

# The Season After Pentecost

## St. George's Church ☩ Glenn Dale, Maryland

### The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

#### *The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost*

## October 25, 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 online in today's worship service, including scripture readings as well as prayers and music.

### **Prelude: *Gather Us In* arr. Don Hodell Chilcote**

### **Opening Hymn: *Gather #539 Gather Us In***

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Here in this place new light is stream-ing, Now is the dark-ness van-ished a - way,  
 We are the young-our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old- who yearn for your face,  
 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, Not in some heav - en, light-years a-way, But



See in this space our fears and our dream-ings, Brought here to you in the light of this  
 We have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry, Called to be light to the whole hu-man  
 Here you shall call your sons and your daught-ers, Call us a-new to be salt for the  
 here in this place the new light is shin - ing, Now is the King-dom, now is the



day. Gath-er us in the lost and for - sak - en, Gath-er us in the blind and the lame;  
 race. Gath-er us in - the rich and the haugh-ty, Gath-er us in - the proud and the strong;  
 earth. Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
 day. Gath-er us in and hold us for ev - er, Gath-er us in and make us your own;



Call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en, We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 Give us a heart so meek and so low-ly, Give us the cour-age to ent - er the song.  
 Nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 Gath-er us in all peo-ples to-geth-er, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

**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**

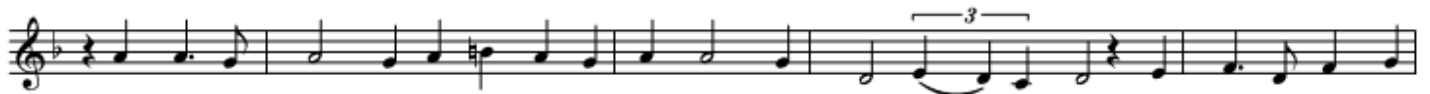
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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-



- migh-t-y 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: **Lord of the teasing riddle, whose questions undo our certainty and set us on a different path: give us a heart of passion, a searching mind, gentle strength of body and unseen depths of soul, that we might love you wholly and our neighbor as ourself; through Jesus Christ, the law of grace. 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.**

## **Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18**

*Read by Mary Lawley*

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD. The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 1**

Blessed are those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked:

**or linger in the way of sinners, or sit down among those who mock.**

But their delight is in the law of the Lord: **and on that law they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted beside a watercourse: **which yield their fruit in due season.**

Their leaves also do not wither: **and look, whatever they do it shall prosper.**

As for the wicked, it is not so with them:

**but they are like the chaff, which is driven away by the wind.**

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand when judgment comes:

**nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.**

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous: **but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

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

## **Matthew 22:34-46**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt**



## **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 Mary Rogers*

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 220,000 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**

### **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](http://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](mailto:donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net). Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's.*

### **Offertory Anthem: If Ye Love Me by Thomas Tallis**

If ye love me,  
keep my commandments,  
and I will pray the Father,  
and He shall give you another comforter,  
that He may 'bide with you forever,  
e'en the spirit of truth.

## **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*

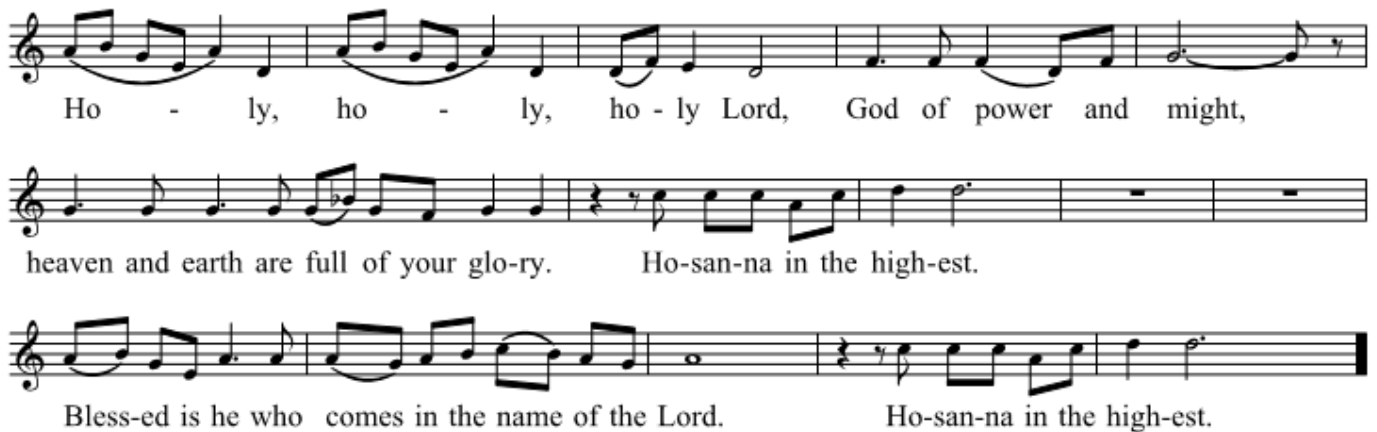
O God of blessing, we thank you always for making us in your image to serve the peace of all creation. You shared your name with our ancestors: Sarah and Abraham, who left their home and became a blessing to all nations; Moses and Miriam, who went through sea and wilderness to the place of revelation; 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: Hymnal 1982 #606 Where True Charity and Love Dwell

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Where true char - i - ty and love dwell, God him-self is there.



