



St. George's Church
Glenn Dale Parish
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington
October 23, 2022
Stewardship for 2023

*See, I am doing a new thing.
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.*

Isaiah 43: 19-21

Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. Zoom participants are welcome to leave your video camera on; 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: Amazing Grace

Opening Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, pa - rent, child,
4 For your - self, best gift di - vine, to the world so free - ly given,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies.
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
a - gent of God's grand de - sign: peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Refrain
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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 #S-280 Glory to God

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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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Stewardship

Abundant God, 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. In the name of the Three in whom we are One, Amen

Joel 2: 23-32

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for God has given the early rain for your vindication,
and has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.
The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day
of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in
Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and
among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

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

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

Luke 18: 9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Motley

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*
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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. 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 God's Spir - it
One with seek - ers, saints, and sin - ners, bap - tized in God's mer - cy and love. As God's lov - ing



- 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.

Prayers of the People

Holy One, our loving Creator and Giver of all good gifts, bless our parish, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent and treasure in service to you through the humble efforts of your church here and throughout the world. Enable us to be open that we may behold how you are doing new things through us and for us. We pray, saying: **We give you our thanks for all the blessings you bestow.**

Holy One, we thank you for your gifts in creation: for the beauty of the earth, for the changing seasons that bring 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. We pray, saying: **We give you our thanks for all the blessings you bestow.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gift of your church. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, Sarah who serves us during Connie's sabbatical; and for the leaders and lay ministries of St. George's. We pray, saying: **We give you our thanks for all the blessings you bestow.**

Holy One, we thank you for civic 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. We pray, saying: **We give you our thanks for all the blessings you bestow.**

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, and for all those who are served by the Bowie Food Pantry and the Warm Nights homeless shelter. We pray for all who are poor, and those who are hungry. We pray, saying: **We give you our thanks for all the blessings you bestow.**

Holy One, we pray for those on our parish prayer list and those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We give you praise and thanks for your loving care. For this, we pray to the Lord, saying: **we give you our thanks for all the blessings you bestow.**

Holy One, we pray for all who have died, and for all who mourn. We ask you to comfort those who mourn and surround them with your love as we pray for all who have died. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray, saying: **We give you our thanks for all the blessings you bestow.**

Holy One, we thank you for all the gifts of our lives. We are grateful for the joy of special occasions in our lives. We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and all the blessings you shower upon our community. We pray, saying: **We give you our thanks for all the blessings you bestow.**

Celebrant: 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.*

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.

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 Risen Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering holy and acceptable to God.

Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #707 *Take my life and let it be*

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Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat-ed, Lord, to thee;
Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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.**

O God of grace and blessing, we thank you for making us in your image to serve the peace of all creation. You shared your name and presence 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:

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. 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.

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 Lord's Prayer –Contemporary Version

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.

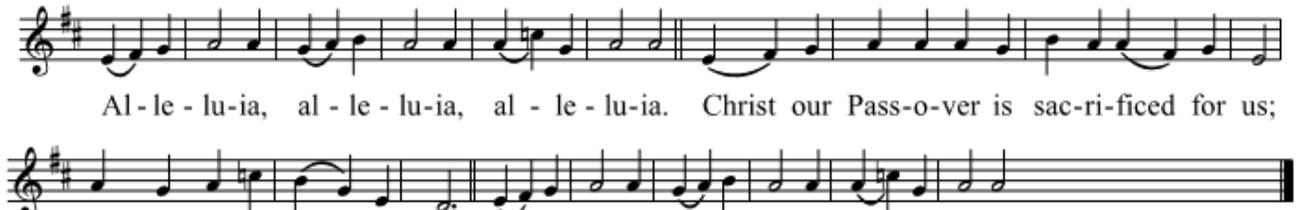
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence is kept.

Fraction Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #S 155 *Christ our Passover*

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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

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.

