

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost St. George's Church Glenn Dale Parish The Episcopal Diocese of Washington September 11, 2022

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

Today's service is led by Brother Ed Munro BSG, a deacon of the church, and we are grateful to Brother Ed for leading our service and preaching this morning. Deacons of the Episcopal Church may officiate at Holy Communion; the bread and wine having been consecrated by a priest.

We also welcome Linda Hayes Bennett who will lead the choir and congregation for the music this morning.

# Prelude: *As the Deer* by Martin Nystrom, arr by Douglas E Wagner and *What Wondrous Love is This* Southern Harmony, arr. by John Carter

#### **Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #377** All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Words: William Kethe (d. 1608) Music: Old 100th from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

| All peo-ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheer-ful voice: And  |
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| Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he did us make: we<br>O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap-proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, |
| For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for ev - er sure; his  |
| To Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth a - dore, from  |
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| serve with mirth, God's praise forth tell, come ye be - fore God and re-joice.  |
| are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.   |
| laud, and bless his Name al-ways, for it is seem-ly so to do.   |
| truth at all times firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en-dure.<br>men and from the an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er-more.                       |

#### **Opening Sentences**

| Presider: | Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. |
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| 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 #S-280 Glory to God

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# **Collect of the Day**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Presider:* Let us pray together: **O God, because without you we are not able to please you,** mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

# 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

# Psalm 14

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; **there is none who does any good.** The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all.

to see if there is any who is wise,

# if there is one who seeks after God.

- Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; **there is none who does good; no, not one.**
- Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread **and do not call upon the LORD?**

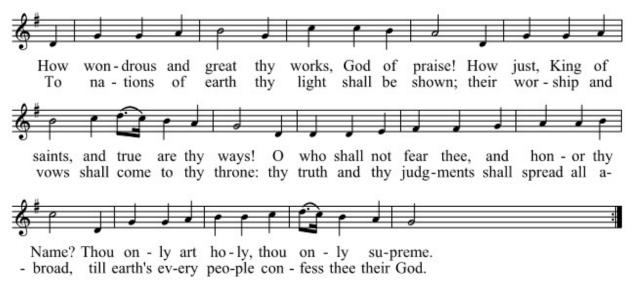
See how they tremble with fear,

because God is in the company of the righteous.

- Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, **but the LORD is their refuge.**
- Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

#### Hymnal 1982 #533 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise

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

# Luke 15:1-10

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, `Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, `Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

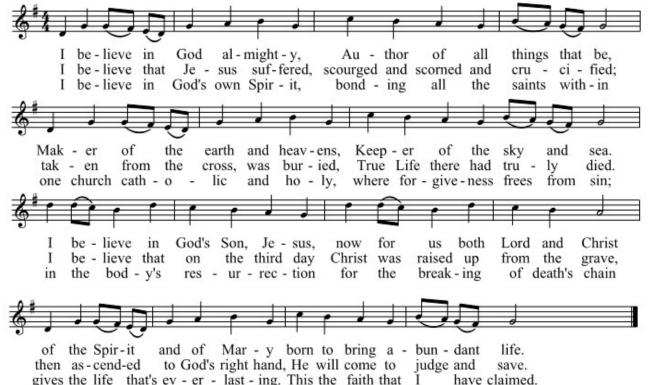
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** 

# The Sermon: Brother Ed Munro, BSG



#### The Creed: Wonder, Love and Praise #769 *I believe in God almighty*

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#### **Prayers of the People**

O God, whom Jesus prayed to as a loving parent and called you Abba, we come before you this day confident that you hear our prayers, trusting that you will provide us with all good gifts that we need day by day. And so, we praise you and revere your name, saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.** 

O God, we pray that your reign will come near to us through the endeavors of your church on earth. We pray that as members of your church, we may serve your people faithfully. We pray especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Mariann our bishop; Connie our rector, Sarah who serves us during Connie's sabbatical; and for the leaders and lay ministries of St. George's. We pray that your reign will come near saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.** 

O God, as we long for your will to be done in our midst, we pray especially for those places in the world where there is conflict and where your people are caught in the violence of war, especially in Ukraine. As we long for your will to be done in our midst, we pray, saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.** 

O God, you provide for your people and satisfy our needs day by day. As you give us our daily bread each day, we pray for all who hunger and need shelter. May we continue to be inspired to serve those in need in our communities as we pray for the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School and those served by the Bowie Food Pantry and the Warm Nights homeless shelter. We pray in thanksgiving for all of the good things you provide, saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.** 

O God, we pray for forgiveness for ourselves and for our society as it is beset with division and violence. We mourn with those whose lives have been forever changed by the ongoing shootings in our communities and pray for the bereaved who have lost children, family, and friends to gun violence. In your mercy, grant forgiveness, we pray, saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.** 

O God, you have invited us to be persistent in asking that we may receive, and you encourage us to trust that the doors we knock on will be opened. We pray this day for those on our parish prayer list and those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray with persistence, trusting that you hear us and will give us the good gifts we need, saying: **Abba**, **hear our prayer**.

