



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

St. George's Church

Glenn Dale Parish • The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

September 10, 2023

Opening Hymn: Hymnal #11 *Awake, my soul*

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: *Morning Hymn*. Francois Hippolyte Barthelemon (1741-1808)
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A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy dai - ly stage of du - ty run;
Lord, I my vows to thee re - new; dis - perse my sins as morn - ing dew;
Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all I de - sign, or do, or say;
Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God all crea - tures here be - low;



shake off dull sloth, and joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
guard my first springs of thought and will, and with thy - self my spi - rit fill.
that all my powers, with all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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 the Collect for Purity: **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: *A Song of Praise Wonder, Love, and Praise #886* (Sung 3 times)

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Glo-ry to you, O Lord, glo-ry to you, O Lord, you are wor-thy of praise.

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.**

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath^[a] to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

Praise the Lord.

O sing to the Lord a new song:

give praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let the people of God rejoice in their maker:

and let the servants of the Most High exult in their king.

Let them praise God's name in the dance:

let them sing God's praise with timbrel and harp.

For you O Lord take delight in your people:

and crown your humble folk with victory.

Let the faithful exult in their triumph:

let them shout for joy as they feast.

Let the praises of God be on their lips:

and a two-edged sword in their hand.

O praise the Lord.

At the conclusion of the psalm, all say together

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Gospel Hymn: LEVAS #13 *My Lord, What a Morning*

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Refrain

My Lord, what a morn - ing, My Lord, what a morn - ing, O
my Lord, what a morn-ing, When the stars be-gin to fall.

You'll hear the trum - pet sound, To wake the na-tions un-der ground,
You'll hear the sin - ner mourn, To wake the na-tions un-der ground,
You'll hear the Chris-tian shout, To wake the na-tions un-der ground,

D.C.

Look-ing to my God's right hand, When the stars be-gin to fall.
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Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

The Creed *We Believe in God Our Creator*

Words: Nicene Creed para. Terry Doyle, TSSF. Music: 17th Century French Carol, *Picardy*;

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We be - lieve in God our Cre - a - tor, mak - ing ev - 'ry u - ni - verse,
We be - lieve in Christ our Re - deem - er, God from God and love from love,
Christ now con - quers death on the third day, and as - cends to God's holy throne,
We be - lieve in God's Ho - ly Spi - rit, Breath of life sus - tain - ing Earth.
We are sim - ple, bro - ken peo - ple, gath - ered in one church and made whole.



who was and will be for - e - ver, source of all that live and breathe.
one in be - ing with the Cre - a - tor, and the Spir - it three in one.
God tri - une now rules for all time as the course of stars will run.
For the Spir - it groans in la - bor as cre - a - tion gives new birth.
One with seek - ers, saints, and sin - ners, bap - tized in God's mer - cy and love.



All things vis - i - ble, and all that is un - seen come to be through God the One.
Je - sus born of Ma - ry from the Spir - it formed, shared our flesh and died our death.
Christ now comes a - gain as judge of all on Earth, re - con - cil - ing all to God.
And God's Spir - it now re - news all life on Earth, in God's end - less flow - ing love.
As God's lov - ing kind - ness knows no hu - man bounds, be - yond death we're raised to new life.

Prayers of the People

Grateful for the gifts we have already been given, we now bring our hopes and needs into the presence of our provident God, saying: **Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray for our church, for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Connie our rector, and for this congregation St. George's. May we all hunger for the bread of life, that we be transformed into the body of Christ. We pray, saying **Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray that all people be nourished as they journey in faith through life; may we accompany each other in a spirit of compassion. We pray, saying **Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who lead in our country and in the world. May they work for justice rather than power and act for the good of those they are called to serve. We pray, saying **Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who are hungry, especially for the families of Gaywood Elementary School, the guests of the Warm Nights program, and those served by the Bowie Food Pantry, that all who are hungry may be fed. We pray, saying **Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick, for those who are suffering, for all those who are in need of our healing prayers. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray, saying **Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, knowing that God is doing more for them than we could ask or imagine. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray, saying **Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray for those marking birthdays and anniversaries, and for other blessings of this life, that we may live in gratitude to God for all that we have and all that we celebrate. We pray, saying **Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

All-generous God, hear these prayers made in faith and hope, that we may put our trust in you and your love for us, today and always. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Now let us confess our sins to God.

After a time of silence, all pray together: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. 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.**

Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

The celebrant then offers the following prayer for those celebrating birthdays and 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.

Although St. George's no longer physically "passes the basket" everyone is invited and encouraged to make a financial offering to express your gratitude to God for the gifts we are given and in support of our mission and ministries. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible; you can text stgeodragon to 72356. (Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.) Or just use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give. You may also donate via Zelle to donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org. or use Cash App to send your donation to \$StGeorgesGlennDale

Offertory Hymn: New Century Hymnal #337 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

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Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly in your name,
As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of Christ to sup,
All our meals and all our liv - ing make us sac - ra - ments of you,



two or three are met to - geth-er, you are in the midst of them;
then with thanks to God the Giv - er, break the bread and bless the cup.
that by car - ing, help-ing, giv-ing, we may be dis - ci - ples true.



