



The Season After Pentecost
St. George's Church † Glenn Dale, Maryland
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2020

Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet has everything you need to participate fully in today's worship service, including scripture readings as well as prayers and music.

Prelude: *Adoramus Te* by Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

Laurie Lemieux – soprano, Gabrielle Moskey – mezzo-soprano, Anne Rowe – alto

*Adoramus te, Christe,
 et benedicimus tibi.
 Quia per tuam sanctam crucem
 redemisti mundum.
 Domine, miserere nobis.*

We adore thee, O Christ,
 and we bless thee,
 because by thy holy cross
 thou hast redeemed the world.
 O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #686 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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Come, thou fount of ev - ery bles - sing, tune my heart to sing thy
 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er by thy help, I've
 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to



grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est
 come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at
 be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to



praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a -
 home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering from the fold of
 thee: prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I



-bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 God; he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 love; here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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: Hymnal 1982 S280 Sung by St. George's Virtual Choir

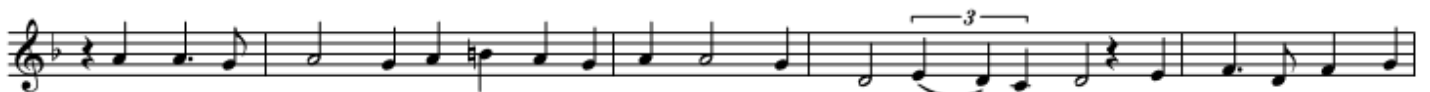
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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-



- might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our



prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-y One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most



High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the day: O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer for Racial Justice:

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 with our words and with our deeds, through Jesus Christ our strength and our guide. **Amen.**

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

Read by Alix Volel-Stech

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life.

Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

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

Psalms 25:1-8

To you Lord I lift up my soul, my God I have put my trust in you:

let me not be disappointed, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

For all those who hope in you shall not be ashamed: **but only those who wantonly break faith.**

Make known to me your ways O Lord: **and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in the way of your truth and teach me:

you are God my saviour, for you have I waited all the day long.

Call to remembrance O Lord your tender care:

and the unfailing love which you have shown from of old.

Do not remember the sins and offences of my youth:

but according to your mercy, remember me Lord in your goodness.

You O Lord are upright and good: **therefore you show the path to those who go astray.**

You guide the humble to do what is right: **and those who are gentle you teach your way.**

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

Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this

authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Led by David Warn

In this challenging time in our life together, in our country, and in our world, we pray to you O Holy One, and we offer our thanks and praise even as we ask you for strength and courage for the days ahead.

Holy One, we thank you for your gifts in creation: for the beauty of the earth, for the changing seasons and the blessings of harvest, and for the bounty your good earth provides. We pray for your wisdom and courage to care for your creation and preserve its resources for generations yet to come. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for science, for knowledge, and for the wisdom that is available to us. We pray that we have the fortitude to be vigilant, attentive, and proactive in the face of the coronavirus, and act not only for ourselves, but for the good of others. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gift of your church. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the community of St. George's. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for leaders who truly care for your people. We ask that all leaders of nations, including our own, may speak the truth, lead with compassion, and act with justice. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for all who are working for racial justice in our country. We pray that you inspire us to action. May we who believe in freedom never rest until it comes for all people. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for the opportunity to serve you by serving others. We pray for the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School, for the homeless guests of the Warm Nights program, and for all those in need, especially those who are poor and those who are hungry. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for all of the gifts of our lives. We pray that we may live always in gratitude to you. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we pray for all who have died, and for all who mourn. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

We offer our prayers to you, Living God, in whom we live and move and have our being.
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 Offertory

The Celebrant says

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

Traditionally this would be the time for the basket to be passed to receive financial donations from those worshipping in person. For safety reasons, that practice has changed. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible. You can use your phone to text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give. If your bank offers Zelle, you can use your banking app to send a donation via Zelle to donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net. There are also baskets at the entrance and exit doors of the Sanctuary for donations of checks or cash. Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's.

