



The Season After Pentecost

St. George's Church ✚ Glenn Dale, Maryland
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2020

Prelude: *Medley on Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen and All Day, All Night, Spirituals*, arr. Mark Hayes. Pianist Michael Wu

Welcome and Introduction: Brother Ed Munro, BSG

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #529 *In Christ There is No East or West*



In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North, but
Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what e'er your race may be! Who
In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North, all



one great fel - low-ship of love through-out the whole wide earth.
serves my Fa - ther as his child is sure-ly kin to me.
Christ-ly souls are one in him, through-out the whole wide earth.

John Osehnham. Music: McKee. Afro-American spiritual; adapted and harmonized by Harry T. Burleigh Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

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 for a single melodic line in 4/4 time, featuring a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music. The first system begins with a treble clef and a key signature change from one flat to two flats (B-flat to A-flat). The lyrics 'Sing a-men: A-men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a-men:' are written below the staff. The second system starts with a measure rest, followed by the lyrics 'A-men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a-men: A-men, a-men,'. The third system begins with a measure rest and the lyrics 'A-men, a-men, A-men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a-men: (not sung final time)'. The score includes a 'Cantor:' label above the first and third systems. A small number '3' is placed above the second system, and a small number '6' is placed above the third system. The text 'MHSO 034' is printed below the first system.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray: Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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.

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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

Psalm 85:8-13

Let me hear what you will say, O LORD God
for you will speak peace to your faithful people,
to your servants whose hearts are turned to you.

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying.

For deliverance is at hand to those who fear you:
so that your glory may dwell in our land.

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying.

Mercy and faithfulness have met together;
justice and peace have embraced each other.

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from heaven.

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying.

You LORD will give prosperity, and our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall go before you, and the path for your feet shall be peace.

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

The Sermon: Bro. Ed Munro, BSG

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 -
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
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
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 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



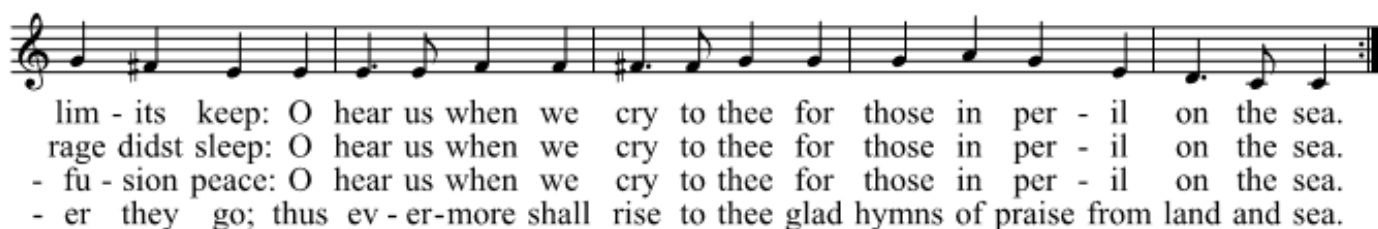
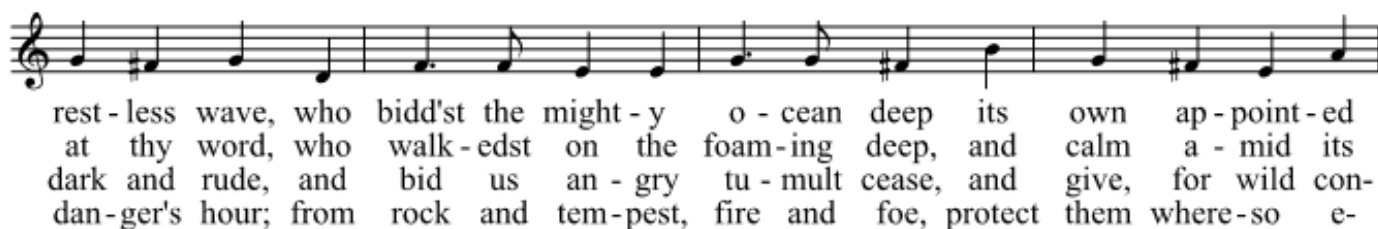
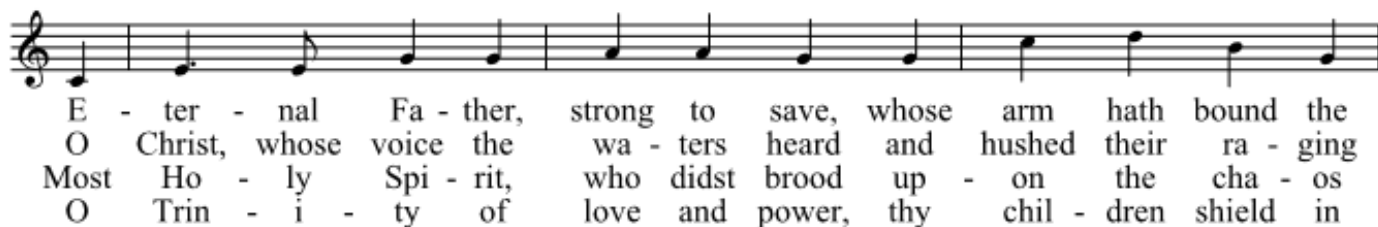
Summer Volunteer Opportunity to Support Warm Nights-Extended into August: Consult with peggyalexander28@gmail.com for signing up to take part in this ministry.

