

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost St. George's Church

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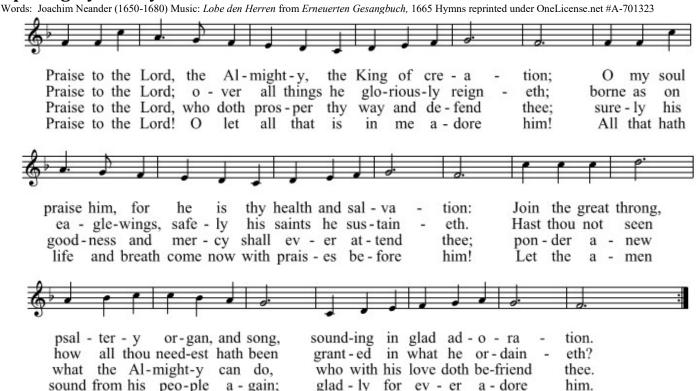
Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually.

Zoom participants are 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.

We are grateful to Tim Dangel for leading the music for this service.

Prelude: Adagio for Strings by Samuel Barber, Arranged for piano by Lawrence Rosen

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #390 Praise to the Lord



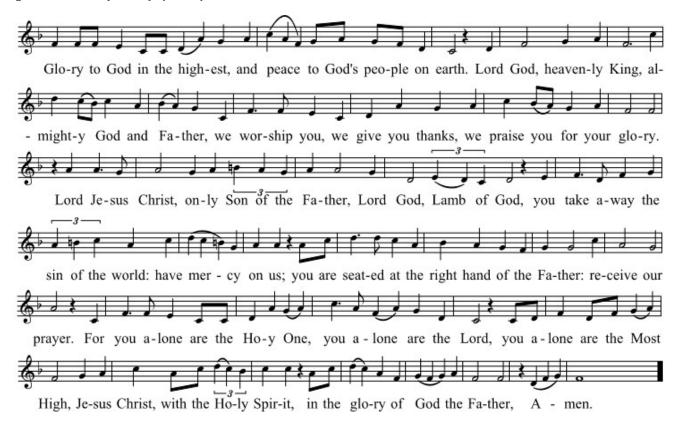
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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 #S-280 Glory to God

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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, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land:

"Is the LORD not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

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

Psalm 79:1-9

O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.

We have become a reproach to our neighbors, an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

How long will you be angry, O LORD?

will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.

For they have devoured Jacob

and made his dwelling a ruin.

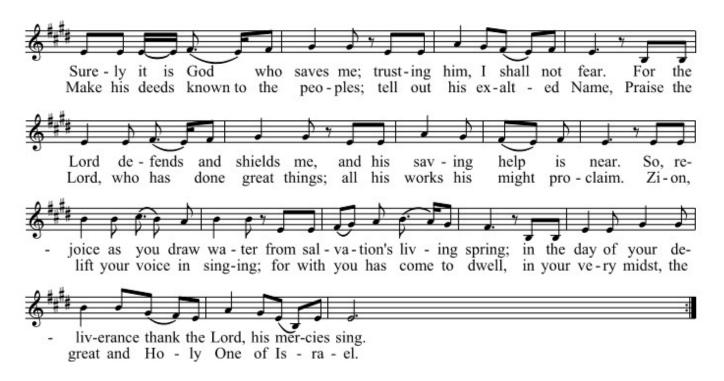
Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; **for we have been brought very low.**

Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.



Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #679 Surely it is God who saves me

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

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, `What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, `What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, `How much do you owe my master?' He answered, `A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, `Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, `And how much do you owe?' He replied, `A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, `Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

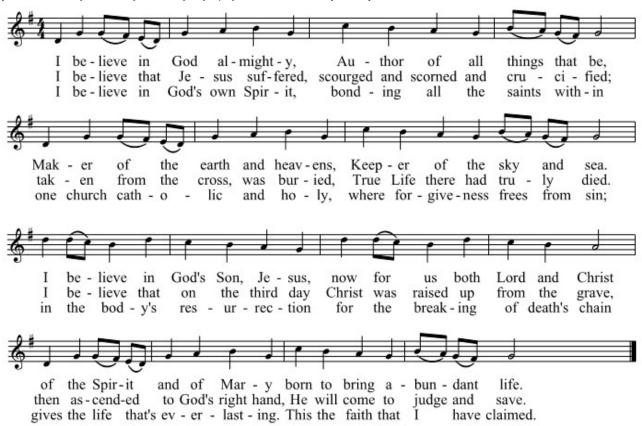
"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Motley

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 father 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.**

Celebrant: 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

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.

