

The Season After Pentecost

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost St. George's Church

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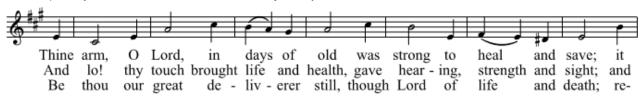
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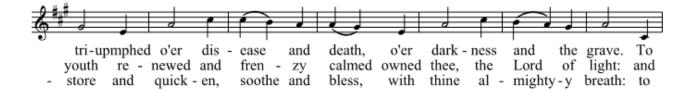
Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. Zoom participants are encouraged to leave your video camera on or turn it off; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service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

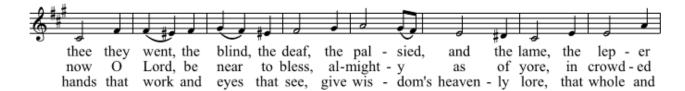
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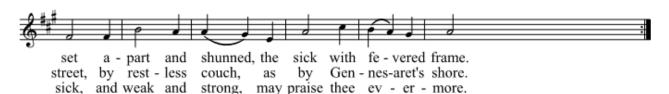
Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 # 567 Thine Arm, O Lord, in Days of Old

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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.

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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.

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: Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law

according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

Psalm 146

Praise God!

Let my soul stand in wonder of the Holy. Let my life stand in praise of God.

I will make melodies to my Witness with the whole of my strength.

Don't put your trust in the wealthy, mortals who cannot give salvation.

Their breath leaves; they return to their plot of earth. **On that day all their aspirations are lost.**

Happy is the one for whom Jacob's Protector is their help.

who looks hopefully toward the Holy One, God-

the maker of heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in it;

who stands faithful with us forever, who brings justice to the oppressed,

food to the hungry, release for the bound, who opens the eyes of the blind-

who straightens those hunched over by sorrow.

God loves the righteous, keeping watch over strangers, encouraging orphans and widows.

But the road of the wrongful is twisted.

The Holy One will sustain us forever- your God, O Zion, from one generation to the next. Praise God!

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. **Glory to you, Lord Christ. Mark 7:24-37**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

The Sermon The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

The Creed We Believe in God Our Creator

Words: Nicene Creed paraphrased by Terry Doyle TSSF.

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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, 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 to 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

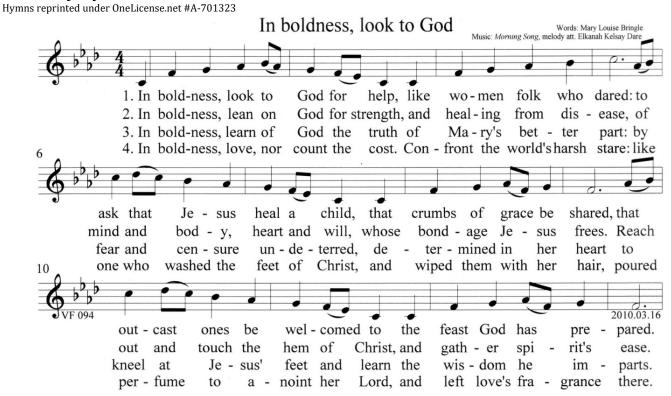
O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus 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: Voices Found #94 In Boldness, Look to God



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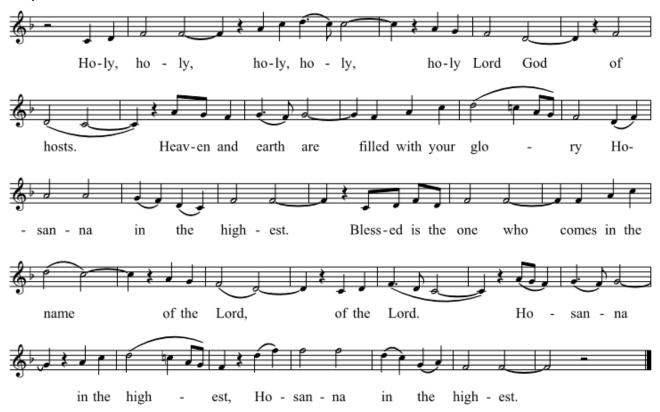
We give you thanks and praise, Almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

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. 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 let us pray with confidence the words our Savior has taught us:

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. And 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.

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 cup into the recycling bin at the door after you consume it. 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 Hymn 1: LEVAS #74 Jesu, Jesu

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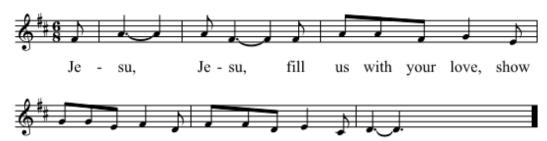
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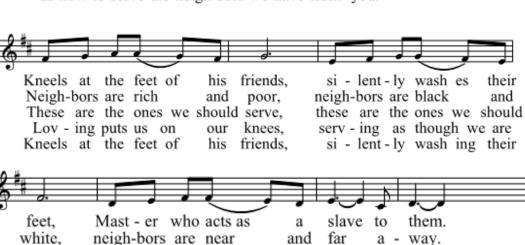
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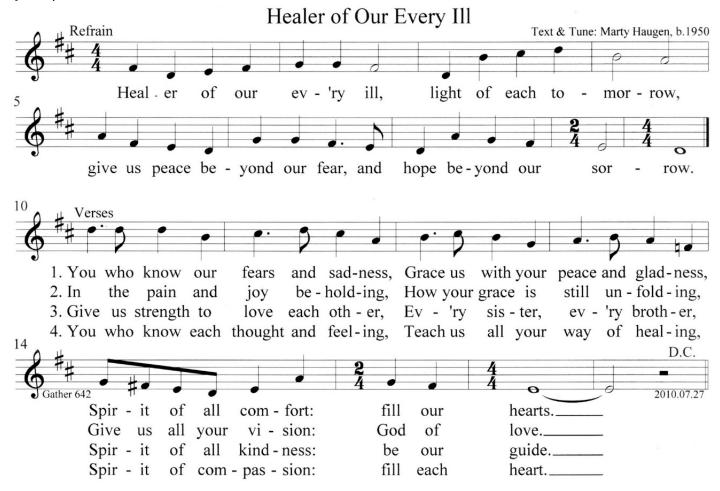
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Communion Hymn 2: Gather #642 Healer of Our Every Ill

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Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray:

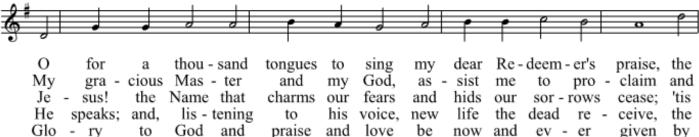
Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now O God, 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: Hymnal 1982 #493 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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glo - ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace! spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name. mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace. mourn - ful bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve. saints be - low and saints a - bove, the Church in earth and heaven

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God!



Postlude: Recessional on "Ora Labora" by Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

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