



We've Come This Far by Faith

The Season after Pentecost: Stewardship 2022

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**St. George's Church
Glenn Dale Parish**

The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

"We always give thanks to God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers, continually remembering before God your work of faith and labor of love and steadiness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3a)

Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. Zoom participants are encouraged to leave your video camera on or turn it off; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom.

Prelude: *Crucifixion*, African American spiritual, arr. John Payne (1872-1952)

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #8 *Morning Has Broken*

Words: Eleanor Farjeon. Music: *Bunessan*, Gaelic melody. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing, black-bird has spo-
Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven, like the first dew
Mine is the sun light! Mine is the morn - ing born of the one



- ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
morn - ing God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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

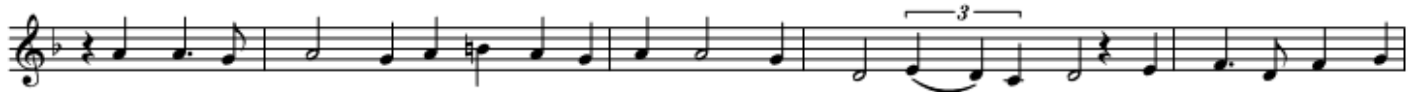
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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-



- might-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.

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 and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

A Collect for Stewardship

Good and gracious God, at baptism we accepted the call to follow Jesus. As we continue to live out that call to love, serve, pray and grow in Christ, we ask you to transform us through the power of your Spirit and nurture in us a stewardship way of life. May we be inspired to continue our work of faith, our labor of love, and our steadiness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, and may our lives be marked by prayer, service to our neighbor and generous sharing of what we have. Amen.

Isaiah 53:4-9

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 91:9-16

Because you have said, The Lord is my refuge: **and made the Most High your stronghold,**
There shall no evil befall you: **no plague shall come near your dwelling.**

For the angels of God have been charged: **to keep you in all your ways.**

They shall bear you up in their hands: **lest you should strike your foot against a stone.**

You shall tread on the asp and the adder:

the viper and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

Because they have set their love upon me I will deliver them:

I will uphold them because they know my name.

When they call to me I will answer:

I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and bring them to honor.

With long life I will satisfy them: **and show them my saving power.**

Gospel Hymn: Voices Found # 124 *Brother, sister, let me serve you, verses 1, 2, & 4*

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Bro-ther, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;
We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, fel - low trav'l - lers on the road;
I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.



pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
we are here to help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.

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

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."

But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

"When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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 paraphrased by Terry Doyle TSSF. Music: 17th Century French Carol, *Piccardy*; Hymnal 1982 # 324 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



We be - lieve in God our Cre - a - tor, mak - ing ev - 'ry u - ni - verse,
We be - lieve in Christ our Re - deem - er, God from God and love from love,
Christ now con - quers death on the third day, and as - cends to God's ho - ly throne,
We be - lieve in God's Ho - ly Spi - rit, Breath of Life sus - tain - ing Earth.
We are sim - ple, bro - ken peo - ple, gath - ered in one Church and made whole.

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who was and will be for - e - ver, source of all that live and breathe. All things vis - i -
one in be - ing with the Cre - a - tor, and the Spir - it three in one. Je - sus born of
God tri - une now rules for all time as the course of stars will run. Christ now comes a -
For the Spir - it groans in la - bor as cre - a - tion gives new birth. And the Spir - it
One with seek - ers, saints, and sin - ners, trust - ing in God's mer - cy and love. As God's lov - ing

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- ble and all that is un - seen come to be through God the One.
Ma - ry from the Spir - it formed, shared our flesh and died our death.
- gain as judge of all on Earth, re - con - cil - ing all to God.
now re - news all life on Earth, in God's end - less flow - ing love.
kind - ness knows no hu - man bounds, be - yond death we're raised to new life.

The Prayers of the People

O God, you have brought us this far by faith. We know that trusting in you and your holy word has never failed us. You have shown us many times over that you are a God of graciousness and generosity; and you call us to give with gratitude from what we have, knowing that everything comes from you. For all the abundance of our lives, with faith in you we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world, for the church, and for our community, offering our thanks and praise to you, and asking for your guidance and wisdom. With faith in you we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

You give us responsibility to govern and lead. We pray that all in authority may use their power justly for the good of all people and of the earth. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the whole church and its leaders who model faith in you. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Connie our rector, Anne-Marie, Sarah and Thelma as they offer pastoral support, and for the lay leadership and congregation of St. George's. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are hungry, for those caught in violence and war, for those experiencing homelessness, and for those who suffer storms and natural disasters. We pray especially for the families of Gaywood Elementary School and the guests of the Warm Nights program. Inspire us to put our faith into action by serving those in need. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick, and those who are in any need or trouble. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name now in our hearts. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died and for those whom we love but see no longer, and ask for your presence with those who mourn. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray in thanksgiving as we celebrate the joys of our lives. Accept our gratitude for the abundance of your grace, as we pray especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for other blessings of this life. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We acknowledge you, O God, as the source of all that we have and all that we are, with the sure knowledge that it is you who has brought us this far and with you we will be able to face any discouragement. Continue to nurture our faith and grant us the wisdom and courage to live lives of generosity, today and always. **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 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.

Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's. 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.

Offertory Anthem: Gather # 433 On Eagle's Wings

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Verse 1



1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a - bide in his shad-ow for



life, say to the Lord: "My re-fuge, my rock in whom I trust."

Refrain



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

Last time to coda



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Verse 2



2. The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der his wings your ref-uge, his faith-ful-ness your shield.

Verse 3



3. You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by day; though



thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come. 4. For to his an-gels he's



giv-en a com-mand to guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



bear you up, lest you dash your foot a-against a stone.

And hold you,



hold you in the palm of his hand.

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:

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, holy God, creator of heaven and earth, and author of all good gifts. You are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

In this new life, Jesus calls us to the work of faith, to labor in love of him, and to the steadiness of hope we find in his life, death, and resurrection. Therefore we praise you, lifting our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Levas # 255

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Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry Ho -
- san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord, of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues:

We thank you, loving God, because when we turned away from you, you did not reject us but sent us Jesus, your Son. In his life, he revealed to us the way of compassion; before he was handed over to suffering and death he embodied for us self-giving love as he washed the feet of his disciples; in his laying down his life for his friends, he opened for us the way of new life. He gave himself for us on the cross, and continues to show us the way to live in love.

And so we remember that on the night that Jesus was betrayed, he gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, shared it with them 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, blessed and shared it saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

It is the mystery of our faith, O God, that with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

And now we ask you, O God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us Christ's body and blood. As you feed us with these gifts, we pray that you send your Holy Spirit upon us also, that we may more closely live and walk in the way of Jesus, our Savior.

Help us to love one another, to give generously to those in need, to welcome the stranger, and to give rest to the weary, as we look forward to that day when all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

With all your saints we give you glory O God, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, now and forever. **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: *Be Known to Us Wonder Love and Praise # 875*

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Cantor or choir

Be known to us Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the

1. Congregation | *2. Cantor or choir*

bread. be bread. One bod-y are we, al-le-lu-ia, for though

Congregation

man-y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the

WLP 875

break - ing of the bread.

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

If you would like to receive the Eucharist, you may choose to receive both the bread and wine or only one of them. If you receive the wine, please drop your empty cup into the recycling bin at the door. Note that hand sanitizer is available as you exit. Please follow the arrows to go through the narthex (hallway) and back into the Sanctuary and on to your seat.

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: Hymnal 1982 #168 *O sacred head, sore wounded, 1, 2, 4, & 5*

Words: Paul Gerhardt verses 1, 2 & 5, verse 4 tr. Jamaes Waddell Alexander.

Music: *Passion Chorale*, Hans Leo Hassler adapted by Johann Sebastian Bach. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn; O
Thy beau - ty long de - sir - ed hath va - nished from our sight; thy
What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend, for
My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power, to



king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn: what
power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light. Ah
this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end? Oh,
hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour; that



sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower? O
me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace: show
make me thine for ev - er! and should I faint - ing be, Lord,
I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife to



coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
see thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

Communion Hymn 2: WLP # 760 *O wheat whose crushing was for bread*

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O wheat, whose crush - ing was for bread, O bread whose break - ing is for life, O
O fruit whose crush - ing was for wine, O wine whose flow - ing is for blood, O
O life whose crush - ing was for love, O love, whose spend - ing was to death. O



life your seem - ing end is seed, a seed for wheat, our bread and life.
blood, your pour - ing out is life, our life in you, O fruit - ful vine.
death, your mourn - ing is our joy, full joy and birth to last - ing life.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant 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 bread and wine. May this holy Communion give us strength and courage, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may be renewed for your service to others, embody your desire for justice, and live lives of generosity in the steadiness of hope through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us; so be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And may the God of all Grace, the God who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, bless you and keep you in peace, this day and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS # 120 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

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There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I know that it's the
There are bless - ings you can-not re - ceive till you know Him in His

Spir - it of the Lord. There are sweet ex - pres-sions on each face,
full-ness, and be-lieve. You're the one to pro - fit when you say

and I know they feel the pres-ence of the Lord. Sweet Ho-ly
"I am going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

Spir-it, Sweet Heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here with us, fill-ing us with your
love. And for these bless-ings we lift our hearts in praise. With-out a
doubt we'll know that we have been re-vived when we shall leave this place.

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *Sweet Hour of Prayer* by William B. Bradbury (1816-1868), arr. Victor Labenske