



**The Season After Pentecost**  
**St. George's Church † Glenn Dale, Maryland**  
**The Episcopal Diocese of Washington**  
***The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
***September 20, 2020***

*Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet for those who attending the service virtually has everything you need to participate fully in today's worship service, including scripture readings, prayers and music.*

**Prelude:**

**Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #410 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*, v 1, 3 and 4**



Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
Fa - ther-like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:  
in his hand he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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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:** 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 S280 Sung by St. George's Virtual Choir

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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.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray together the Collect of the day: **Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**A Prayer for Racial Justice:**

**O God who calls us to love kindness and do justice: in the midst of violence and injustice in our country we pray that you grant us grace to fearlessly contend against the evils of racism, and that you give us strength and courage to stand against oppression with our words and with our deeds, through Jesus Christ our strength and our guide. Amen.**

### **Psalm 145: 1-8**

I will extol you O God my king: **I will bless your name for ever and ever.**

Every day will I give thanks to you: **and praise your name for ever and ever.**

You are great O Lord, and worthy of all praise: **there are no bounds to your greatness.**

One generation shall praise your works to another: **and proclaim your mighty acts.**

I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty: **and of all your marvelous works.**

People shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds: **and I too will proclaim your greatness.**

They shall pour out the story of your abundant kindness: **and joyfully sing of your righteousness.**

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion: **slow to anger and abounding in love.**

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

### **Matthew 20:1-16**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

**The Sermon:      The Rev. Connie Reinhardt**

### **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Led by Carolyn Lassiter*

In this challenging time in our life together, in our country, and in our world, we pray to you O Holy One, and we offer our thanks and praise even as we ask you for strength and courage for the days ahead.

Holy One, we thank you for your gifts in creation: for the beauty of the earth, for the changing seasons and 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. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for science, for knowledge, and for the wisdom that is available to us. We pray that we have the fortitude to be vigilant, attentive, and proactive in the face of the coronavirus, and act not only for ourselves, but for the good of others.  
O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gift of your church. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the community of St. George's.

O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for 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.

O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for all who are working for racial justice in our country. We pray that you inspire us to action. May we who believe in freedom never rest until it comes for all people. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

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, 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, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for all of the gifts of our lives. We pray that we may live always in gratitude to you. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we pray for all who have died, and for all who mourn.

O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

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.*

**People:** **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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.**