Check your Parish Email for information about **outdoor services** over the next two weeks and worship in our **sanctuary, beginning on September 6.** We will also need people to do a variety of tasks to facilitate the opening.

The **Contemplative Prayer Group** will meet at 7:30 on Tuesday, August 11 at 7:30 on Zoom.

We are grateful for Brother Ed Munro for leading this morning's service and to Michael Wu as our guest pianist.

Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #608 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*



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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: *Chorale Prelude on Schmucke, dich (Deck, Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness)*, Op. 122, No. 5, Johannes Brahms

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.

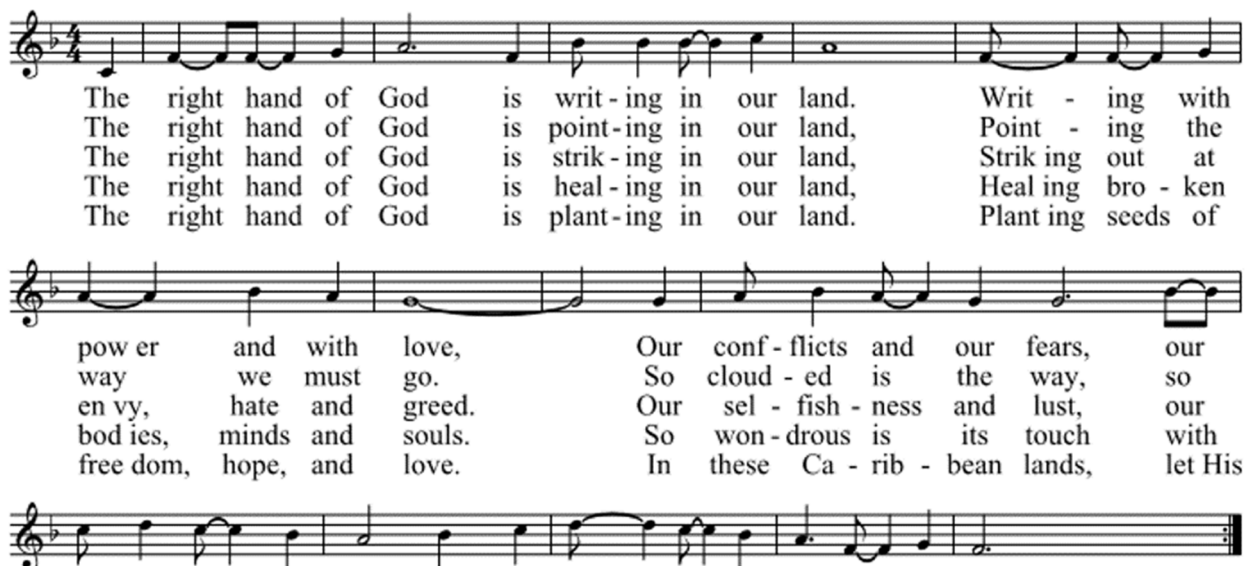
Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord, who calms our every fear. 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: LEVAS #61 *The Right Hand of God*



The right hand of God is writ - ing in our land. Writ - ing with
The right hand of God is point - ing in our land, Point - ing the
The right hand of God is strik - ing in our land, Strik ing out at
The right hand of God is heal - ing in our land, Heal ing bro - ken
The right hand of God is plant - ing in our land. Plant ing seeds of

pow er and with love, Our conf - flicts and our fears, our
way we must go. So cloud - ed is the way, so
en vy, hate and greed. Our sel - fish - ness and lust, our
bod ies, minds and souls. So won - drous is its touch with
free dom, hope, and love. In these Ca - rib - bean lands, let His

tri - umphs and our tears Are re - cord ed by the right hand of God.
eas - i - ly we stray, But we're guid ed by the right hand of God.
pride and deeds un just Are de - stroyed by the right hand of God.
love that means so much, When we're healed by the right hand of God.
peo - ple all join hands, And be one by the right hand 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!**