



Celebrating St. Francis

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

October 5, 2025
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: *We Shall Walk Through The Valley In Peace*

Music: traditional spiritual arr by Moses Hogan

Hymnal 1982 #405 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander *1818-1895). Music: *Royal Oak* melody from *The Dancing Master*, adapted by Martin Fallas Shaw. (1875-1958)
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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.
The pur - ple head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



God made their glow - ing co - lours, God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

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
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!

4

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: **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)

Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills:

but where shall I look for help?

My help comes from the Lord:

who has made heaven and earth.

The Lord will not let your foot stumble:

the one who guards you will not sleep.

The one who keeps watch over this people:

shall neither doze nor sleep.

The Lord is the one who will guard you:

the Lord at your right hand will be your defense,

so that the sun shall not strike you by day:

nor yet the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil:

yes it is the Lord who will keep you safe.

The Lord shall take care of your going out, and your coming in:

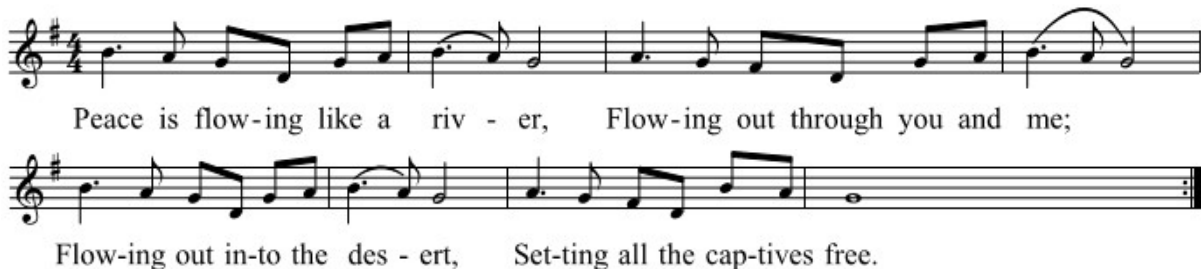
from this time forth and for ever.

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 #526 *Peace is Flowing Like a River*

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Peace is flow-ing like a riv - er, Flow-ing out through you and me;
Flow-ing out in-to the des - ert, Set-ting all the cap-tives free.

2. Joy is flowing like a river,
3. Faith is flowing like a river,

4. Hope is flowing like a river,
5. Love is flowing like a river,

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

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

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: Wendy Pohlhaus, Deacon Intern

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

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, you give us responsibility to govern and lead. In this challenging time, we pray that you would 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, even now you bless us with so many reasons to celebrate the joys of our lives. Accept our gratitude for the abundance of your grace. 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.**

Blessing of our Animal Companions

All are invited to hold up a picture of their animal companion(s), or hold them in your hearts as we pray: **Blessed are you, Lord God of the universe, for all the creatures you have made. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land, entrusting us with their care. You inspired Saint Francis to call creatures his brothers and sisters. On this day we honor your servant Francis, we pray especially for our animal companions, those who have passed, and those who are still with us. They glorify you, and each in its own way speaks to us of your beauty, your challenge and your love. May your blessing be upon them, and may we respect them and cherish them as your gift to us. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures. 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.

Offertory Hymn: 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
God of the earth - quake	God of the storm	God of the trum - pet	blast
God of the rain - bow	God of the cross	God of the emp - ty	grave
God of the hun - gry	God of the sick	God of the prod - i - gal	
God of the neigh - bor	God of the foe	God of the prun - ing	hook
God of the a - ges	God near at	God of the lov - ing	heart



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

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, or donate via Zelle to 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.)

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*

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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.

The image shows a three-line musical score for the hymn 'Christ our Passover'. Each line consists of a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a series of notes with stems. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line is 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second line is 'Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast'. The third line is '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 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: Gather #524 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in



let me bring your love. Where there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord,
life, let me bring hope. Where there is dark-ness, - - on-ly light.



And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
And where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.



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.



4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par-don-ing that we are



par doned, in giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in



dy-ing that we're born to e-tern-nal life.



Communion Hymn 2: Gather #504 *The Love of the Lord*

Words: Philippians 3: 7-11 Michael Joncas (b. 1951) Music: Michael Joncas. © 1968 GIA Publications, Inc.
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1. All that I count - ed as gain now I con - si - der as loss
2. Rich - es and hon - ors will fade, earth - ly de - light dis - ap - pear,
3. Sil - ver and gold have I none, no land to count as my home yet
4. Faith is the wealth I pos - sess Find - ing its source in my God;




emp - ty and worth - less to me in the light of the love of the Lord,
fade like the grass of the field in the light of the love of the Lord.
wealth be - yond mea - sure I own in the light of the love of the Lord.
faith in the pro - mise of Christ is my life and my love of the Lord.



What more could bring us hope than to know the pow'r of his Life?



What more could bring us peace than to share in his suf - f'ring and death?



What more could be our fin - nal wish than to live in the love of the Lord?

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: As we pray in thanksgiving for being fed at this table in the sacrament of Jesus' body and blood, let us say together the prayer attributed to St. Francis:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love. Where there is injury, let me so pardon. Where there is doubt, let me sow faith. Where there is despair, let me so hope. Where there is darkness, let me sow light. And where there is sadness, let me sow joy. O divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. 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: New Century Hymnal #17 *To You, O God, All Creatures Sing*

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

Music: *Last uns erfreuen* adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) © 1966 Oxford University Press from *The English hymnal 1966*.

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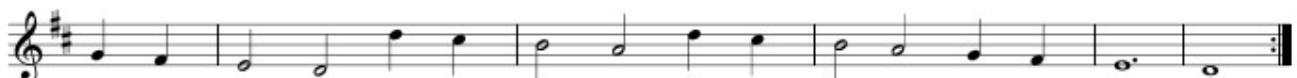
To you, O God, all crea-tures sing, and all cre - a - tion, ev - ery - thing
Your wind that blows the tem - pest by, your clouds that sail a - cross the sky
Your flow - ing wat - ers, crys - tal clear, make mel - o - dies for you to hear,
To you, O God, day af - ter day, your plan - et earth in ev - ery way,
Now we who are of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, take our part,
In you, a kind and gen - tle death pre - pares to hush our fi - nal breath



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 fra - grant flower
sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! To you we lift our pain and care,
sing - ing prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! Christ goes be - fore us to re - new



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 - bering your warmth and light, sings your prais - es,
show forth your glo - ry and your power sing your prais - es,
re - ceive the bur - dens that we bear, sing - ing prais - es,
the way that leads us home to you. Hear our prais - es,



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

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *If You But Trust In God To Guide You*

Music: Georg Neumark