

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

St. George's Church

Glenn Dale Parish
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington
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Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #423 Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

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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: 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.

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

God of peace, we pray for the people of Israel, Palestine and Gaza in this heartbreaking and dangerous time. We pray for all who are in harm's way and for all who are fearful for the safety of their loved ones and themselves. For all who are wounded, we pray they find healing; for all who have died, we pray they find rest; for all who grieve, we pray they find comfort; for leaders of nations and peoples, we pray for wisdom, discernment, and acknowledgement of our common humanity. God of mercy and justice, we pray that your beloved children of the Holy Land will be spared a future of sustained violence and unrest and that a recognition of the humanity of all people will prevail. We ask all this in the name of your Son, Jesus. *Amen.*

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And Moses said, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

Then, God said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And next God said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy." And then God said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And then God continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

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

Psalm 96:1-9

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:

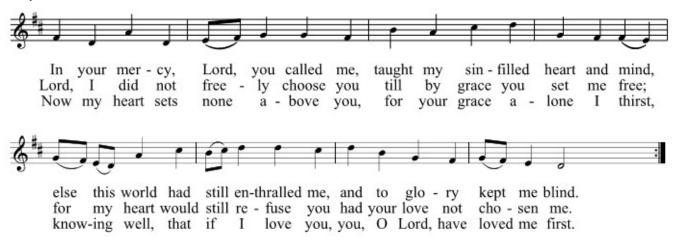
let the whole earth stand in awe.

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 Hymnal 1982 #706 In your mercy, Lord, you called me

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

People: 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."

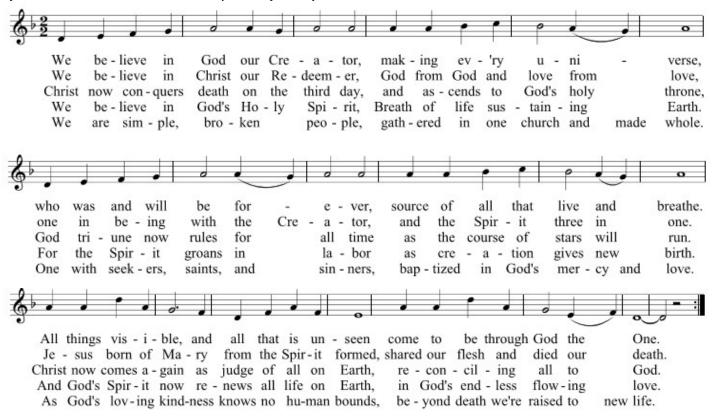
When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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: 17th Century French Carol, *Picardy;* Hymnal 1982 #324 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent* Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



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

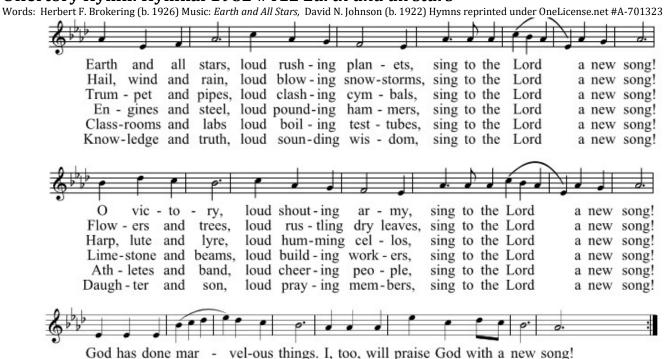
The celebrant then offers the following prayer for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries: O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom 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 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.) Or just use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give. You may also donate via Zelle to donations@stgeorgesglenndale.org. or use Cash App to send your donation to \$StGeorgesGlennDale

Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #412 Earth and all stars



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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cor - a - zón te a - do san - to, God's name is One whom we call bles-sed. Hocom-ing the "San -Se ñor." a - zón sa - be de-cir: - res the high -Praise and thanks God. san - na in - est. to

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.

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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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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.

Communion Hymn 1: LEVAS #135 Is Your All on the Altar

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and have peace and sweet rest As you yield Him your bo-dy and soul!

Communion Hymn 2: Gather #476 The Servant Song

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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.

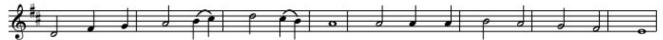
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The Blessing

Celebrant: May God, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour out blessings upon all creation, and upon us God's people, that we may use the gifts God has given us to do justice and bring peace. 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 #544 Jesus Shall Reign

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Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the doth his suc - ces - sive jour - neys sun To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es throng to crown his Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his love with sweet-est song; Bless-ings a - bound where - e'er he reigns the pris-oners leap to lose their chains, Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar hon - ors to King;



his king-dom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more His Name like sweet per - fume shall rise with ev - ery morn-ing sac - ri - fice. and in - fant voic - es shall pro-claim their ear - ly bless-ings on his Name. the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest. an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!