In Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of St. George's



Glenn Dale Parish The Episcopal Diocese of Washington September 9, 2023

Welcome

All are invited to stand as able at the sound of the bell

Opening Hymn: Voices Found #109 People of God

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Peo-ple of God, ga-ther to - ge-ther, come, let us sing on this glo-ri-ous day. Hear-ing God's word, heed-ing the mes-sage, come and re-joice as we an-swer the call. Bear-ing your gifts, en-ter God's pre-sence; come, let us share in the hea-ven-ly feast. Wo-men and men, har-mo-ny blend-ing, come, swell the cho-rus in lov-ing ac-cord.



Shout-ing a-broad praise to the Mak-er, come and with bo - dy and soul let us pray, With one ac-cord, made in God's im-age, come in com-mu - ni - ty, wel-com-ing all. Mend-ing all rifts, heal-ing di - vi-sions, come and from sor-rows and hurts be re-leased. Rais-ing a-gain thanks ne-ver end-ing, come to the God who is Wis-dom and Word.



Come, let us join in the hea-ven-ly dance, prais-ing in joy-ous ce-le-bra-tion.



Bishop: 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.

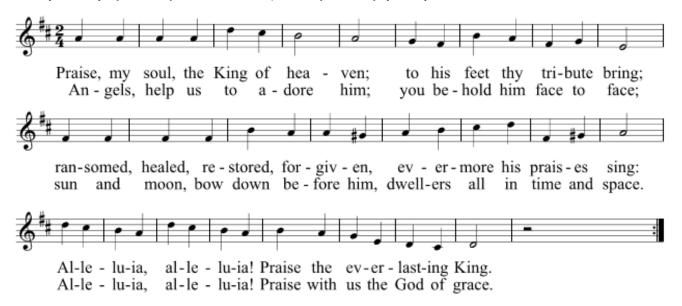
Bishop: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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.

Song of Praise: Hymnal #410 Praise, my soul the King of heaven Verses 1 and 4

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This hymn was sung at St. George's 125th anniversary celebration in September 1998

The Collects

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray:

From the 1789 Book of Common Prayer: Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In Thanksgiving for a Church: Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate 150 years of this house of prayer St. George's: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this community in the past, who worship here today, and who will worship here in the future. We pray that all who seek you here may find you and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The people are seated for the reading of the lessons.

Isaiah 12:4-6

And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on the holy name; make known God's deeds among the nations; proclaim the name of the Lord exalted. Sing praises to the LORD, who has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

For a number of years St. George's had the 10:00 am Sunday service ASL interpreted and hosted monthly services of the St. Barnabas Mission for the Deaf. This is the style of psalm that was often used in those years.

Psalm 95:1-7

O come let us sing to the Lord: let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving: and sing to the Lord with psalms of triumph. O come let us sing to the Lord: let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

For you Lord are a great God: and great above all gods.
In your hand are the depths of the earth: so also are the heights of the mountains.
O come let us sing to the Lord: let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

The sea is yours and you made it: the dry land also which your hands have fashioned. O come let us bow down and worship: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

O come let us sing to the Lord: let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

For you O Holy one are our God we are the people of your pasture, and the sheep of your hand. O that today we would listen to your voice!

O come let us sing to the Lord:
let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

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.

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Brief History of St. George's

read by members of St. George's Youth Group

This history was written by the Rev. Michael Hopkins, last Vicar and first Rector of St. George's. It has been added to and updated over the years, as the community of St. George's continues to follow Jesus into the unfolding future God desires for us.



Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us thank our God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness as we celebrate 150 years of this community St. George's.

Holy and Gracious God, we pray in gratitude for your gifts to us, and for the gift of this parish. For every person who has worshipped here and for all who gave and sacrificed so that we could be here today: **We thank you Lord.**

For the sanctuary you have provided, where so many over the years have found a place to be still and know that you are God: **We thank you Lord.**

For all of the stories shared in this place, stories of hunger and of being fed, stories of grace and stories of hope, stories of disappointment and stories of loss; for your presence in those stories which are part of the greater story of your love for us, your people: **We thank you Lord.**

For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day and year by year with the bread of life at Christ's table, where we know you are here and all are welcome: **We thank you Lord.**

For the faith of those who have gone before us; for their perseverance in difficult times when St. George's future seemed uncertain: **We thank you Lord.**

