-ers
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time
4. I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll
5. When we sing to God in hea-ven, we shall find such
Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each o-ther
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor-row
har-mo-ny, born of all we've known to-gether
let you be my ser-vant too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour-ney through.
of Christ's love and a-gon-y.

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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: Hymnal 1982 #594 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power; crown thine an - cient
Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways! From the fears that
Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton,
Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore; let the gift of



Chur - ch's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom grant us cour - age
long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise: grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of ths hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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: *Medley of Praise* by Lynette Maynard