



The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

St. George's Church

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Opening Hymn: Gather #539 *Gather Us in*

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Here in this place new light is stream - ing, Now is the dark - ness
 We are the young—our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old— who
 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, Here we will take the
 Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing, Not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way, See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
 yearn for your face, We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light - years a - way, But here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



Brought here to you in the light of this day. Gath - er us in the
 Called to be light to the whole hu - man race. Gath - er us in - the
 Call us a - new to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the
 Now is the King - dom, now is the day. Gath - er us in and



lost and for - sak - en, Gath - er us in the blind and the lame; Call to us now, and
 rich and the haugh - ty, Gath - er us in - the proud and the strong; Give us a heart so
 wine of com - pas - sion, Give us to eat the bread that is you; Nour - ish us well, and
 hold us for ev - er, Gath - er us in and make us your own; Gath - er us in all



we shall a - wak - en, We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 meek and so low - ly, Give us the cour - age to ent - er the song.
 teach us to fash - ion Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 peo - ples to - geth - er, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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:

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect for Labor Day

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c

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.

Then Israel came into Egypt:

Jacob settled in the land of Ham.

There Lord you made your people fruitful:

and they became stronger than their enemies,

whose hearts you turned to hatred of your people:

and to deceitful dealing with your servants.

Then you sent Moses your servant:

and Aaron whom you had chosen.

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 #513 *Like the murmur of the dove's song*

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Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her flight, like the
To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the branch - es of the Vine. to the
With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of prayer, with the



vig - or of the wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
Church in faith as - sem - bled, to her midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
power to love and wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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 on their journeys, and 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 in 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.**

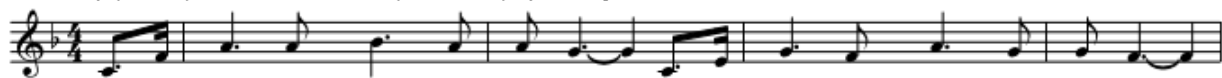
The Offertory

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering holy and acceptable 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 72356 for help. Text STOP to 72356 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: LEVAS #144 *Where He Leads Me*

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I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing,
I'll go with him through the gar - den, I'll go with him through the gar - den,
I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, I'll go with Him through the judge - ment,
He will give me grace and glo - ry, He will give me grace and glo - ry,



I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, "Take my cross and fol - low, fol - low me."
I'll go with him through the gar - den, I'll go with Him, with Him, all the way.
I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, I'll go with Him, with Him, all the way.
He will give me grace and glo - ry, And go with me, with me all the way.



Where He leads me I will fol - low, Where He leads me I will fol - low,



Where He leads me I will fol - low, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

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-

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 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**

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: Gather #443 *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

Words: *Ubi Caritas* Translated by Omer Westendorf (b. 1916)

Music: *Christian Love* Paul Benoit, OSB (1893-1979) © 1961, 1962 World Library Publications. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, There God is ev - er found;
With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear God's char - i - ty we learn;
For - give we now each oth - er's faults As we our faults con - fess;
Let strife a - mong us be un - known, Let all con - ten - tion cease;
Let us re - call that in our midst Dwells God's be - got - ten Son;
No race nor creed can love ex - clude, If hon - ored be God's name;



Brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, By love are we thus bound.
Let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
And let us love each oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek, Be ours God's ho - ly peace.
As mem - bers of his bo - dy joined, We are in Christ made one.
Our fam - i - ly em - brac - es all Whose Fa - ther is the same.



Communion Hymn 2: Gather #524 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in



let me bring your love. Where there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord,
life, let me bring hope. Where there is dark-ness, - - on-ly light.



And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
And where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.



3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con-



-soled as to con-sole. To be un-der-stood as to un-der-stand.



To be loved as to love with all my soul.



4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par-don-ing that we are



par doned, in giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in



dy-ing that we're born to e-tern-nal life.

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.**

The Dismissal Hymn

Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #376 *Joyful, joyful we adore thee*

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933) Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) adapt. Edward Hughes (1796-1867)
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Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of Love;
All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
field and for - rest, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou art Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther; all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God!