For the strength, courage and resilience of those who have had to make hard decisions for the good of this community over the years, including parishioners, wardens and vestry members, clergy and bishops and all those who have faithfully supported St. George's in the past and in the present: **We thank you Lord.**

For hearts open to your wisdom and your grace, and for showing each generation of leaders the next step forward in faith for this community: **We thank you Lord.**

For your call to serve others in love in this community of Prince George's County and the Dioceses of Washington and Maryland, and for the ministries of service St. George's has engaged in over the years, including St. Martha's Closet, the Warm Nights and Safe Haven shelters, Gaywood Elementary School, and countless others: **We thank you Lord.**

For those members of St. George's who have died and for those buried the parish cemetery; for those who have entrusted us with the sacred gift of this community of those who love and follow you: **We thank you Lord.**

For the fellowship of our patron St. George, and all your saints, past, present and yet to come, that we be strengthened by their presence and able to accomplish the work you have given us to do. **We thank you Lord.**

For the future of this parish as we look to you for inspiration and in hope, knowing that you do for us more than we can ever imagine or pray for: **We thank you Lord.**

The Bishop prays the concluding prayer: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by the one through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All are invited to stand as able for the gospel hymn

Gospel Hymn: LEVAS #208 We've Come This Far by Faith

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Just the other day I heard someone say
They didn't believe in God's word;
But I can truly say that God had made a way
And he never failed me yet
That's why we've (refrain)

Rector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 13: 34-35

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington

Presentation of the Confirmand

The Bishop says

In Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. As we celebrate the past 150 years in this community, we remember with gratitude all who have been baptized and confirmed at St. George's, and give thanks to God for being a presence in their lives.

The Rector says I now invite the members of St. George's 2023 Confirmation Class forward to present the candidate for confirmation.

When all are in place, Ali's classmates and rector say together We present Ali Oliver-Kreuger to be confirmed.

The Bishop asks the candidate

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? *Candidate* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

The Bishop addresses the congregation, saying Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Ali in her life in Christ? **People We will.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? *People* I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? *People* I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

As we look toward the future of St. George's with hope, will you continue to work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ? **People We will, with God's help.**

The Bishop says

May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to continue them. **Amen.**

Silence may be kept, and then the Bishop prays

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in this your servant Ali the covenant you made with her at her Baptism. Send her forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before her; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Bishop lays hands upon the Confirmand and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Ali with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop says

Almighty and everliving God, let your gracious hand ever be over Ali and all of us your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with her and with us; and so lead all of us in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that we may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Rector: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

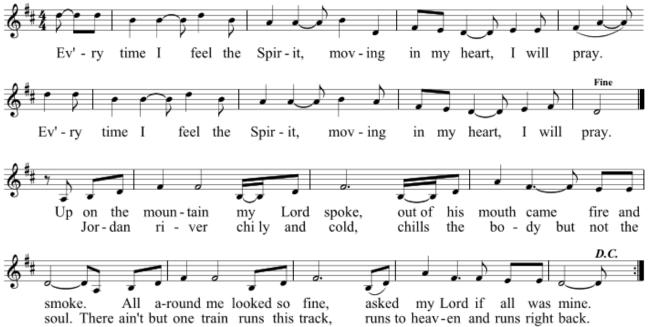
The Offertory

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

If you would like to make a gift to St. George's today, there are several ways to donate. 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 use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give. You may also donate via Zelle to donations@stgeorgesglenndale.org or use Cash App to send your donation to \$StGeorgesGlennDale. Baskets at the doors of the Sanctuary may be used for donations of checks or cash. Thank you for your gift.

Offertory Hymn: LEVAS #114 Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

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The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Bishopt: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

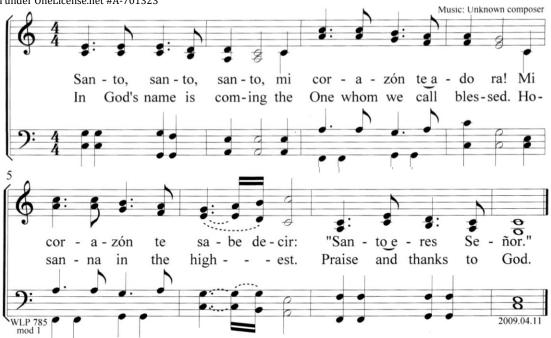
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and good and joyful to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that before you we might offer before you a sacrifice of praise, prayer and service that is holy and pleasing in your sight.

