

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 Waldvogelein* German folk song Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

O day of ra-diant glad-ness, O day of joy and light, This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth; th This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip-ture hear; h That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim way,	his day for our sal- his liv - ing pres-ence
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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**.

Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45

Give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord: make known to the nations what God has done. Sing to God, O sing God's praise: tell of all the wonderful deeds of the Most High. Exult in God's holy name: let the heart of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Turn for help to the Lord your strength: and constantly seek God's presence. Remember the marvelous things the Most High has done: the wonders, and the judgments God has given, O children of Abraham the servant of God: O offspring of Jacob the chosen of the Lord. The Egyptians were glad when they went: for dread of Israel had fallen upon them. You O Lord spread out a cloud as a screen: and fire to give light at night. The people asked, and you sent them quails: and you filled them with bread from heaven. You opened a rock and water gushed out: it flowed like a river through the arid land. For vou remembered your sacred promise: which you had made to Abraham your servant. So you led out your people rejoicing: your chosen ones with songs of gladness. You gave them the lands of the heathen: and they took possession where others had toiled,

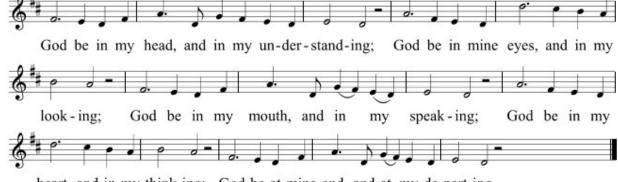
so that they might keep your statutes and obey your laws: **O praise the Lord.**

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: Hymnal 1982 #694 God be in my head

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heart, and in my think-ing; God be at mine end, and at my de-part-ing.

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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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. **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.**

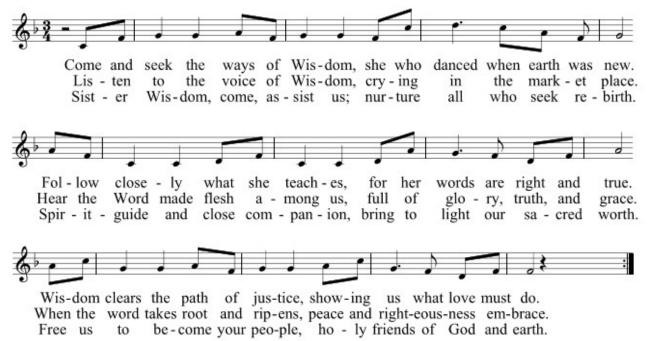
The Offertory

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 <u>www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give</u>. You may also donate via Zelle to <u>donations@stgeorgesglenndale.org</u>. 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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The Great Thanksgiving

People:	It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Celebrant:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	And also with you.
Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.

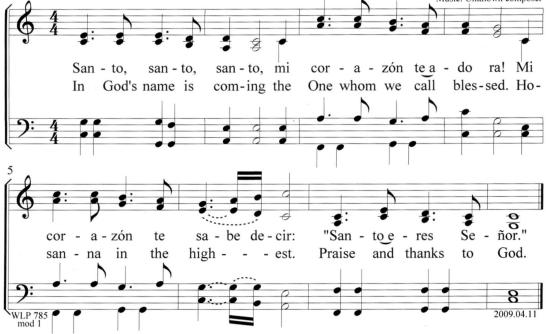
It is right to give unceasing thanks and boundless praise to you, Holy God, ruler of the universe and giver of life. You brought the world into being and declared it good; you made humankind in your image, and entrusted to us the stewardship of all creation.

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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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."

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:

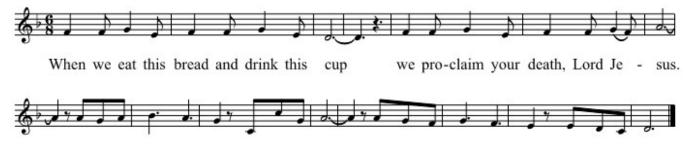
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, 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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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.

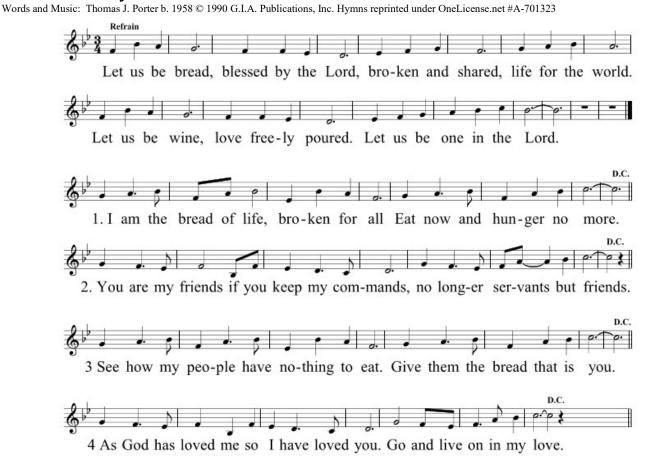
Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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: Gather #585 Let Us Be Bread



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

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Som-ber We are of - ten tossed and driv'n on the rest - less sea of time, We are of - ten des - ti - tude of the things that life de-mands. Want of ev - 'ry hand, and we Tri-als dark on can - not un-der-stand, All the - ta-tions, hid - den snares of - ten Temp take us un - a - wares, And our tem-pest oft suc-ceed skies and howl - ing bright sun-shine: In a 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 per - fect day. when the mists have rolled We land of a way. will the Lord. and cord - ing His word, We will trust - ing in ac to with His and we'll fol - low till we die. For we'll guides us eye 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 Ι 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: spi - rit sings of the won-drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. And my And your mer-cy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. ev 'ry Let the king be ware for your jus - tice tears 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 say - ing word that our for-bears heard is the pro-mise which holds us bound, west shall my name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn? So from east to 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 LordPeople:Thanks be to God!