



Celebrating St. Francis

St. George's Church † Glenn Dale, Maryland

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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.

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #400 *All Creatures of Our God and King, verses 1, 4-5*

Words: St. Francis of Assisi tr. William H. Draper. Music: *Last uns erfreuen* adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams
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All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
Dear moth - er earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your



sing: Al le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with gold - en
way; O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and fruits that in you
part, O sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that pain and sor - row



beams, pale sil - ver moon that gent - ly gleams, O praise him, O
grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show: O praise him, O
bear, praise God, and cast on him your care: O praise him, O



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

Opening Sentence:

Celebrant: Let every creature in heaven, on earth, in the sea and in the depths, give praise, glory, and honor.

People: Blessing to Christ who suffered so much for us and who gave us so many good things. (*St. Francis, Letter to the Faithful*)

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

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932) Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the day: **May the power of your love, Lord Christ, fiery and sweet as honey, wean our hearts from all that is under heaven, so that we may die for love of your love, who were so good as to die for love of our love. Amen.**

(The Absorbeat, a prayer attributed to St. Francis)



1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards,^[e] not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

Canticle of the Creatures by St. Francis of Assisi

To You, Most High, all praises be sung. Honor and glory, blessings are yours.

Sing out God's praises, Brother Sun. You warm our days and give us your light.

Sing Sister Moon and shimmering stars. Precious and clear, you beam through the night,

Sing God's praises, Brother Wind. Blow the clouds, soft and serene.

Sing Sister Water, humble and pure. Sing Brother Fire, joyful and fierce.

Sing out God's praises, Mother Earth. You give us fruit and flowers that delight.

Be praised Most High by those who forgive. Love that bears all, so patient and kind.

Sing God's praises, Sister Peace. Tune our hearts for charity.

Be praised Most High by those who endure hate and injustice, all for your sake.

Sing out God's praises, Sister Death, in joy will we rest in heavenly light.

To You, Most High, all praises be sung! Honor and glory, blessings are yours.

Sing out God's praises Little Ones. Serve with great humility.



Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #405 *All Things Bright and Beautiful v. 1,2 and 4*

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All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won-der-ful, the Lord God made them all.



Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings, God
The pur - ple head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by, the
God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how



made their glow-ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
sun - set, and the morn-ing that bright-ens up the sky.
great is God Al - might-y, who has made all things well.

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

Luke 12: 22-34

Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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-quests 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
Je - sus born of Ma - ry from the Spir - it formed, shared our flesh and
Christ now comes a - gain as judge of all on Earth, re - con - cil - ing
And God's Spir - it now re - news all life on Earth, in God's end - less
As God's lov - ing kind - ness knows no hu - man bounds, be - yond death we're



God the One.
died our death.
all to God.
flow - ing love.
raised to new life.

Prayers of the People

O God, Most High, we pray this day and sing your praises for all the good things that you have bestowed upon your creation. We pray for all of its creatures from the humblest to those who are rightly exalted. O God, Most High, **all praise and glory be to you!**

O God, we pray for our planet Earth. We praise you in thanksgiving for the sun and moon and stars, for water, wind and fire. We pray that we may be faithful stewards of your creation, and that we may use its resources wisely and justly to ensure the well-being and wholeness of all. O God, Most High, **all praise and glory be to you!**

O God, we pray that you inspire your Church here and throughout the world to serve with great humility. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Connie our rector, Sarah who serves us during Connie's sabbatical; and for the people and lay ministries of St. George's. O God, Most High, **all praise and glory be to you!**

O God, we pray for open hearts to serve those most in need. We pray for the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School, for the homeless guests of the Warm Nights program, and for all those in need, especially those who are poor and those who are hungry. O God, Most High, **all praise and glory be to you!**

O God, we pray for healing of body, mind, and soul as we live through the trials that confront us. Heal those for whom 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. O God, Most High, **all praise and glory be to you!**

O God, 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. O God, Most High, **all praise and glory be to you!**

O God, we thank you for all of the gifts of our lives. We pray that we may live always in gratitude to you and ever sing your praises. . O God, Most High, **all praise and glory be to you!**

Celebrant: We offer our prayers to you, O God, in whom we live and move and have our being.
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 servants N. 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

The Celebrant says.

Prepare to look upon the humility of God. Pour out your hearts before the Lord of the Universe. Humble yourselves that God might exalt you. Hold back nothing of yourselves for yourselves, that the Lord may receive your all who gave his all to you. (*Exhortation of St. Francis, "Letter to the Whole Order"*)

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Offertory Hymn: 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.

