

CHRIST BEFORE US



SHARE ABUNDANTLY IN  
EVERY GOOD WORK  
2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

# The Season of Stewardship

## The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

St. George's Church • Glenn Dale Parish  
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

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### A Service of Holy Eucharist

Welcome to St. George's! If you are new or visiting, we are especially glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet has the prayers and hymns needed for your participation in today's service. Wherever you are in your journey, know that you are welcome here.

#### **Prelude: *Come, All Ye Saints of Zion***

Music: arr. by Keith D Rowley

#### **Opening Hymn: New Century Hymnal #588 *Let Justice Flow Like Streams***

Words: Jane Parker Huber. Music: *St. Thomas SM*, Aaron Williams' *New Universal Psalmody*, 1770

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Let jus - tice flow like streams of spark - ling wa - ter, pure,  
Let right - eous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our meas - ure true,



En - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
An ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
And jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

**Celebrant:** This is the day that God our loving Creator has made:

**People:** **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Celebrant:** Blessed be the one who makes all things new:

**People:** **Glory to God forever 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.**

## New Century Hymnal #756 *Gloria*

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1  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

2  
3  
4  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Glor - y to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### 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

Creator and giver of all that is good, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received—abundantly, generously, and joyfully, that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace. Inspire us and assist us daily to share abundantly in every good work, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 119:97-104

Lord how I love your law:

**all the day long it is in my mind.**

Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies:

**for it is always with me.**

I have more understanding than all my teachers:

**for your instruction is my study.**

I am wiser than the aged:

**because I keep your commandments.**

I have held back my feet from every evil way:

**in order to keep your word.**

I have not swerved from your judgments:

**because you yourself have taught me.**

How sweet are your words to my taste:

**sweeter than honey in my mouth.**

Through your commandments I get understanding:

**therefore I hate all the ways of falsehood.**

*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 #410 *O Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

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O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call an-swer me, O  
O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer; when we call an-swer us, O

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me. O  
Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. Come and lis-ten to us.

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

**People:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

*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: 17<sup>th</sup> Century French Carol, *Picardy*;

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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 holy 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.



who was and will be for - e - ver, source of all that live and breathe.  
one in be - ing with the Cre - a - tor, and the Spir - it three in one.  
God tri - une now rules for all time as the course of stars will run.  
For the Spir - it groans in la - bor as cre - a - tion gives new birth.  
One with seek - ers, saints, and sin - ners, bap - tized in God's mer - cy and love.



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

## Prayers of the People

God of mercy, God of graciousness, God of compassion: In your abounding love for us and the whole human race, you nurture our spirits; and in your loving-kindness you calm our fears and give us strength. Trusting in your goodness we pray to you, saying: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we ask that you guide us and lead us to just action, even as we pray that those in authority would use their power justly for the good of all people and of the earth. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, grace your church with your love, that we may know that Jesus is present to us and to all. We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Connie our rector, and for the people of St. George's. Help us to embody your compassion in all that we say and do. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, you hear the cries of all who suffer and comfort those who are afraid. We pray you pour out your grace on those caught in violence, famine, and war, especially in Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti, Gaza, and other places of conflict. May there be a just peace for all your people. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Nourishing God, we pray for all who are hungry and for those experiencing homelessness; we pray for those who live in fear of deportation, for immigrants, and for asylum seekers. Inspire us to be your hands serving those in need. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you give us the bread we need for today, and remind us that to share what we have is to walk in the way of Jesus. We pray for government workers and contractors who are furloughed, who have lost their jobs, and whose funding is at risk or ending. May they be sustained by your love and the support of their communities. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, with your generous touch, heal those who are sick. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all who have died and for those whom we love but see no longer. *The people may add their own petitions.* Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Loving God, accept our gratitude for the abundance of your grace. Help us to share abundantly in every good work. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Holy One, fill our lives with the outpouring of your Spirit, that we may be courageous and faithful disciples of the one whose mercy and loving-kindness reaches across all boundaries, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## The Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant:* Now let us confess our sins to God. *Silence is kept.*

*All pray together:* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

May Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

*The celebrant then offers the following prayer for those celebrating birthdays and 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. Baskets for donations by check or cash are located at the corner entrances to the Sanctuary. We encourage you to give electronically: you can text\* stgeodragon to 73256, use a web browser to go to [onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/give](http://onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/give), or donate via Zelle to [donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org](mailto:donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org). (\*For texts, message and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.)*

## Offertory Hymn: New Century Hymnal #506 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
Are we weak and heav - y la - den, bur - dened with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to our God in prayer!  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to our God in prayer!



