

The Season After Pentecost
St. George's Church ☩ Glenn Dale, Maryland
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2020

Prelude: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #679 *Surely It Is God Who Saves Me*

Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust-ing him, I shall not fear. For the
Make his deeds known to the peo-ples; tell out his ex-alt - ed Name, Praise the

Lord de - fends and shields me, and his sav - ing help is near. So, re-
Lord, who has done great things; all his works his might pro-claim. Zi-on,

- jice as you draw wa - ter from sal - va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the
lift your voice in sing-ing; for with you has come to dwell, in your

day of your de - liv-erance thank the Lord, his mer-cies sing.
ve-ry midst, the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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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: MHSO Amen, We Praise Your Name

Words and music: Masithi, South African Hymn

Cantor: Sing a-men: A-men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a-men:

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray: O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that we may know and understand what things we ought to do, and also have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 in our words and in our deeds, through Jesus Christ our strength and our guide. Amen.

Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

Psalms 65: 5-14

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

You make the dawn and the dusk resound with songs of joy.

You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might.
You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples.
You make the dawn and the dusk resound with songs of joy.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;
You make the dawn and the dusk resound with songs of joy.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plentiful; the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
You make the dawn and the dusk resound with songs of joy.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.
You make the dawn and the dusk resound with songs of joy.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.
May the meadows cover themselves with flocks and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.
You make the dawn and the dusk resound with songs of joy.

Matthew 13:1-9

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"
The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt



I believe in God almighty Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)
Music: Domhnach Trionoide, Gaelic melody

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1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor
2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and
3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing

4 of all things that be, Mak - er of the earth and
scorned and cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was
all the saints with - in one church, cath - o - lic and

7 heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and sea. I be -
bur - ied — True Life there had tru - ly died. I be -
ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the

10 lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and
lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the
bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's

13 Christ, of the Spir - it and of Mar - y born to
grave, then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will
chain gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the

16 bring a - bun - dant life. 2007.07.31
come to judge and save. claimed.
faith that I have claimed.

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Prayers of the People

Holy and gracious God, in such a time as this there is grief in our hearts, anxiety on our minds, and suffering before our eyes, and so we pray for your love and your grace for us and for all people.
Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Grant us your spirit of love and self-discipline O God, so that we may come together to control and eliminate the coronavirus. Make us vigilant, attentive, and proactive, and heal the self-centeredness and indifference that makes us worry only when the virus threatens us personally.
Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Assist the church mercifully with your help O God, as we pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the community of St. George's.
Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the leaders of the nations O God, that they may speak the truth, lead with compassion, and act with justice. Grant wisdom and humility to those who lead in our state, our country and in the world. May those who make decisions for others know their responsibility to care for those who are most vulnerable, especially those who are poor and those who are hungry.
Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Pour out your grace O God on those who protest and those who work towards racial justice in our country, and inspire all Americans to live up to the values we hold dear. May we who believe in freedom never rest until it comes for all people.
Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Heal our world, O God; strengthen our hearts and our minds and in the midst of turmoil give us hope and peace. Protect us from despair and loneliness and show us the way of truly connecting and kindling community with others. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list, and those we name before you now. Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Hold in your gentle embrace O God all who have died, and comfort those who mourn. Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Fill our hearts gratitude for all of our blessings O God, and help us to live each day in a spirit of thanksgiving. Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Holy One you promise never to leave us comfortless. Help us trust in your goodness and to know ourselves surrounded by your grace, now and always, through Christ our Lord. **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.