O God, you comfort us in our trials. We ask you to comfort those who mourn and surround them with your love as we pray for all who have died. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray that you save us from times of trial and sorrow, saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.** 

O God, we thank you for all the good gifts you bestow and we are grateful for the joy of special occasions in our lives. We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and all of the blessings we experience. And so we pray in thanksgiving, saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.** 

*Presider:* Be with us, Lord Jesus Christ, in all the prayers of your faithful disciples, and help us to trust that you hear our prayers and are with us always, even to the end of the ages. **Amen** 

## The Confession and Absolution

*Presider:* Now let us confess our sins to God.

#### After a time of silence, all pray together:

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.

*Deacon:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.** 

#### **The Peace**

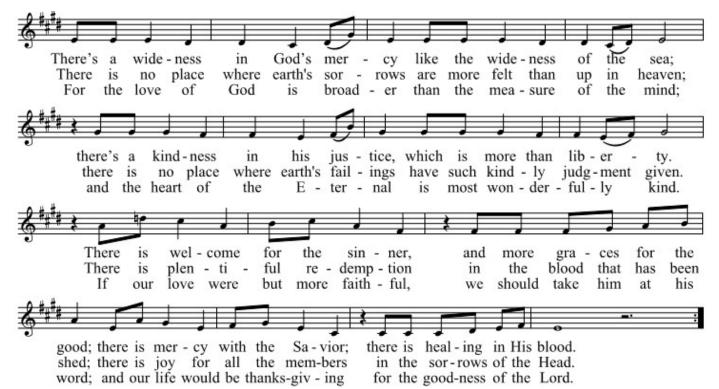
| Presider: | The Peace of the Lord be always with you. |
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| People:   | And also with you.                        |

## **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.

#### Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #469 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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#### The Sharing of the Lord's Table

| Presider: | The Lord be with you. |
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| People    | And also with you.    |
| Presider: | Let us pray.          |

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine and bring forth bread from the earth. You give us the bread of life and you refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. As we share the bread and wine, grant us the grace to receive these holy mysteries in faith and thanksgiving for Jesus' giving of himself for us and for all people, so that he may evermore dwell in us and we in him. **Amen.** 

#### The Lord's Prayer – Contemporary Version

*Presider:* And now let us pray with confidence the words our Savior has taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen. *Presider:* 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.

*Presider:* Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

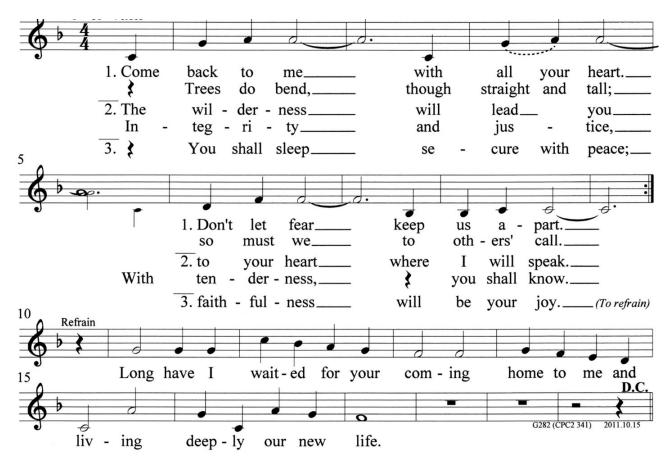
Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are invited to receive the Holy Communion. Whatever you believe or don't believe, 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: Gather #282 Hosea

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#### Communion Hymn 2: Hymnal 1982 #439 What Wondorous Love is This

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#### **Post-communion Prayer**

*Presider:* Let us pray. God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread and wine. May this Holy Communion give us strength and courage, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may so shine your light before others that all may give you glory and praise, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

#### Announcements

#### **Concluding Sentence**

*Presider:* Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #423 Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

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Im - mor-tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac - ces - si - ble Un - rest-ing, un - hast-ing, and si - lent as light, nor want-ing, nor wast-ing, thou To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small; in all life thou liv - est, the Thou reign-est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light, thine an - gels a - dore thee, all



eyes, most bless-ed, most glo-rious, the hid from our An-cient of Days, almight; thy jus - tice like moun - tains high rul - est in soar - ing a - bove. thy true life of blos-som and flour - ish, like leaves on all: we the tree, then veil - ing their sight; all laud we would ren - der; 0 help us to see 'tis



might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great Name we praise.
clouds, which are foun-tains of good - ness and love.
with - er and per - ish; but nought chan-geth thee.
on - ly the splen-dor of light hid - eth thee.

#### Dismissal

*Presider:* Let us go forth into the world to be the light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: "Let All Things Now Living," Ash Grove, Traditional Welsh, arr. Lloyd Larson