Oh what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to our God in prayer!



All be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.  
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to our God in prayer!  
Je - sus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

## 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.**

We give you thanks and praise, Almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe and fill all things with your grace.

## Glory to you O God forever and ever.

You created us to love you with our whole hearts, and to love each other as ourselves, but over and over we wander far from you and refuse to live your way of love. Yet you never give up on us. In Jesus your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one people. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wondrous name, as we sing:

## Sanctus: LEVAS #255 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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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.  
Blessed 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.

We give you thanks and praise O God because in sending us Jesus you showed us the depth of your love for us.

**Jesus cares for the poor and the hungry; he suffers with the sick and rejected. He calls us to welcome the stranger and work for your justice and your peace.**

Even betrayed and forsaken, Jesus embodied your grace, overcoming hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death, and by raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all people.

**Glory to you O God forever and ever.**

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to them saying ‘Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this to remember me.’

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said ‘Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.’

**Glory to you O God forever and ever.**

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the risen life with him and all your people.

**Glory to you O God forever and ever.**

You call us to be your servants O God; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather with joy at the table of your kingdom.

**We sing your praise, O God, through Jesus our Lord, in the power of the Spirit, now and always. Glory to you forever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant:* The Living 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 Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #S 155 *Christ our Passover***

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942) Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff contains the second line: 'Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast'. The third staff contains the third line: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes.

*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 prefer not to receive the Eucharist, you are welcome to come up for a blessing; cross your hands to your shoulders to indicate this to the priest.*

### Communion Hymn 1: LEVAS #178 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

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Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,  
Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear  
Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, may I thy con - so - la - tion share,



and bids me at my Fa - ther's throne make all my wants and wish - es known.  
to Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless;  
till from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height I view my home and take my flight:



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief my soul has of - ten found re - lief.  
and since he bids me seek his face, be - lieve His word and trust his grace,  
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise to seize the ev - er - last - ing prize.



And oft es - caped the tempt - ers snare by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.  
I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.  
And shout, while pass - ing through the air, "Fair - well, fare - well, sweet hour of prayer!"



## Communion Hymn 2: Levas #191 *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

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Why should I feel dis - cour - aged, Why should the shad - ows come,  
"Let not your heart be trou - bled," His ten - der word I hear  
When ev - er I am tempt - ed, When ev - er clouds a - rise,



Why should my heart be lone - ly, And long for heav'n and home; When  
And rest - ing on His good - ness, I lose my doubts and fears, Though  
When songs give place to sigh - ing, When hope with - in me dies, I



Je - sus is my por - tion? My con - stant friend is He; His eye is on the  
by the path He lead - eth, But one step I may see;  
draw the close - er to Him, From care he sets me free;



spar - row, And I know he watch - es me; His eye is on the spar - row, And I



know he watch - es me. I sing be - cause I'm hap - py, I sing be - cause I'm



free; For his eye is on the spar - row, And I know he watch - es me.

## Communion Hymn 3: Hymnal 1982 #321 *My God, thy table now is spread*

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751) v. 1-3; Isaac Watts (1674-1748) v. 4  
Music: Rockingham from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature* ca. 1780 Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with love doth o - ver flow;  
O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished well with joy - ful guests;  
Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in count - less num - bers let them come  
Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the world thy truth has run,



be all thy chil - dren thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.  
and may each soul sal - va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.  
and gath - er from their Fath - er's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.  
till with this Bread shall all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* Let us pray: **Holy and Gracious God, we give you thanks for the abundant life you share with us in the bread of life and cup of salvation around this table. As we go forth into the good world you have made, we pray that you continue to form us into generous stewards, that we too may share abundantly in every good work through Jesus Christ, giver of all good gifts. Amen.**

*The people may be seated for announcements.*

## Announcements

### The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God, and of God's beloved Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God, 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 #450 All hail the power of Jesus' Name verses 1-3, 6

Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792) Music: *Coronation*, Oliver Holden (1765-1844); descant Michael Young (b. 1939)  
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All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
Crown him ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar call:  
Hail him the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call,  
Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - es - tial ball,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!  
to him all maj - es - ty a - scribe, and crown him Lord of all!



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!  
to him all maj - es - ty a - scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

### The Dismissal

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude: *Days of Beauty*

Music: Ola Gjeilo