Offertory Anthem: Teach Me, O Lord by J. Paul Williams and Douglas Nolan Sung by the St. George's Virtual Choir

*Teach me, O Lord, the way I should go. Let me walk the path that you prepared for me.
O come take my hand, I'm at Your command. Lord, teach me today. Teach me O Lord, I pray.*

*Show me, O Lord, the way I should go. I will follow in Your footsteps as You lead.
Though the road may be long, I'm never alone. Lord, teach me today, teach me, O lord, I pray.*

*Come teach me, Lord. Your ways are sure and your word is true. Your law is my delight.
You are my guide and my friend. Your love will never end. You are the Way, the Truth, the Life. You are Life!
Lead me, O Lord; I give you my life. I will serve You, Lord, with gladness all my days.
Lord, use me, I pray, and have Thine own way, O lead me, Lord. Show me, O Lord. Teach me, O Lord, I pray.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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.**

The Celebrant continues

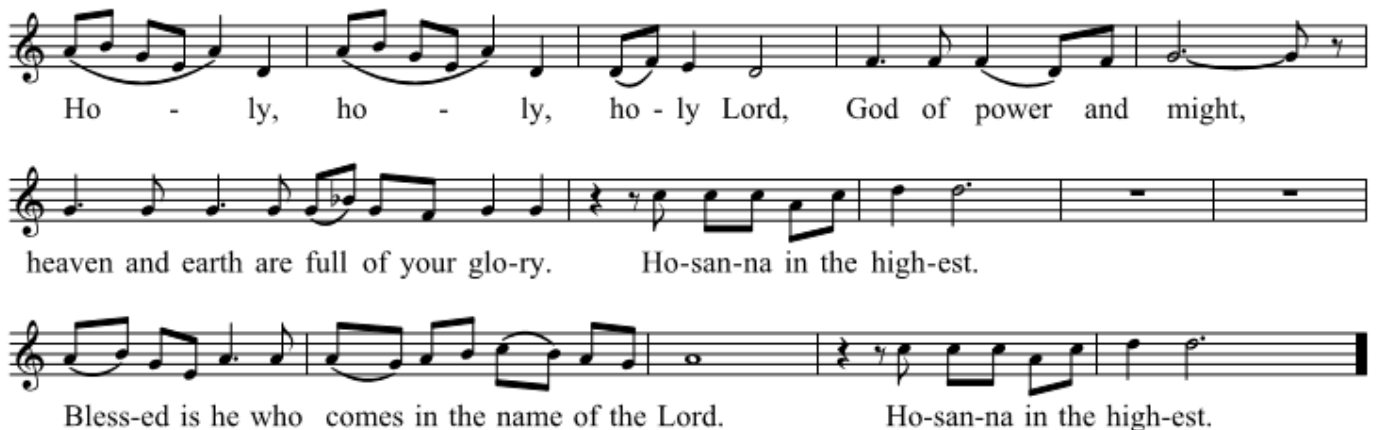
O God of blessing, we thank you always for making us in your image to serve the peace of all creation. You shared your name with our ancestors: Sarah and Abraham, who left their home and became a blessing to all nations; Moses and Miriam, who went through sea and wilderness to the place of revelation; Deborah and Samson, who gave hope and justice to a people ruled by fear; Ruth and Jonah, who went to foreign soil and found a God who loves the stranger. From our ancestors in faith came Jesus, the son of promise, to fulfill the law, embody your love, and draw all people to himself.

He accepted death to break its fearful hold; he was raised to new life to share it in abundance; he comes again to break the bread of justice and pour the wine of hope.

Therefore, with all the people whose story you have shaped, O Holy One, with people of faith in every part of the world, we glory in your generous love and sing in praise of you:

Hymnal 1982 S 128 Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Celebrant continues:

Holy One, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your Son Jesus to be our Savior. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to the prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. In love for us and for you he gave himself up to death, and rising from the grave he destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And so we remember that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way after supper he took the cup, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

Great then is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

And now, we pray you to send your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, 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 from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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

Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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 to 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.

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence is kept

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: 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.

Communion Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #339 *Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness*

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Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of sad - ness,
Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, Who dost my soul en - light - en;
Je - sus, Bread of life, I pray thee, let me glad - ly here o - bey thee;



come in - to the day-light's splen - dor; there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
Joy the best that an - y know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth;
nev - er to my hurt in - vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;



un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this won - drous ban - quet found - ed;
at thy feet I cry, my Mak - er, let me be a fit par - tak - er
from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how vast and deep it's trea - sure;



high o'er all the heavens he reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
of this bless - ed food from heav - en, for our good, thy glor - y, giv - en.
through the gifts thou here dost give me as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray: **Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this gathering, this bread and this wine. May they strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may embody your desire for justice and be renewed for your service to others, through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 #120 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

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There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I know that it's the
There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you know Him in His

Spir - it of the Lord. There are sweet ex - pres - sions on each face,
full - ness, and be - lieve. You're the one to pro - fit when you say

and I know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord. Sweet Ho - ly
"I am going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here with us, fill - ing us with your

love. And for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in praise. With - out a

doubt we'll know that we have been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

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!

Postlude: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Faye López (b. 1955)