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! So now bind our friend - ship up.
Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! We may serve with faith a - new.

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.

It is right to give unceasing thanks and boundless praise to you, Holy God, ruler of the universe and giver of life. You brought the world into being and declared it good; you made humankind in your image, and entrusted to us the stewardship of all creation.

Despite our failings you showed us mercy. Through your law and the voices of prophets and poets, you called us to faithfulness and justice. You commanded us to remember the poor and the needy, the orphan and the stranger. With infinite generosity you forgave us as we followed selfish goals and ignored your words of love. Never abandoning us to our sinfulness, you came among us and showed us the path of life.

Therefore we praise you, joining the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing:

Sanctus: *Santo, Santo, Santo* Wonder, Love and Praise #785

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San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do ra! Mi
In God's name is com - ing the One whom we call bles - sed. Ho -

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cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: "San - to e - res Se - ñor."
san - na in the high - - - est. Praise and thanks to God.

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Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. Your word of peace has been active from the beginning; your justice has sought incarnation in every age. In the fullness of time you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive your Son through the power of your Holy Spirit.

Expecting his birth she sang of your purpose: The mighty shall be cast down and the humble lifted up; the promise of mercy to Abraham and Sarah and all their children shall be fulfilled in the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Glory to you, holy and living God. Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He pronounced the blessedness of peacemakers, all those who are willing to seek first your Kingdom and your righteousness. Jesus yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. We returned violence for his friendship, crucifixion for his self-offering. Yet even this you turned to blessing, and transformed his unjust death into the means of salvation.

Glory to you, holy and living God. Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. Send your Spirit upon us also, and grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness. Through the abiding presence of Christ, empower us to live the gospel of peace and bring reconciliation to the world in his Name.

Glory to you, holy and living God. Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: The Risen Christ is in our midst, and so with 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

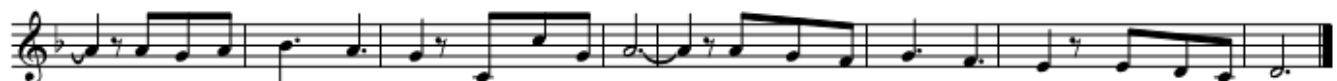
The bread is broken. After a time of silence, all sing together

Fraction Anthem: Gather #247 May We Be One

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When we eat this bread and drink this cup we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus.



So as we share this feast may we be come, heal-ing and light and peace. May we be one.

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

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.

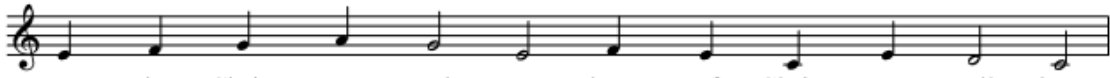
If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine, please indicate this to the Celebrant by crossing your arms in front of your chest.

Communion Hymn 1: Hymnal 1982 #577 *God is love*

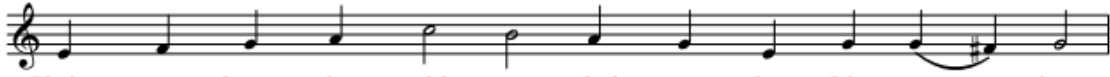
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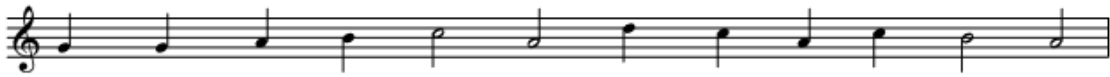
God is love, and where true love is God in-deed is there.



Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.



Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,



Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.



Communion Hymn 2: LEVAS #74 *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love*

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Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love,



show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash es their
Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and
These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash ing their



feet, Mast - er who acts as a slave to them.
white, neigh-bors are near and far a - way.
love; all these are neighbors to us and you.
slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
feet, this is the way we should live with you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray: **Holy and Gracious One, with joy we offer thanksgiving for your love as we have experienced it sharing Christ's body in fellowship around this table. As we go forth into the world you have made, we pray that you move our hearts to be generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all creation. Amen.**

Announcements

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: LEVAS #177 *Standin' in the Need of Prayer*

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It's me, it's me, O Lord, Stand - in' in the need of prayer;



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



Not my bro - ther, not my sis - ter, but it's me, O Lord, Stand-in' in the need of prayer,
Not the preach - er, not the dea - con, 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 neigh - bor, but it's 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 the preach - er, not the dea - con, 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 neigh - or, but it's me, O Lord, Stand-in' in the need of prayer.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!