And so with the redeemed sinners and broken saints of every generation, we lift up our voices in praise to you as we sing:

Sanctus: Santo, Santo, Santo Wonder, Love and Praise #785

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This Sanctus was a favorite of St. James Episcopal Church in Old Bowie, a number of whose members joined St. George's after St. James closed in 2010.

The Bishop continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

And so Holy One we thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said, "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit upon us 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 with blessed George and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

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

Blessed are you, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Bishop: 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.

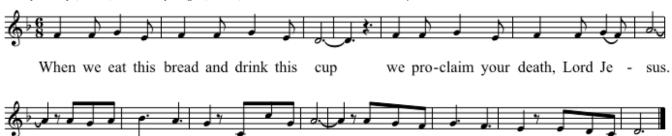
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken. 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.

Bishop: 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.

Bishop: 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: The Voice of God by Lloyd Larson and Jan McGuire

In every local language, in every native tongue, God hears the hearts of people and speaks to everyone. God easily transcends. Love hears our weakest whimper and always comprehends.

God speaks in every language to all both far and near. With words of grace and mercy Love longs for all to hear. But whether still and quiet or with a mighty sound, wherever love is spoken the voice of is found.

The languages of nature, of land and sky and sea, of all the living creatures, God speaks them fluently. All things that God created converse in different ways, so even trees and mountains can offer up their praise!

God speaks in every language to all both far and near, With words of grace and mercy Love longs for all to hear. But whether still and quiet or with a mighty sound, wherever love is spoken the voice of God is found.

God speaks at times with thunder and mighty rushing wind; at other times, a whisper, a gentle thought within.

But whether still and quiet, or with a mighty sound, wherever love is spoken the voice of God is found, the voice of God is found.

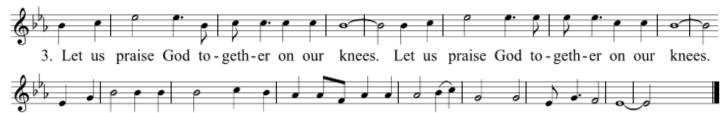
Communion Hymn: LEVAS #152 Let Us Break Bread Together

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- 2. Let us drink wine to geth-er on our knees. Let us drink wine to-geth-er on our knees.
- Refrain 1. 2.

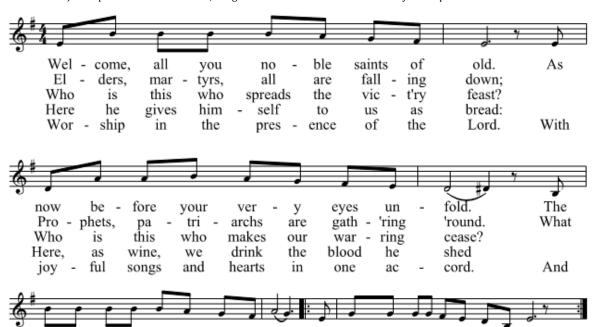
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun, Oh Lord, have mer-cy on me.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun, Oh Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Communion Hymn: Gather #542 In Christ There Is a Table Set for All Verses 1-2, 4-6

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won-ders all so long a - go fore-told: an - gels long to see now we have found.

Je - sus, ris - en Sav-ior, Prince of Peace. In Christ there is a ta-ble set for all.

Born to die, we eat and live in - stead! let our host at ta - ble be a - dored.



This sketch of St. George's Chapel was done by parishioner Ian Richardson in 1996. The photo to the right was taken by parishioner William Mertens in 2023.



Hymn: Hymn of Saint George

Words and Music: Leigh Stover, Arranged by Julia Jackson



This hymn was written by former parishioner Leigh Stover in the 1990's in thanksgiving for the presence of St. George's in her life.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bishop Let us pray: Holy and Gracious One, with joy we offer thanksgiving for your love as we have experienced it in the sharing of Christ's body in fellowship around this table, and in all of the years and circumstances of this community St. George's. We pray that we may by your grace continue your good works, sharing your love in word and deed, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements

The Blessing

The Bishop blesses the people

Dismissal Hymn: Wonder, Love and Praise #787 We are marching in the light of God

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The Dismissal

Rector: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All are invited to Miller Hall for a celebratory reception