

The Season After Pentecost

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost St. George's Church

Glenn Dale Parish The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

September 26, 2021

Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. Zoom participants are encouraged to leave your video camera on or turn it off as you prefer; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom.

Prelude: Dona Nobis Pacem, arr. Ryan Marvel

Opening Hymn: Come All You People

Words: With One Voice. Music: Alexander Gondo; arr. John L. Bell. OneLicense.net #A-701323



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

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High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.

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: O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

Psalm 19

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul:

the instruction of the Lord is sure, and gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:

the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.

The awe of the Lord is clean, and endures forever:

the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous every one.

They are more to be desired than gold, even much fine gold:

sweeter also than honey, pure honey from the comb.

By them is your servant taught: and for keeping them there is great reward.

Who can discern unwitting sins?: O cleanse me from my secret faults.

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the better of me:

then shall I be clean, and innocent of great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart:

be acceptable in your sight, O Lord my strength and my redeemer.

Gospel Hymn: Hymnal #712 Dona Nobis Pacem

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

Mark 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us."

But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

The Sermon The Rev. Sarah Motley



The Creed We Believe in God Our Creator

Words: Nicene Creed paraphrased by Terry Doyle TSSF.

Music: 17th Century French Carol, Piccardy; Hymnal 1982 # 324 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

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The 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. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you give us responsibility to govern and lead. We pray that all in authority may 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 your whole church. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Chilton our Assisting Bishop, Connie our rector, Sarah and Thelma as they offer pastoral support, and for the lay leadership and congregation of St. George's. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God who hears the cries of all who suffer, we pray for all who are hungry, for those caught in violence and war, for those experiencing homelessness, and for those who suffer storms and natural disasters. We pray especially for the families of Gaywood Elementary School and the guests of the Warm Nights program. Inspire us to be your hands serving those in need. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we know that you are always present with us to give comfort in our fears. With your generous touch, heal those for whom we pray: for those who are sick, and those who are in any need or trouble. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name now in our hearts. 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, and ask for your presence with those who mourn. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you bless us with so many reasons to celebrate the joys of our lives. Accept our gratitude for the abundance of your grace, especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for other blessings of this life. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Holy One, your people look to you for nurture and healing: 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.**

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Now let us confess our sins to God. Silence is kept.

All pray together: Living God, we confess that our faith is sometimes weak, our love for others can be faint, our prayers often timid, and our gratitude frequently unconvincing. Yet when we feel far from you, you draw near to us with mercy and forgiveness. Wash us with the water of life, that we may live again through the grace and compassion of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. 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

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.

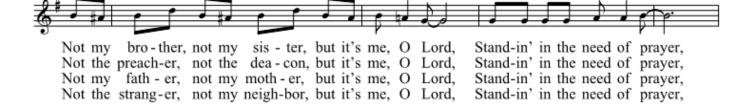
Traditionally this would be the time for the basket to be passed to receive financial donations from those worshipping in person. For safety reasons, that practice has changed. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible. You can use your phone to text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give. If your bank offers Zelle, you can use your banking app to send a donation via Zelle to 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: LEVAS #177 It's Me, O Lord, Standin' in the Need of Prayer

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me, O Lord, Stand-in' in the need of prayer.





Not my broth-er, not my sist - er, but it's me, O Lord, Stand-in' in the need of prayer. Not my fath - er, not my moth - er, but it's me, O Lord, Stand-in' in the need of prayer. Not the strang-er, not my neighb-or, but it's me, O Lord, Stand-in' in the need of prayer. Stand-in' in the need of prayer.

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.

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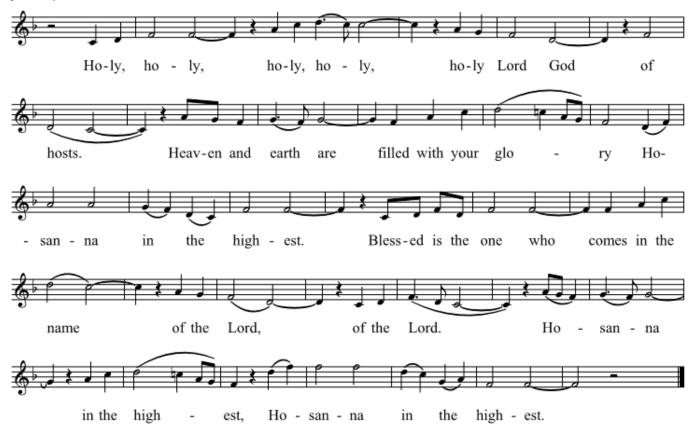
We give you thanks and praise, Almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

Glory to you forever and ever.

You created us to love you with our whole hearts, and to love each other as ourselves, but we turn against you and against each other. Yet, in Jesus your Son, you call us back, bring healing to our world, and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wondrous name, as we sing:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Levas # 255

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The Celebrant continues:

We give you thanks and praise O God because in sending us Jesus you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry; he suffers with the sick and rejected. Yet even betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame 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 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 forever and ever.**

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you, proclaiming the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

And now, O Holy One, we pray that you 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 forever and ever.**

Holy One, You call us to be your servants; 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: And now in the Spirit of Christ, we pray,

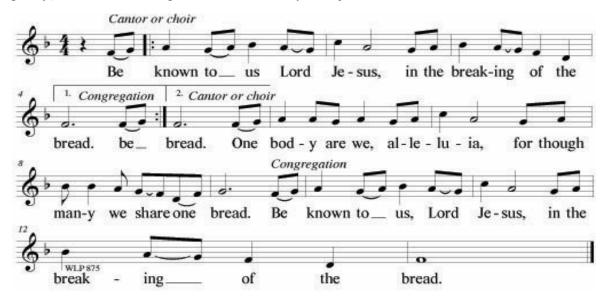
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence is kept, all sing the fraction anthem.

Fraction Anthem: Be Known to Us Wonder Love and Praise #875

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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

If you would like to receive the Eucharist, you may choose to receive both the bread and wine or only one of them. If you receive the wine, please drop your empty cup into the recycling bin at the door. Note that hand sanitizer is available as you exit. Please follow the arrows to go through the narthex (hallway) and back into the Sanctuary and on to your seat.

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: May the Words of my Mouth. Gershon Kingsley

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart Be acceptable unto thee, O Lord My rock and my redeemer. Amen

Communion 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,

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray:

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now O God, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

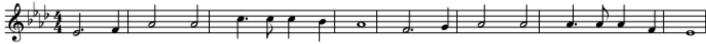
The Blessing

Celebrant: May God, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour out blessings upon all creation, and upon us God's people, that we may use the gifts God has given us to do justice and bring peace. 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: Wonder Loving Praise #819 Guide My Feet Lord

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Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.



Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Guide My Feet, arr. Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)