



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

St. George's Church

Glenn Dale Parish • The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

October 1, 2023

Opening Hymn: LEVAS #141 *Shall We Gather at the River*

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Shall we gath - er at the riv - er where bright ang - el feet have trod;
On the mar - gins of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray
Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - ry bur - den down;
Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease.



With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?
We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.
Grace our Spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful - riv - er



Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

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 the Collect for Purity: 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: *A Song of Praise Wonder, Love, and Praise* #886 (Sung 3 times)

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Glo-ry to you, O Lord, glo-ry to you, O Lord, you are wor-thy of praise.

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: **O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect for the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi: **Lord Jesus Christ, when the world was growing cold you raised up blessed Francis, who bore in his body the marks of your suffering, to warm our hearts with the fire of your love. Help us always to turn to you with true hearts, and to bear the Cross for love of you; who lives and reigns with the Creator and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16

Give heed to my teaching O my people:

turn your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable:

I will reveal the hidden

meanings of things in the past,

things we have heard and known:

and such as our forbears have told us.

We will not hide them from their children,

but declare to the next generation:

your glories O Lord and your might,

and the wonders that you have done,

Marvelous things you did in the sight of our ancestors:

in the land of Egypt, in the plain of Zoan.

You divided the sea and let them go through:

and made the waters stand up like a wall.

In the daytime you led them with a cloud:

and all the night long with a beacon of fire.

You split rocks in the wilderness:

and gave them drink in plenty, as from the great deep.

You brought streams out of the cliff:

and made water run down like rivers.

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.**

LEVAS #201 *I've Got Peace Like a River*

Words and Music: Traditional Negro Spiritual



I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a
I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an



riv - er in my soul I've got riv - er in my soul.
foun-tain in my soul. I've got foun-tain in my soul.
o - cean in my soul I've got o - cean in my soul.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Rondesia Jarrett-Schell



The Creed *We Believe in God Our Creator*

Words: Nicene Creed para. Terry Doyle, TSSF. Music: 17th 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

Grateful for the gifts we have already been given, we now bring our hopes and needs into the presence of our provident God, saying: **Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray for our church, for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Connie our rector, and for this congregation St. George's. May we all hunger for the bread of life, that we be transformed into the body of Christ. We pray, saying **Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray that all people be nourished as they journey in faith through life; may we accompany each other in a spirit of compassion. We pray, saying **Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who lead in our country and in the world. May they work for justice rather than power and act for the good of those they are called to serve. We pray, saying **Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who are hungry, especially for the families of Gaywood Elementary School, the guests of the Warm Nights program, and those served by the Bowie Food Pantry, that all who are hungry may be fed. We pray, saying **Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick, for those who are suffering, for all those who are in need of our healing prayers. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray, saying **Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, knowing that God is doing more for them than we could ask or imagine. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray, saying **Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray for those marking birthdays and anniversaries, and for other blessings of this life, that we may live in gratitude to God for all that we have and all that we celebrate. We pray, saying **Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

All-generous God, hear these prayers made in faith and hope, that we may put our trust in you and your love for us, today and always. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Now let us confess our sins to God.

After a time of silence, all pray together: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. 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.**

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. 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 72356 for help. Text *STOP* to 72356 to cancel.) Or just use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give. You may also donate via Zelle to donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org. or use Cash App to send your donation to \$StGeorgesGlennDale

Offertory Hymn: LEVAS #111 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm come;
Oh, to grace how great a debt - or, Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.
And I hope by thy good pleas - ure, Sure - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God.
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;

Praise the mount! Oh fix me on it. Mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
He, to save my soul from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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. You brought the world into being and declared it good; you made humankind in your image, and entrusted to us the stewardship of all creation.

Despite our failings you showed us mercy. Through your law and the voices of prophets and poets, you called us to faithfulness and justice. You commanded us to remember the poor and the needy, the orphan and the stranger. With infinite generosity you forgave us as we followed selfish goals and ignored your words of love. Never abandoning us to our sinfulness, you came among us and showed us the path of life.

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 all his 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: The Risen 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 Anthem: Gather #247 *May We Be One*

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When we eat this bread and drink this cup we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus.



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.



Communion Hymn 1: Hymnal 1982 #343 *Shepherd of souls*

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Shep-herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho-sen pil - grim flock
We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy word of grace,
Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not then de - part;
Lord, sup with us in love di - vine, thy Bo - dy and thy Blood,



with man - na in the wil - der - ness, with wa-ter from the rock.
in strength of which we trav - el on to our a - bid - ing place.
Sav - iour, a - bide with us, and spread thy ta-ble in our heart.
that liv - ing bread, that heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Communion Hymn 2: Gather #588 *Eat This Bread*

Words: John 6 adapted by Robert J. Batastini (b. 1942) and the Taize Community.

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Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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.**

Announcements

The Blessing

Celebrant: Most High and Supreme Eternal God, through the mystery of your presence you give us joy. We thank you for giving us a taste of your heavenly kingdom in the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And now, O Lord, make us instruments of your peace; as we make our way into the world, help us sow your pardon, love and renewal. Empower us by your Holy Spirit to have mercy, to do justice, and to walk humbly with our God, following the examples of Francis, Clare, Louis and Elizabeth, who with all your saints magnify your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

Dismissal Hymn: New Century Hymnal #417 *To You, O God, All Creatures Sing*

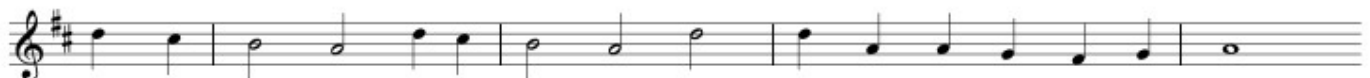
Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) Adapted by Miriam Therese Winter

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To you, O God, all crea-tures sing, and all cre - a - tion, ev - ery-thing
Your wind that blows the trum-pet by, your clouds that sail ac-cross the sky
Your flow-ing wat - ers, crys - tal clear, make mel - o - dies for you to hear,
To you, O God, day af - ter day, your plan - et earth in ev - ery way,



sings your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! Your burn-ing sun with gold - en beam
sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! Your morn-ing ris - es with a song,
sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! Your fire boun - ti - ful and bright,
sings your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia, as sa - vory fruit and frag-rant flower



your sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam sing your prais - es,
and lights of eve - ning sing a - long, sing your prais - es
re - mem - ber - ing your warmth and light, sing your prais - es,
show forth your glo - ry and your power, sing - ing prais - es,



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!