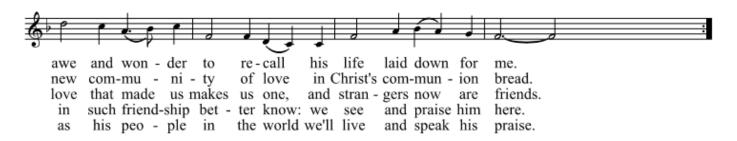


The Season After Pentecost St. George's Church & Glenn Dale, Maryland The Episcopal Diocese of Washington The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 2, 2020

Prelude: He is Exalted by Twila Paris, arr. Mark Hayes. Mike Hopkins, pianist

Welcome and Introduction by Brother Ed Munro, Officiant Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #304 *I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord*

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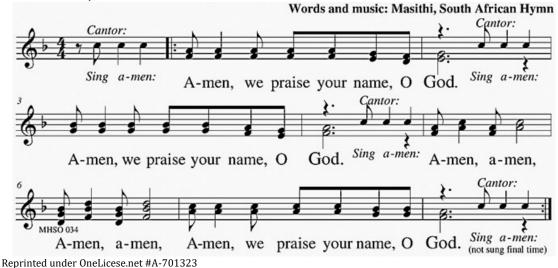
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Celebrant:We enter into your presence O Holy One, we who hunger for life:People:For it is you O God who nourishes us at the table of grace.

- *Celebrant:* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
- *People:* Glory to God for ever and ever.

All pray together: 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: MHSO Amen, We Praise Your Name



Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O God who calls us to love kindness and do justice, in the midst of violence and injustice in our country we pray that you grant us grace to fearlessly contend against the evils of racism, and that you give us strength and courage to stand against oppression in our words and in our deeds, through Jesus Christ our strength and our guide. Amen.

Isaiah 55:1-5

Thus says the Lord: "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you." The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion: slow to anger and abounding in love. You Lord are good to all of us: and your mercy rests upon all your creatures. The Lord upholds those who stumble: and raises up those who are down.

Let everyone bless God's holy name forever and ever.

The eyes of all look to you O Lord: and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand: and give what they desire to all things living. You Lord are righteous in all your ways: and loving in all your deeds. Let everyone bless God's holy name forever and ever. You Lord are near to all who call to you: who call to you in singleness of heart. You fulfill the desire of those who revere you: you hear their cry and you save them. You protect all who love you: but the wicked you will destroy. Let everyone bless God's holy name forever and ever.

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Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me."

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Dr. William Bultman

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The Creed: Sung by the St. George's Virtual Choir

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The Prayers of the People

Holy and gracious God, in such a time as this there is grief in our hearts, anxiety on our minds, and suffering before our eyes, and so we pray for your love and your grace for us and for all people. Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**.

Grant us your spirit of love and self-discipline O God, so that we may come together to control and eliminate the coronavirus. Make us vigilant, attentive, and proactive, and heal the self-centeredness and indifference that makes us worry only when the virus threatens us personally. Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**.

Assist the church mercifully with your help O God, as we pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the community of St. George's. Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**.

Guide the leaders of the nations O God, that they may speak the truth, lead with compassion, and act with justice. Grant wisdom and humility to those who lead in our state, our country and in the world. May those who make decisions for others know their responsibility to care for those who are most vulnerable, especially those who are poor and those who are hungry. Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**.

Pour out your grace O God on those who protest and those who work towards racial justice in our country, and inspire all Americans to live up to the values we hold dear. May we who believe in freedom never rest until it comes for all people.

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

Heal our world, O God; strengthen our hearts and our minds and in the midst of turmoil give us hope and peace. Protect us from despair and loneliness and show us the way of truly connecting and kindling community with others. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list, and those we name before you now. Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**.

Hold in your gentle embrace O God all who have died, and comfort those who mourn. Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**.

Fill our hearts gratitude for all of our blessings O God, and help us to live each day in a spirit of thanksgiving. Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**.