Since the love of Christ has joined us in one bo - dy,  
As we are all of one bo - dy, when we ga - ther  
Now we pray that with the bles - sed you grant us grace



let us all re - jice and be glad now and al - ways,  
let no dis - cord or en - mi - ty break our one - ness.  
to see your ex - alt - ed glo - ry, O Christ our God,



And as we dhear and love our Lord, the liv - ing God,  
May all our pet - ty jeal - ous - ies and ha - tred cease  
our bound - less source of joy and truth, of peace and love,



so let us in sin - cer - i - ty love all peo - ple.  
that Christ the Lord may be with us through all our days.  
for ev - er and for ev - er - more, world with - out end.

## 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.**

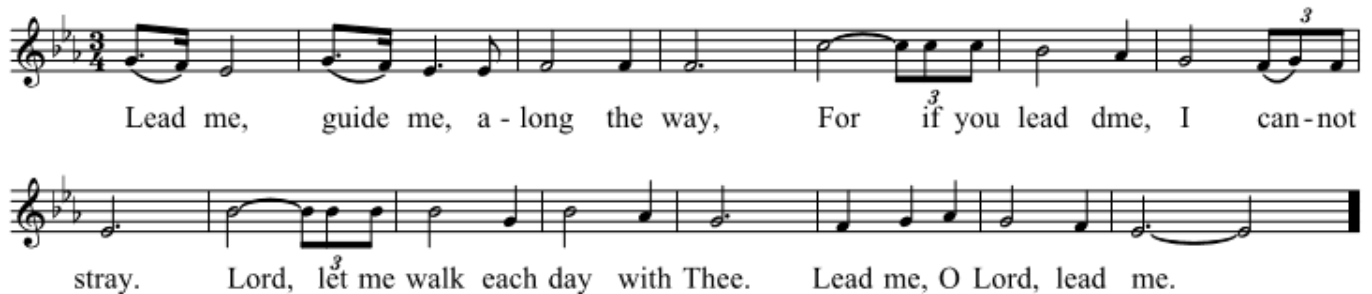
## The Blessing

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.*

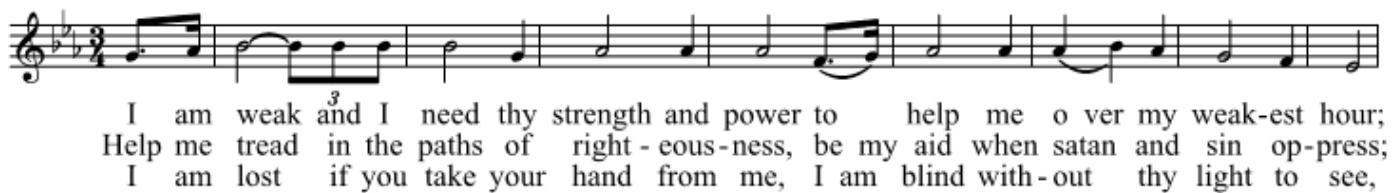


## Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS #194 *Lead Me, Guide Me*

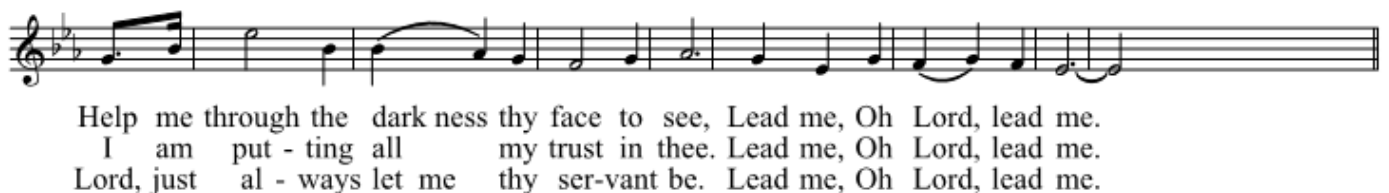
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Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, For if you lead dme, I can-not  
stray. Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.



I am weak and I need thy strength and power to help me o ver my weak-est hour;  
Help me tread in the paths of right - eous-ness, be my aid when satan and sin op-press;  
I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind with-out thy light to see,



Help me through the dark ness thy face to see, Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.  
I am put - ting all my trust in thee. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.  
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser-vant be. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

## 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: *Guide My Feet* arr. Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)**