



# The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

**St. George's Church**

**Glenn Dale Parish • The Episcopal Diocese of  
Washington**

**September 24, 2023**

## **Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #48 *O Day of radiant gladness***

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885) Charles Price (b. 1920) Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein* German folk song  
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O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and light, O balm of care and  
This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth; this day for our sal -  
This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear; his liv - ing pres - ence  
That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim way, at length our rest at -



sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright, this day the high and low - ly through  
- va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic - to - rious the  
greet - ing through Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, re -  
- tain - ing our end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our prais - es, O



a - ges joined in tune, sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God Tri - une.  
Spi - rit sent from heaven, and thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.  
- newed with heaven - ly might, from grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.  
Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

**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, 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.**

### **Exodus 16:2-15**

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

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



*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

### **Matthew 20:1-16**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

*Celebrant*: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon: Jocelyn Tidwell**



## The Creed *We Believe in God Our Creator*

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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](http://www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give). You may also donate via Zelle to [donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org](mailto:donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org). or use Cash App to send your donation to \$StGeorgesGlennDale

## Offertory Hymn: Voices Found #60 *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

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Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when earth was new.  
Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the mark - et place.  
Sist - er Wis-dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who seek re - birth.



Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es, for her words are right and true.  
Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us, full of glo - ry, truth, and grace.  
Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion, bring to light our sa - cred worth.



Wis-dom clears the path of jus-tice, show-ing us what love must do.  
When the word takes root and rip-ens, peace and right-eous-ness em-brace.  
Free us to be-come your peo-ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

## 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 all his 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."





*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: Gather #585 *Let Us Be Bread*

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Refrain



Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and shared, life for the world.




Let us be wine, love free-ly poured. Let us be one in the Lord.




1. I am the bread of life, bro-ken for all Eat now and hun-ger no more.



2. You are my friends if you keep my com-mands, no long-er ser-vants but friends.



3 See how my peo-ple have no-thing to eat. Give them the bread that is you.



4 As God has loved me so I have loved you. Go and live on in my love.

## Communion Hymn 2: LEVAS #207 *We'll Understand It Better By and By*

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We are of - ten tossed and driv'n on the rest - less sea of time, Som - ber  
We are of - ten des - ti - tude of the things that life de - mands. Want of  
Tri - als dark on ev - 'ry hand, and we can - not un - der - stand, All the  
Temp - ta - tions, hid - den snares of - ten take us un - a - wares, And our



skies and howl - ing tem - pest oft suc - ceed a bright sun - shine; In the  
food and want of shel - ter, thirst - y hills and bar - ren lands; We are  
ways that God would lead us to that bless - ed prom - ised land; But He  
hearts are made to bleed for many a thought - less word or deed; And we



land of per - fect day, when the mists have rolled a - way, We will  
trust - ing in the Lord, and ac - cord - ing to His word, We will  
guides us with His eye and we'll fol - low till we die. For we'll  
won - der why the test when we try to do our best. But we'll



un - der - stand it bet - ter by and by. By and by when the morn - ing comes,



When the saints of God are gath - ered home, We'll tell the sto - ry



how we've o - ver come; For we'll un - der - stand it bet - ter by and by.

### 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: Gather #376 *Canticle of the Turning*

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My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
From the halls of power to the for-tress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.  
Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re - me - ber who holds us fast:



And my spi - rit sings of the won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
And your mer - cy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Let the king be - ware for your jus - tice tears ev 'ry ty - rant from his throne.  
God's mer - cy must de - liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you did not spurn,  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can nev - er earn;  
This sav - ing word that our for - bears heard is the pro - mise which holds us bound,



So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
You will show your might put the strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a-way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God!**