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:

All Powerful, Most High, Supreme Good Lord, we praise you and thank you for bringing your light to the darkness of our lives. By your Word at creation you brought forth our brother sun and sister moon, and your loving gaze looked upon all that you had made to find it very good. But by sin the world was blinded; by sin we lost our way. Then through your Son you revealed the light of your love, that by his light we may see and become the light.

And now joining with saints and angels and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we break forth in song to sing your joyous praise:

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.

You are worthy, O God, to be worshipped and praised by all that you have made. For you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son that all might find new life in him. By your Holy Spirit, you anointed Jesus to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, and to release those who are oppressed.

Living among us Jesus revealed your glory, full of grace and truth. Yet the world rejected him, opposing his mission and witness.

And now we remember that on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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."

We remember O God that in all humility, Christ accepted betrayal and death upon a cross for our redemption. Therefore, O Lord, you raised him from the dead and made the whole creation new. And so we praise you for your love and mercy revealed in Jesus Christ our crucified and risen Lord, and we offer all we have and all we are to you.

As we await the return of Christ in glory, we pray to you O God to let your Holy Spirit come upon this bread and wine and upon us, that we may be filled with your power and grace through this sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Unite us to your Son, our Lord, who brings us out of darkness into the wonderful light.

All this we ask through our Savior Jesus Christ, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer – Traditional Version

Celebrant: And now in the Spirit of Christ, we pray,

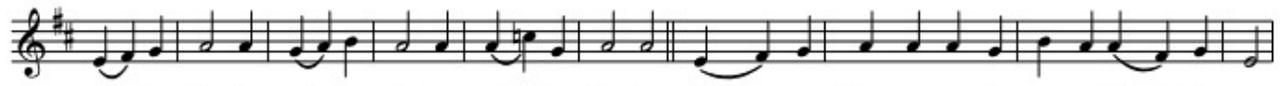
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, 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 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 1: Gather #524 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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Verses 1, 2, 4

1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred, let me bring your
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in life, let me bring
3. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par-don - ing that we are
love._____ Where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord,____
hope._____ Where there is dark - ness,_____ on - ly light,____
par - doned,____ in giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.____
And where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.____
and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.____

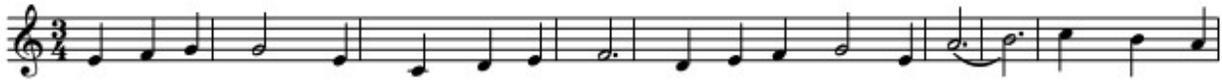
Verse 3

3. Oh, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek____ So much to be con -
soled as to con - sole._____ To be un - der - stood as to un - der -
stand._____ To be loved as to love with all my soul._____

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Communion Hymn 2: New Century Hymnal #32 *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*

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God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing stars How does the
God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet blast How does the
God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty grave How does the
God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the prod - i - gal How does the
God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the prun - ing hook How does the
God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the lov - ing heart How do your



crea - ture cry Awe How does the crea - ture say Praise
crea - ture cry Woe How does the crea - ture cry Save
crea - ture say Grace How does the crea - ture say Thanks
crea - ture say Care How does the crea - ture say Life
crea - ture say Love How does the crea - ture say Peace
chil - dren say Joy How do your chil - dren say Home

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray:

**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 in the world,
Help us sow your pardon, love and renewal.
Empower us by your Holy Spirit
To love mercy, to do justice,
And to walk humbly with our God,
Following the example of Francis,
Who with all your saints magnify your holy Name,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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: My Heart Sings Out #131 We Are a Part of All Creation

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We are a part of all cre-a-tion, all of cre - a - tion sings in us, earth and sea and
We are a part of ev - 'ry per-son all of the peo-ples sing in us, one our jour-ney,
We are a part of God's cre-a-tion, God is the voice that sings in us, be our jour-ney
We are a part of all cre-a-tion, giv-en the breath of life to share all the glo - ry



sky and crea-tures, join in the dance of life and love. All of cre-a-tion, one o-ha na,
one our path-way, one in the dance of life and love.
on our path-way, come be our dance of life and love.
of our Mak - er with ev - 'ry per - son ev - 'ry-where.



All of cre-a-tion sings to you; Ma-ny the voic-es one great mu-sic, part of me and part of



you. you; part of me and part of you.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God and our neighbor. **People: Thanks be to God!**