



The Season After Pentecost
St. George's Church † Glenn Dale, Maryland
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2020

Prelude: *Morning Song* by Grant Arnold Dr. Joshua Fishbein, pianist

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #9 *Not Here for High and Holy Things*



A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the sky, the
Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise; see
to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en thee; so



fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the worlds a - wake to cry their
how the gi - ant sun soars up, great lord of years and days! So
spend thy - self nor count the cost; to serve right glo - rious - ly the



bles - sings on the Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.
let the love of Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze.
God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

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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 Sung by the St. George's Virtual Choir

Words and music: Masithi, South African Hymn

Cantor: Sing a-men: A-men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a-men:

Cantor: A-men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a-men: A-men, a-men,

Cantor: A-men, a-men, A-men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a-men: (not sung final time)

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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.

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you." The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:129-136

Your instruction, O God, is wonderful: therefore I keep it with all my heart.
The unfolding of your word gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

For the unfolding of your word gives light, O God.

I open my mouth and sigh: with longing for your commandments.

Turn to me and be merciful to me: as is your way with those who love you.

For the unfolding of your word gives light, O God.

Keep steady my footsteps according to your promises:
and let no evil get mastery over me.

Rescue me from those who oppress me: so that I may keep your commandments.

For the unfolding of your word gives light, O God.

Let your face shine on your servant: and teach me your statutes.

Tears stream from my eyes: because people do not heed your law.

For the unfolding of your word gives light, O God.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt



The Creed: WLP 768

I believe in God almighty

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)
Music: Domhnach Trionoide, Gaelic melody

♩ = 72

1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor
2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and
3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing

4 of all things that be, Mak - er of the earth and
scorned and cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was
all the saints with - in one church, cath - o - lic and

7 heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and sea. I be -
bur - ied - True Life there had tru - ly died. I be -
ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the

10 lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and
lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the
bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's

13 Christ, of the Spir - it and of Mar - y born to
grave, then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will
chain gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the

16 bring a - bundant life. 2007.07.31
come to judge and save.
faith that I have claimed.

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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



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

Contemplative Prayer will be held on Tuesday, July 28 at 7:30 pm on Zoom. Evening Prayer will not be held on Tuesday but will resume on Thursday, July 30 at 6:00 pm.

Connie Will Be Away Next Week Starting Monday July 27. The Sunday service will be available on its usual schedule, and many thanks to Brother Ed Munro for leading services on August 2 and 9. 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 July 27-August 3, the **Pastoral Care contact** will be Brother Ed Munro, BSG. For the week of August 3-10, the Pastoral Care contact will be Terry Doyle, TSSF. Phone numbers for both Ed and Terry can be found in the weekly parish email or the directory.

Offertory Hymn: *If God Be For Us* by Joseph Martin –St. George's Virtual Choir

*If God be for us, who can be against us?
God is our refuge, God is our strength!
God is love and from our sin redeems us, God's mercy will never end.
God alone is our foundation. God alone is our salvation.
I am persuaded, if God be for us, who can be against us.*

*If God is for us, who can be against us?
God is our splendor, God is our light!
God will shine the glory all around us. Then, why should we fear the night?
God alone is our sustainer. God alone is our defender.
I am persuaded, if God be for us, who can be against us.*

*The Lord of life is with us. The Lord is ever near.
God's mighty arm will save us, release your doubt and fear.
What power can ever take us? We're safe in His embrace.
No word can sound against us, for we are saved by grace.*

*If God be for us, who can be against us? Who can be against us?
Who can be against us? Who can be against us?
If God be for us, who can be against us? God is a Rock in a weary land!
God is strong and by His power defends us. He shelters us in His hand.
God alone is our Creator, God alone is our sustainer.
I am persuaded, if God be for us, who can be against us.
If God be for us, who can be against us?
Who can be against us? Amen!*

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

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. 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: Hymnal 1982 #376 Joyful, Joyful



Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of Love;
All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way; giv -
field and for - rest, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea, chant -
Thou art Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther; all who live in love are thine; teach



- er of the mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
- ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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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!