Holy One you promise never to leave us comfortless. Help us trust in your goodness and to know ourselves surrounded by your grace, now and always, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

- *Celebrant:* Now let us confess our sins to God. *Silence is kept.*
- People: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our 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.**

Announcements and Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries



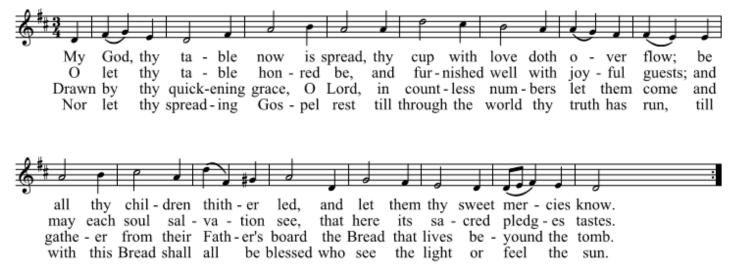
Summer Volunteer Opportunity to Support Warm Nights-Extended into August: Details: meet at St. George's from 9:30 to 11AM on Saturday to make the lunches. You must sign up ahead of time with the sign up genius link that has been provided in the recent parish emails. Questions- please contact Peggy Alexander peggyalexander28@gmail.com

Check your Parish Email for information about special outdoor services that will be held during the month of August as well as the possible return to our sanctuary on September 6. We will also need people to do a variety of tasks to facilitate the opening at the church.

Connie Will Be Away This Week

Connie is taking some time away with a return on August 10. The Sunday service will be available on its usual schedule, and many thanks to Brother Ed Munro for leading services today as well as on August 9. We also welcome Mike Hopkins as our guest musician for today substituting for Josh, and are grateful for the sermon for today presented by William Bultman. Wednesday night Compline will also go on as usual, with thanks to Terry Doyle for leading it. If you have a particular concern please contact a warden - Michael Mangiapane at theblackdog@gmail.com or Charlotte Colvin at ccolvin3115@gmail.com For the week of August 3, the Pastoral Care contact will be Terry Doyle. His phone number can be located in the weekly parish email or in the parish directory.

Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #321 My God, Thy Table Now is Spread



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Prayers for Communion in Spirit

Celebrant: Jesus invites us into connection with him and with each other and shares himself with us in bread and wine, in fellowship and faith. He assures us that where two or three are gathered in his name, he is in the midst of them. As we move through this time of separation, we are nonetheless reminded that Jesus is truly present with us, not just at this table, but in our daily lives. Though we are in a time of fasting from the sharing of Holy Communion in a literal sense, we also know that we receive Christ through our desire to share his presence through the sacrament. In that spirit let us pray:

Jesus, I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Though we cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart and strengthen me with your grace. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. May I never be separated from you. Amen.

All are invited to reflect on the sacrament and our connection to Jesus during the musical meditation.

Instrumental Meditation: Meditation #4: Selah by Michael Card

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now in the Spirit of 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

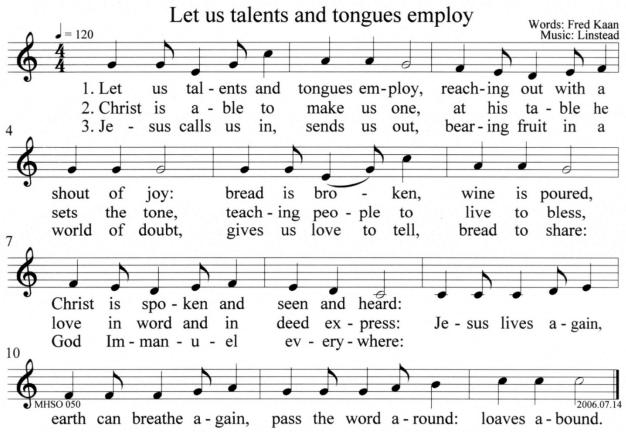
O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord, who is full of compassion for all who hunger. We offer to you our humble thanks and praise for the blessings we have received this day through our worship of you; we pray that the week to come may be spent in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

May God give us grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love. 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 us now and remain with us always. *Amen.*



Dismissal Hymn: MHSO #50 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



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Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God and our neighbor.

People: Thanks be to God!