

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

# St. George's Church

Glenn Dale Parish The Episcopal Diocese of Washington September 4, 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. We are grateful to John Rebstock, TSSF for preaching at this morning's service.

# Prelude: Bread of the World by Dennis Elliot recorded by the Saint George's Choir

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed and be your feast by us the token that by your grace our souls are fed. Sit at this place dear Lord and Father, fill up the cup and break the bread. O let us feel your loving power, O let us hear the words you said:

"This is my blood and body broken, refresh your spirit, make it whole; remember me with food, the token, bread of the world, wine of the soul, wine of the world, bread of the world."

# Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #304 I come with joy

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*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, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.* 

### 1 Corinthians 2:10-14

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

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

#### **Psalm 107**

Give thanks to the LORD, who is good;

God's love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story those be redeemed from the hand of the foe,

those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

Some wandered in desert wastelands.

finding no way to a city where they could settle.

They were hungry and thirsty,

and their lives ebbed away.

Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,

and God delivered them from their distress.

God led them by a straight way

to a city where they could settle.

Let them give thanks to the LORD who shows unfailing love

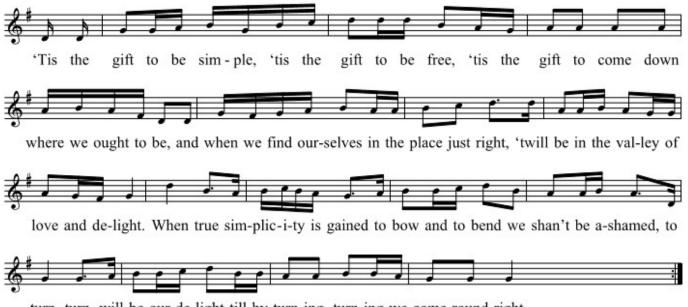
and God's wonderful deeds for humankind,

for God satisfies the thirsty

and fills the hungry with good things

# **Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #554 'Tis the gift to be simple (sung twice)**

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turn, turn, will be our de-light till by turn-ing, turn-ing we come round right

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Christ. Matthew 6:19-24

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

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

The Sermon: John Rebstock, TSSF

#### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# **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.** 

*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.

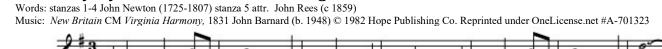
# **Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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.** 

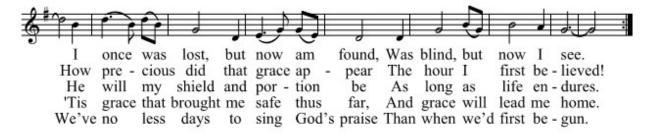
# The Offertory

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

# Offertory Hymn: LEVAS #181 Amazing Grace



grace! How sweet the sound, That saved a - maz - ing 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears The Lord has pro - mised good to His word my hope me, Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come; thou-sand years, Bright shin-ing When we've been there ten the sun,



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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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### 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

*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.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*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 Anthem: Gather #585 *Let Us Be Bread* Recorded by Laurie and Annie Lemieux

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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.



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.

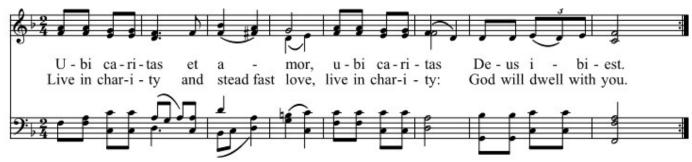


4 As God has loved me so I have loved you. Go and live on in my love.

# Communion Hymn: Gather #301 Ubi Caritas

Words: 1 Cor 13:2-8 Where charity and love are found, God is there; Taize Community, 1978

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# Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray: God of fire and wind, giver of life, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Now send us forth to serve others following the example of Jesus, and may the Spirit blow through us and into the world, that we may bring your love wherever we go, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Announcements**

# The Blessing

*Celebrant*: May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created breathe new life into you. **Amen.** 

May the Spirit who gave life to the Son make you joyful in service to God's people. Amen.

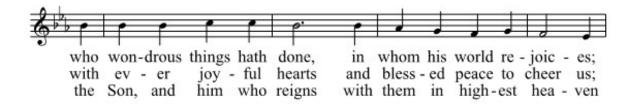
May the Spirit, who set the church on fire on the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the Risen Christ. **Amen.** 

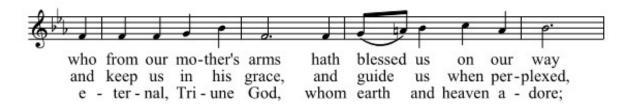
And may the blessing of God, who created us, redeems us, and sustains us, be with you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

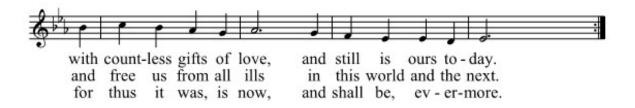
## Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal #397 Now thank we all our God

Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649) Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) Music: *Nun danket alle Got*, Johan Cruger (1598-1662) Harmony: William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) Hymns Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323









#### The Dismissal

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.