*The people may share a socially distanced sign of God's peace with one another*

## Announcements and Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

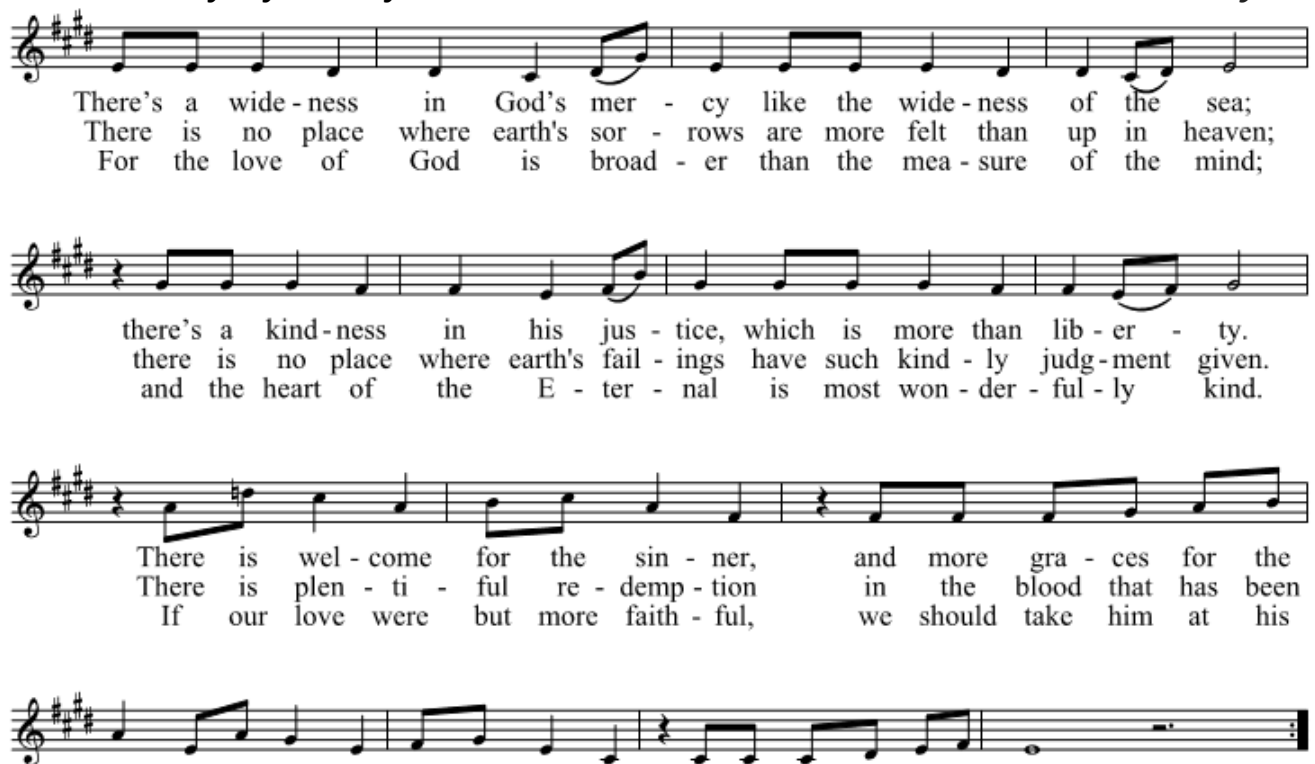
### The Offertory

*The Celebrant says*

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

*Traditionally this would be the time for the basket to be passed to receive financial donations from those worshipping in person. For safety reasons, that practice has changed. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible. You can use your phone to text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to [www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give](http://www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give). If your bank offers Zelle, you can use your banking app to send a donation via Zelle to [donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net](mailto:donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net). There are also baskets at the entrance and exit doors of the Sanctuary for donations of checks or cash. Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's.*

### Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #469 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*



There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;  
For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the  
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been  
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his

good; there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in His blood.  
shed; there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
word; and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

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## 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*

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

***Hymnal 1982 S 128 Sanctus***

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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 Celebrant says*

Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

**Jesus, I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Though we cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, I pray that you come spiritually into my heart and strengthen me with your grace. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. I pray that I may never be separated from you. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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 Anthem: *Steal Away* arr. H.T. Burleigh (1866-1949), sung by emma Hadley, soprano**

*Refrain:*

*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!  
Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here!*

*Verses:*

*My Lord, calls me, He calls me by the thunder;  
the trumpet sounds with-in-a my soul;  
I ain't got long to stay here.*

*Green trees are bending, poor sinner stands a trembling;  
the trumpet sounds with-in-a my soul;  
I ain't got long to stay here.*

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**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 gathering, this bread and this wine. May they strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may embody your desire for justice and be renewed for your service to others, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Blessing

May God give you grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love. 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: LEVAS 76 *Jesus in the Morning*



Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus in the morn-ing Jes - us in the noont-time;  
Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him in the morn-ing Praise Him in the noon-time;  
Love Him, Love Him, Love Him in the morn-ing Love Him in the noon-time;  
Serve Him, Serve Him, Serve Him, in the morn-ing Serve Him in the noon-time;  
Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus in the morn-ing Jes - us in the noont-time;



Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus when the sun goes down!  
Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him when the sun goes down!  
Love Him, Love Him, Love Him when the sun goes down!  
Serve Him, Serve Him, Serve Him when the sun goes down!  
Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus when the sun goes down!

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## 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!**

## Postlude: