

The Season After Pentecost
St. George's Church † Glenn Dale, Maryland
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2020

Prelude: *America the Beautiful* by Samuel A. Ward, arr. Jenifer Cook

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #616 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Hail to the Lord's A - noin - ted, great Dav - id's grea - ter Son! Hail
He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong, to
He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth, and

in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun! He
help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong; to
love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth: be -

comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free; to
give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light, whose
- fore him on the moun - tain shall peace, the her - ald, go; and

take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty
souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.

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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

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music. The first system starts with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff, and the accompaniment is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are: "Sing a-men: A-men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a-men:". The second system starts with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff, and the accompaniment is written on a grand staff. The lyrics are: "A-men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a-men: A-men, a-men,". The third system starts with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff, and the accompaniment is written on a grand staff. The lyrics are: "A-men, a-men, A-men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a-men: (not sung final time)". The score is marked with "Cantor:" above the melody line and "Sing a-men:" below the lyrics. The number "3" is written above the first measure of the second system, and "6" is written above the first measure of the third system. The number "MHSO 034" is written below the first measure of the third system.

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

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

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: O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:8-15

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.

You lift up those who are bowed down, O God.

You LORD are loving to all of us: and your compassion is over all your works.

All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your servants will bless your name.

You lift up those who are bowed down, O God.

They shall make known the glory of your kingdom: and speak of your power;
So that all may know of your mighty deeds: and the glorious splendor of your presence.
You lift up those who are bowed down, O God.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; and your dominion endures from age to age.
You lift up those who are bowed down, O God.

For you O God are faithful in all of your words, and merciful in all of your deeds.
You uphold those who stumble: and lift up those who are bowed down.

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” 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
7
all the saints with - in one church, cath - o - lic and

10
heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and sea. I be -
bur - ied - True Life there had tru - ly died. I be -
13
ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the

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
16
bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's

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

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

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Prayers in Thanksgiving for Our National Life in honor of Independence Day

Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

We pray O God that you would heal us.

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them. **We pray O God that you would forgive us.**

We thank you for all who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them. **We pray O God that you would inspire us.**

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

We pray O God that you would enlighten us.

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

We pray O God that you would renew us.

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the people of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines.

And we pray O God that you would strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all would act in ways that glorify you. This we ask in the Name of Jesus 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




We are hoping to be able to meet for in-person worship at St. George's later in July, contingent on our **Regathering Plan** getting approval from the bishop and having enough volunteer ushers, cleaning assistants, tech support, and altar guild support. If you are willing to help in any of these ways, please email Roy Peterson at rpeterson@avtekstaffing.com

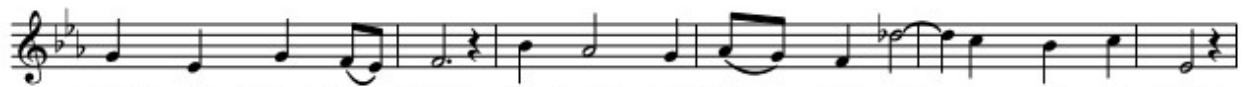
Whenever we begin in-person services, parishioners will still be able to participate virtually in Sunday worship.

This week we hold **Evening Prayer** at 6:00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday. **Compline** will be at 8:00 pm on Wednesday. See the Calendar on the parish website for **Zoom** information about each of these services.


Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #347 *Go Forth for God*



Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good cour-age,
Go forth for God, go to the world in love; strength-en the faint, give
Go forth for God, go to the world in stength; hold fast the good, be
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy; to serve God's peo-ple



armed with heav-en-ly grace, in God's good Spi-rit dai-ly to in-crease,
cour-age to the weak; help the af-flict-ed; rich-ly from a-bove
ur-gent for the right; ren-der to no one e-vil; Christ at length
ev-ery day and hour, and serv-ing Christ, our ev-ery gift em-ploy,



till in his king-dom we be hold his face.
his love sup-plies the grace and power we seek.
shall o-ver-come all dark-ness with his light.
re-joic-ing in the Ho-ly Spi-rit's power.

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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 – *Amber Waves* by Christopher Goldston

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 calls us to take his yoke upon us, and find our rest in him. 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.**

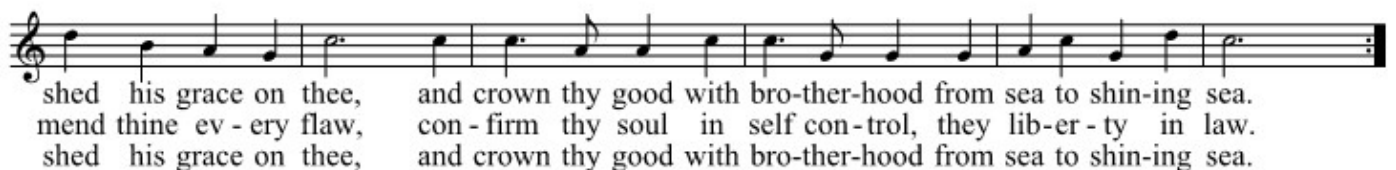
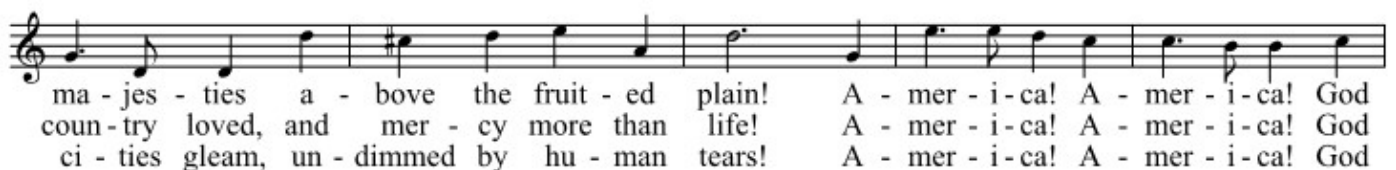
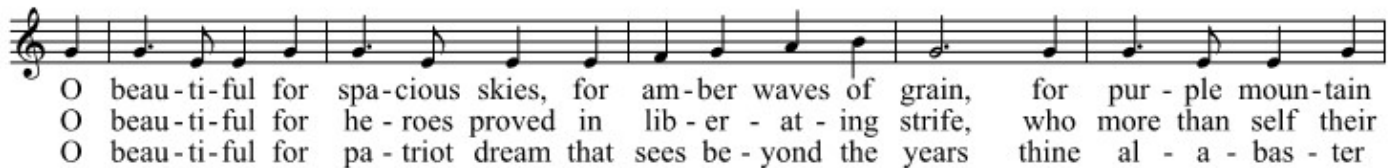
The Blessing

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: Hymnal 1982 # 719 *America the Beautiful*



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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!