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.**

The Offertory

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering holy and acceptable to God.

Offertory Hymn: Gather #327 Send Down the Fire

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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.

O God of grace and blessing, we thank you for making us in your image to serve the peace of all creation. You shared your name and presence with our ancestors: Sarah and Abraham, who left their home and became a blessing to all nations; Moses and Miriam, who went through sea and wilderness to the place of revelation; Deborah and Samson, who gave hope and justice to a people ruled by fear; Ruth and Jonah, who went to foreign soil and found a God who loves the stranger.

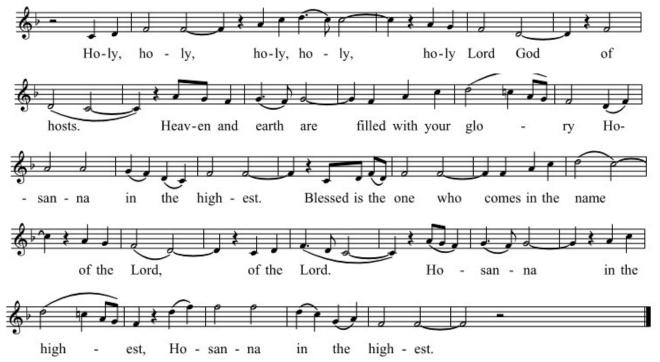
From our ancestors in faith came Jesus, the son of promise, to fulfill the law, embody your love, and draw all people to himself.

He accepted death to break its fearful hold; he was raised to new life to share it in abundance; he comes again to break the bread of justice and pour the wine of hope.

Therefore, with all the people whose story you have shaped, O Holy One, with people of faith in every part of the world, we glory in your generous love and sing in praise of you:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Levas #255

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The Celebrant continues:

Holy One, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your Son Jesus to be our Savior. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to the prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. In love for us and for you he gave himself up to death, and rising from the grave he destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And so we remember that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

Great then is the mystery of faith:

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

And now, we pray you to send your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time, gather us from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator with voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer - Traditional Version

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.
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.

Fraction Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #S 155 Christ our Passover

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there-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia

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

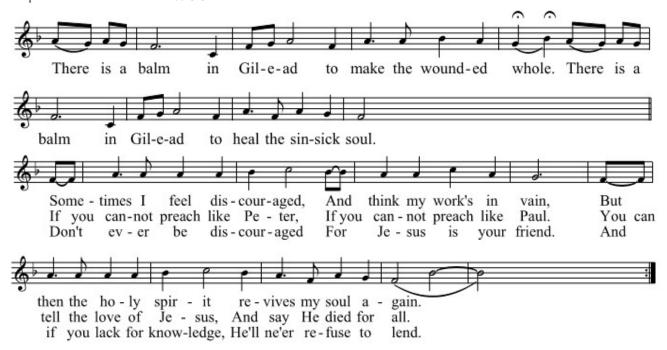
Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.



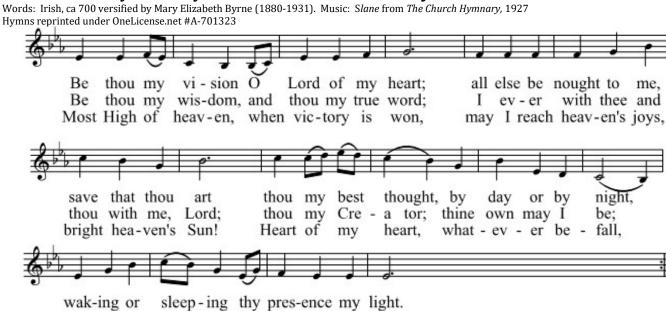
If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine, Please indicate this to the Celebrant by crossing your arms in front of your chest.

Communion Hymn 1: LEVAS #203 There is a Balm in Gilead

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Communion Hymn 2: Hymnal 1982 #488 Be thou my vision



Prayer of Thanksgiving

thou in me still be my

Celebrant: Let us pray: Faithful 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 be renewed for your service to others, embody your desire for justice, and live lives of generosity in the steadiness of hope through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

dwell-ing, and I one with thee.

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The people may be seated for announcements.

Announcements

The Blessing

Look for the face of the Lord Jesus in everyone you meet,

And may everyone you meet see the face of the Lord Jesus in you.

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord show his face to you and have mercy upon you;

The Lord turn his countenance toward you and give you peace.

My sisters and brothers, the Lord bless you. Amen.



Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #594 God of grace and God of Glory

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The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: The Sound of Silence by Paul Simon