



The Season After Pentecost
St. George's Church † Glenn Dale, Maryland
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2020

Prelude: *Songs Without Words* Op. 30, No. 5 "The Brook" by Felix Mendelssohn. Dr. Joshua Fishbein, piano

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #707 *Take My Life, And Let It Be*



Take my life and let it be con - se - crat-ed, Lord to thee; take my mo-ments and my days,
Take my voice, and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King; take my in - tel - lect and use



let them flow in cease-less praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse
ev - ery power as thou shalt choose. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no



of thy love; take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy-al throne.
long-er mine. Take my-self, and I will be ev-er, on-ly, all for thee.

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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

Words and music: Masithi, South African Hymn

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). It features a vocal line for the Cantor and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Sing a-men: A-men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a-men:". The second staff continues the melody and accompaniment, with lyrics: "A-men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a-men: A-men, a-men,". The third staff concludes the piece, with lyrics: "A-men, a-men, A-men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a-men: (not sung final time)". The score includes a rehearsal mark "3" at the start of the second staff and "6" at the start of the third staff. The number "MHSO 034" is printed below the first staff.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray: Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you O God with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praises.

I will give thanks to you O God with my whole heart.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks because of your love and
faithfulness; For you have exalted your name and your word above all things.

I will give thanks to you O God with my whole heart.

On the day I called, you answered me; and put new strength within me.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, when they hear the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord; that the glory of the Lord is great.

I will give thanks to you O God with my whole heart.

For though Lord you are high, yet you care for the lowly;

As for the proud, you humble them from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;

you stretch out your hand against my enemies' rage, and your right hand will save me.

I will give thanks to you O God with my whole heart.

You fulfill your purpose for me, your love O Lord is everlasting;

do not leave unfinished the works of your hands.

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt



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

Nicene Creed

Text: Nicene Creed
Tune: BEACH SPRING; The Sacred Harp, 1844



1. We be - lieve in God the Fath - er, God al - might - y, by whose
2. Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaught - er
3. We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be - low, a -
5 plan earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be -
led, suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he des - cend - ed to the
9 bove: saints of God in one com - mun - ion, one in ho - li - ness and
gan. We be - lieve in Christ the Sav - ior, Son of God in hu - man frame, vir -
gin - dead. We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, heav - en's king to rule and reign, to the
love. So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sav - ior, Lord and friend, we shall
14 born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spir - it came. ____
Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed 'til as judge he comes a - gain. ____
rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end. ____

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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 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.**

Announcements and Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries



The **Regathering Committee** announces that we will begin in person services at **8:00 and 10:00 am on September 6**. All are invited to attend a Zoom meeting on Wednesday August 26 at 7:00 pm for guidelines for taking part in services. The link for this meeting can be found on the Calendar for the parish website.

The Agape Meal Evening Prayer service on Thursday, August 27 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Check the announcements page for bread recipes if you would like to make a loaf of bread to share with those in your household. During the service we will bless and break bread and do the same with a cup of wine or other type of beverage.

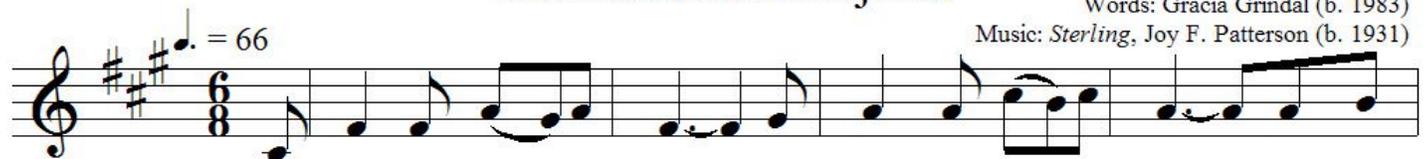
Diocesan-Wide Virtual Service on Sunday August 30

On August 30 there will be no service to view at St. George's as the Diocese has invited all parishes to join them for a virtual service. Bishop Mariann will preside and preach at the National Cathedral, which will be live-streamed at 11:15 AM on their website, Facebook, and YouTube pages. We will hold our **Virtual Hospitality time for St. George's on Zoom from 10:00 to 10:45** prior to the service. In addition, we will host a Zoom gathering to watch and participate with other St. Georgians in the service from the cathedral. You can come online to Zoom, beginning at **11:00 am**. See the Calendar for links and details.

Offertory Hymn: WLP #722

The desert shall rejoice

Words: Gracia Grindal (b. 1983)
Music: Sterling, Joy F. Patterson (b. 1931)



The des-ert shall re - joice and blos-som as a rose: 1. It shall
4. For the
5. As the
6. Un - to



1. Blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joice with praise and sing - ing.
4. ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.
5. ran - somed re - turn to God and come sing - ing back to Zi - on.
6. Zi - on we come with joy, for our God has come to save us.

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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.

Meditation Anthem: *Lift Thine Eyes* from “Elijah” Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847) sung by Emma Hadley, Laurie Lemieux, and Gabrielle Moskey

*Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains,
whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved.
Thy keeper will never slumber.
Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains,
whence cometh help.*

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 challenges us to make him the rock of our faith. 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 you 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 you now and remain with you always. *Amen.*



Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS # 12 *Come We That Love the Lord* St. George's Virtual Choir



Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; Join in a song with
Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our God; But chil - dren of the
The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred sweets, Be - fore we reach the
Then let our songs a - bound, And ev - 'ery tear be dry; We're march - ing through Em -



sweet ac - cord, join in a song with sweet ac - cord. And thus sur -
heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, May speak their
heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Or walk the
- man - uel's ground, We're march - ing thro Em - man - uel's ground, To fair - er



- round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne. We're march - ing to Zi - on,
joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.
gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets,
worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.



Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

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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!