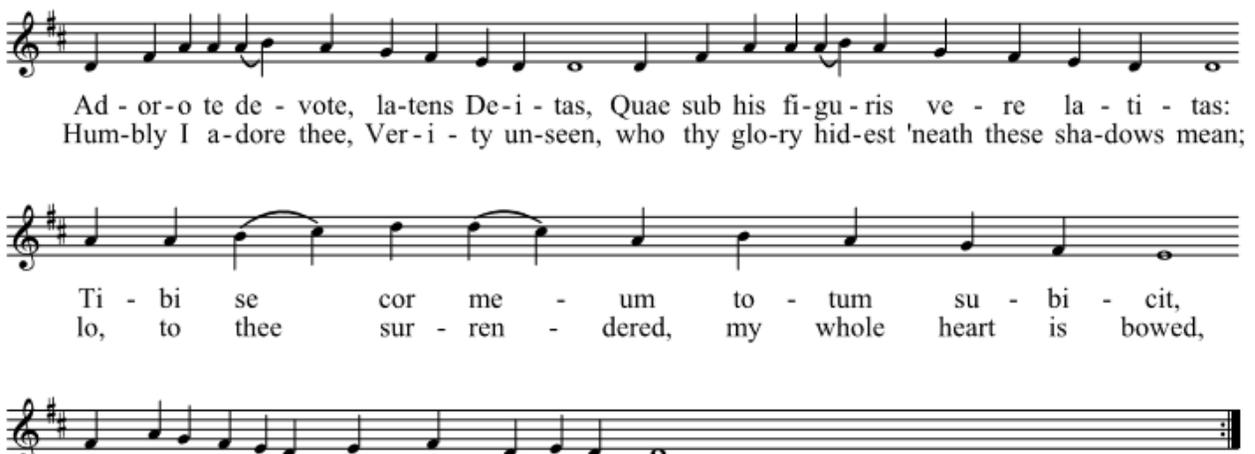
The Communion

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: Hymnal 1982 #314 *Humbly I adore thee* verse 1

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Ad - or - o te de - vote, la - tens De - i - tas, Quae sub his fi - gu - ris ve - re la - ti - tas:
Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen, who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
Ti - bi se cor me - um to - tum su - bi - cit,
lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
Qui - a te con - tem - plans to - tum de - fi - cit.
tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.

Stewardship Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #9 *Not here for high and holy things* verses 1-2, 4-6

Words: Geoffrey Ankerel Studdert-Kennedy (1835-1929) Music: *Morning Song*, Att. Elkanah Kelsey Dare (1732-1826)
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Not here for high and ho - ly things we ren - der thanks to thee, but
the roy - al robes of au - tumn moors, the gold - en gates of spring, the
A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the sky, the
Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise; see
to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en thee; to



for the com - mon things of earth, the pur - ple pa - gean - try of
vel - vet of soft sum - mer nights, the sil - ver glis - ter - ing of
fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the worlds a - wake to cry their
how the gi - ant sun soars up, great lord of years and days! So
spend thy self nor count the cost; to serve right glo - rious - ly the



dawn - ing and of dy - ing days, the splen - dor of the sea,
all the mil - lion mil - lion stars the si - lent song they sing.
bless - ings on the Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.
let the love of Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze.
God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

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.**

Reflections on Stewardship from Cathy Coburn

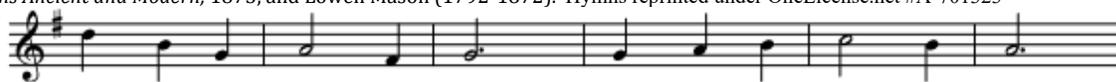
Announcements

The Blessing

Look for the face of the Lord Jesus in everyone you meet,
And may everyone you meet see the face of the Lord Jesus in you.
The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord show his face to you and have mercy upon you;
The Lord turn his countenance toward you and give you peace.
My sisters and brothers, the Lord bless you. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #537 Christ for the world we sing

Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886) Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872). Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring
Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring
Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring
Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring



with lov - ing zeal; the poor and them that mourn, the faint and
with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward and the lost, by rest - less
with one ac - cord; with us the work to share, with us re -
with joy - ful song; the new - born souls, whose days, re - claimed from



o - ver borne, sin - sick and sor - row worn, whom Christ doth heal.
pas - sions tossed, re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
- proach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
er - ror's ways, in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *For the Beauty of the Earth*