Announcements and Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

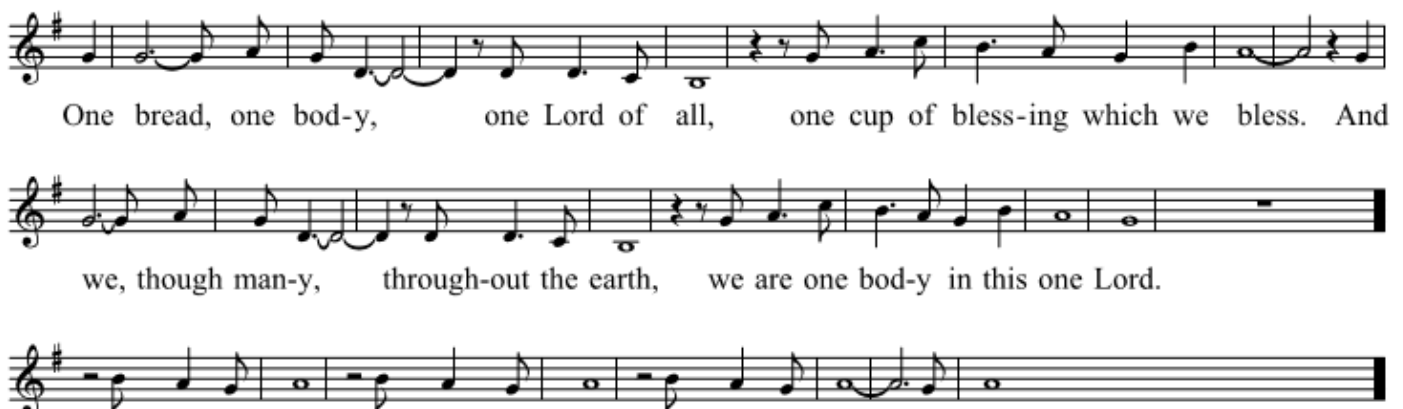


Social Justice Bible Challenge Begins July 27th

Join us for weekly bible study exploring what the scriptures say about social justice over forty days of daily readings. *The Social Justice Bible Challenge* from Forward Movement includes a passage of scripture to read each day along with a short reflection and questions to consider. The study will start on Monday July 27th and we will meet via Zoom for six weeks, every Monday at 7 pm through the end of August. If you would like to participate, email Connie+ at rector@stgeo.comcastbiz.net or Terry Doyle at terrencedoyle@msn.com

The **Contemplative Prayer Group** will meet on Zoom, Tuesday, July 14 at 7:30 pm. Details can be found by going to the Calendar page of the parish website.

Offertory Hymn: LEVAS #151 *One Bread, One Body* – St. George's Virtual Choir



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all, one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And

we, though man-y, through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.

Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free, wo-man or man no more.
Man - y the gifts, man - y the works, one in the Lord of all.
Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown, gath-ered to one for all.

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Prayers for Communion in Spirit

Celebrant: Though we are separated from one another spatially, we remain connected to each other in heart and spirit as we contemplate the real presence of Christ in our midst. We remember that Christ is truly present with us, not only in bread and wine, but in our daily lives. Through this period of our physical separation, we fast from a literal participation in the sharing of communion, while also knowing that we receive the presence of Christ through our desire to share the sacrament. In that spirit let us pray:

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, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Instrumental Meditation – *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* by J.S. Bach

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

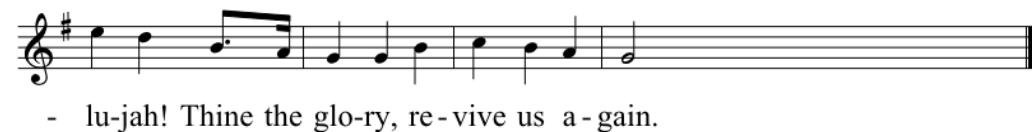
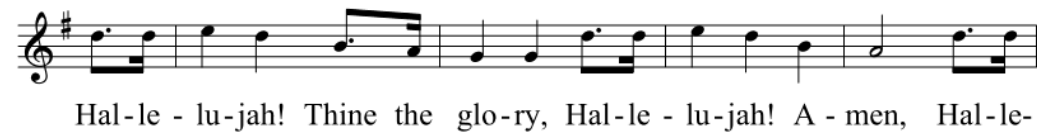
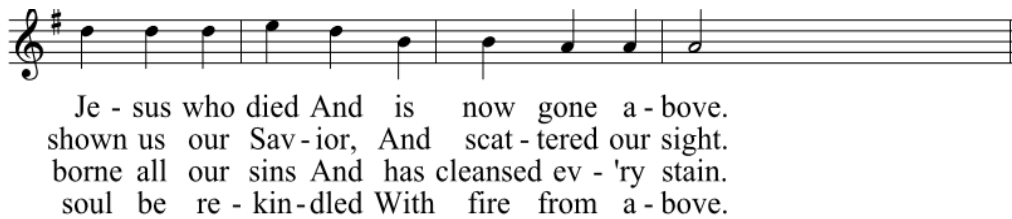
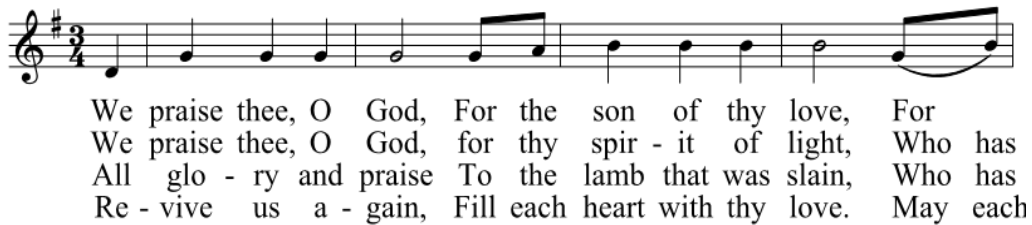
O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord, who sends us out in joy and leads us back in peace. We offer to you our humble thanks and praise for the blessings we have received this day through our worship of you; we pray that the week to come may be spent in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 #157 *Revive Us Again*



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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!**