

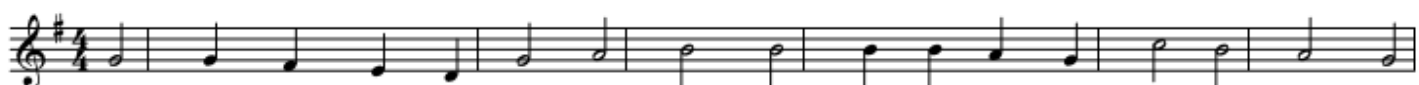
The Season After Pentecost

St. George's Church ☩ Glenn Dale,
Maryland
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington
**The Eleventh Sunday after
Pentecost**
August 16, 2020

Prelude: *Sanctuary* by Kevin Olson. Dr. Joshua Fishbein, piano

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #380 *From All That Dwell Below This Skies*



From all that dwell be - low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let
E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy
Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise



the Re - deem - er's Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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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: 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:

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

Cantor: A-men, a-men, A-men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a-men: (not sung final time)

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray: Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant--these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

Psalms 67

Be gracious to us O God and bless us:
and make the light of your face to shine upon us,
that your ways may be known upon earth: your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you O God: let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad, and sing for joy:
for you judge the peoples righteously,
and guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you O God: let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its harvest: and you our God will bless us.
Your blessing O God be upon us: and let all the ends of the world revere you.
Let the peoples praise you O God: let all the peoples praise you.

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

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles."

Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit."

But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left Gennesaret and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly. The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt



The Creed: Sung by the St. George's Virtual Choir

Nicene Creed

Text: Nicene Creed
Tune: *BEACH SPRING*; The Sacred Harp, 1844



1. We be - lieve in God the Fath - er, God al - might - y, by whose
2. Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaught - er
3. We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be - low, a -
5 plan earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be -
led, suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he des - cend - ed to the
9 bove: saints of God in one com - mun - ion, one in ho - li - ness and
14 gan. We be - lieve in Christ the Sav - ior, Son of God in hu - man frame, vir - gin -
dead. We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, heav - en's king to rule and reign, to the
love. So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sav - ior, Lord and friend, we shall
14 Gather 471 Nicene Creed 2011.06.13
born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spir - it came. ____
Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed 'til as judge he comes a - gain. ____
rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end. ____

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The 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



Summer Volunteer Opportunity to Prepare Lunches for Warm Nights: You must **sign up ahead of time with the** sign up genius link. Questions- please contact Peggy Alexander peggyalexander28@gmail.com

Check your Parish Email for information about the return to holding services in our sanctuary, beginning on **September 6**. We will also need people to do a variety of tasks to facilitate the opening. Save the date for a **Agape Meal Evening Prayer** service on Thursday, August 27 via Zoom. We will break bread with one another virtually.

Diocesan-Wide Virtual Service on Sunday August 30

On August 30 there will be no service to view at St. George's as the Diocese has invited all parishes to join them for a virtual service. Bishop Mariann will preside and preach at the National Cathedral, which will be live-streamed at 11:15 AM on their website, Facebook, and YouTube pages. We will hold our Virtual Hospitality time for St. George's on Zoom from 10:00 to 10:45 prior to the service. In addition, we will host a Zoom gathering to watch and participate with other St. Georgians in the service from the cathedral. You can come online to Zoom, beginning at 11:00 am. See the Calendar for links and details.

Offertory Hymn: Gather #542

In Christ There Is a Table Set for All

Text: Robert J. Stamps
Tune: CENÉDIUS, Irr., Robert J. Stamps

The image shows the musical score for the hymn 'In Christ There Is a Table Set for All'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has a key signature change from G major to F# major (two sharps) for the first measure. The second staff has a key signature change from F# major back to G major (one sharp) for the first measure. The third staff has a key signature change from G major to F# major (two sharps) for the first measure. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Wel-come, all you no - ble saints of old, As now be - fore your ver - y eyes un -
2. El - ders, mar - tyrs, all are fall - ing down; 7 Pro - phets, pa - tri - archs are gath - 'ring
3. Beg - gers, lame, and har - lots al - so here; Re - pen - tant pub - li - cans are draw - ing
4. Who is this who spreads the vic - t'ry feast? 7 Who is this who makes our war - ring
5. Here he gives him - self to us as bread: 7 Here, as wine, we drink the blood he
6. Wor - ship in the pres - ence of the Lord. With joy - ful songs and hearts in one ac -
7. When at last this earth shall pass a - way. When Je - sus and his bride are one to
fold. The won - ders all so long a - go fore - told:
'round. What an - gels long to see now we have found.
near; 7 Way - ward sons come home with - out a fear.
cease? 7 Je - sus, ris - en Sav - ior, Prince of Peace.
shed. 7 Born to die, we eat and live in - stead!
cord. And let our host at ta - ble be a - dored.
stay. The feast of love is just be - gun that day.
In Christ there is a ta - ble set for all.

Robert J. Stamps. Tune: CENÉDIUS © 1972 Dawn Treader Music. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

Prayers for Communion in Spirit

Celebrant: Jesus invites us into connection with him and with each other and shares himself with us in bread and wine, in fellowship and faith. He assures us that where two or three are gathered in his name, he is in the midst of them. As we move through this time of separation, we are nonetheless reminded that Jesus is truly present with us, not just at this table, but in our daily lives. Though we are in a time of fasting from the sharing of Holy Communion in a literal sense, we also know that we receive Christ through our desire to share his presence through 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 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. May I never be separated from you. Amen.

All are invited to reflect on the sacrament and our connection to Jesus during the musical meditation.

**Meditation- Solo Anthem: *God's Mercy* by Larry Shackley. Emma Hadley, soprano
Dr. Joshua Fishbein, piano**

*There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in His blood.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
Was there ever kinder shepherd half so gentle, half so sweet,
As the Savior who invites us come and gather at His feet?
If our love were but more simple, we should take Him at His word;
and our lives would be all sunshine in the sweetness of the Lord.
There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty.
O Lord, have mercy on me, on me.*

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 was moved by the faith of the Canaanite Woman and hears us when we present our needs. 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: WLP #787 *We are Marching in the Light of God*

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen kwen - khos', si - ya
Mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios, Mar - cha -

march-ing in the light of God. We are march - ing in the
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
re - mos en la luz de Dios. Mar - cha - re - mos en la

light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God.
nyen kwen - khos' si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
luz de Dios, mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios.

— We are march-ing, Oo we are
— Si - ya - ham - ba, Oo si - ya -
— Mar - cha - re - mos Oo mar - cha -

march-ing in the light of God. We are march-ing
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - ham - ba,
re - mos en la luz de Dios. Mar - cha - re - mos

— Oo We are march-ing in the light of God.
— Oo si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos.
— Oo Mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios.

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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!