

Trinity Sunday

St. George's Church • Glenn Dale Parish The Episcopal Diocese of Washington May 26, 2024

A Service of Holy Eucharist

Welcome to St. George's! If you are new or visiting, we are especially glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet has the prayers and hymns needed for your participation in today's service. Wherever you are in your journey, know that you are welcome here.

Prelude: Intermezzo in A Op.118/2

Music: Johannes Brahms

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #381 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

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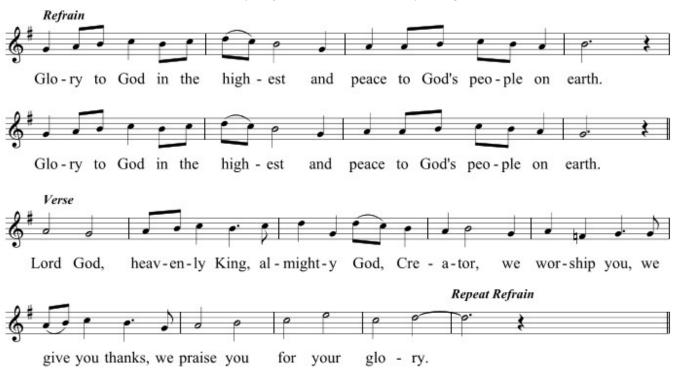
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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.

Gather #164 Glory to God in the Highest

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the Day:

Enfolding God, Trinity of love, you are our source, our goal, our life: may we be born again in you no more to live alone and unconnected, but sharing in the Spirit's breath and carried to your heart; through Jesus Christ, who lifts us up. Amen.

The people may be seated.

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord you heavenly powers:

ascribe to the Lord all glory and might.

Ascribe due honor to God's holy name:

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:

it is the glorious God who makes the thunder upon the great waters.

The voice of the Lord is power:

the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:

the Lord splinters the cedars of Lebanon.

The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf:

and Sirion like a young wild bull.

The voice of the Lord divides the lightning:

the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness, the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to writhe, and strips the forests bare:

while in God's temple all cry, 'Glory'.

The Lord sits enthroned above the waters:

the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.

You Lord will give strength to your people:

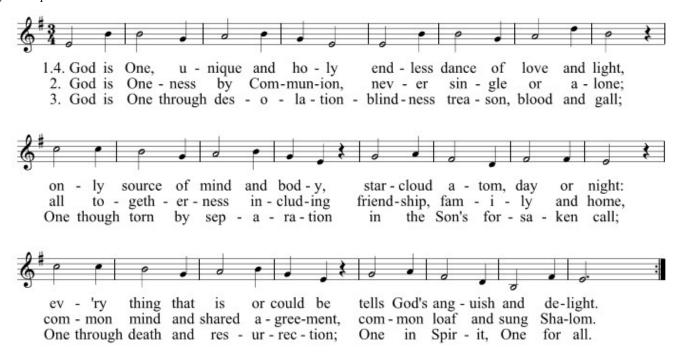
you will give your people the blessing of peace.

At the conclusion of the psalm, all say together

Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Gospel Hymn: Gather #333 God is One, Unique and Holy

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Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 3:1-7

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt



Celebrant: And now let us affirm our faith, and say:

As children of God, we affirm:

That God, who is Love, created all and called it good, that God is present with all of creation, and that, in darkness and in light, God is faithful; therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.

That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face, that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf, and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope; therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and hope.

That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us, that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment, and that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way; therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit: discerning, loving and transforming our world. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

God of grace, God of comfort, God of challenge, we offer our praise and gratitude to you for the abundance of your love, the majesty of your being and for the nearness of your presence. As we pray, we praise you, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: **The whole earth is full of your glory.**

You are full of strength and power Lord God, and we ask that you give courage to your people and the blessings of your peace. We pray for those places in the world where there is conflict and your people are caught in the violence of war, especially in Sudan, Haiti, and Gaza. As we pray, we praise you, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: **The whole earth is full of your glory.**

You bless us with the gift of the church, gracious God, and we pray that we may be your hands and feet to serve your people. We pray especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Mariann our bishop; Connie our rector; and for the people of St. George's. As we pray we praise you, saying: Holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: **The whole earth is full of your glory.**

You are compassion, Lord Christ, and we ask you to open our hearts and teach us to love others as you have love us. May we continue to be inspired to serve those in need in our communities as we pray for the children of families of Gaywood Elementary School and those served by the Bowie Food Pantry and the Warm Nights shelter. As we pray we praise you, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: **The whole earth is full of your glory.**

You are a healing presence, Holy Spirit, and we pray that you bestow your healing grace on all in need especially for those on our parish prayer list, and those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* As we pray we praise you, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: **The whole earth is full of your glory.**

You are our consolation, Spirit of gentleness, and we ask you to comfort those who mourn and surround them with your love as we pray for all who have died. *The people may add their own petitions*. As we pray we praise you, saying: Holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: **The whole earth is full of your glory**.

You share your gifts with us, Spirit of grace, and you give us the joy of special occasions in our lives. We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and all of the blessings we experience. *The people may add their own petitions*. As we pray we praise you, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: **The whole earth is full of your glory**.

Come Holy Spirit, come with your life-giving care and joy, through Jesus Christ our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Now let us confess our sins to God. *Silence is kept.*

All pray together: Most Merciful God, we confess that we have resisted the light of your love; we have not fully shared the gifts entrusted to us; and we have not treasured the gifts of others around us. We stand in need of your love, forgiveness, and grace. Holy God, make us holy. Holy Jesus, make us holy. Holy Spirit, make us holy. Holy One, make us whole. 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.

Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

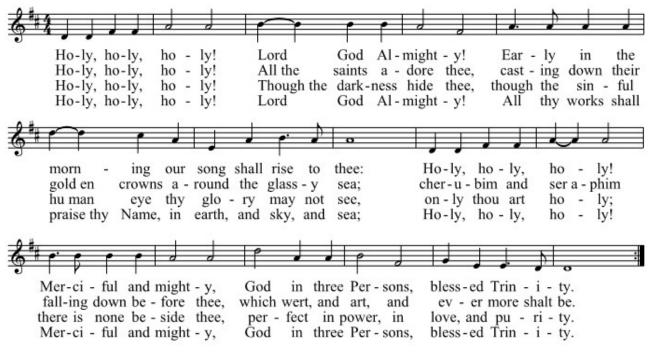
The Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Although St. George's no longer physically "passes the basket" everyone is invited and encouraged to make a financial offering to express your gratitude to God for the gifts we are given and in support of our mission and ministries. Baskets for donations by check or cash are located at the corner entrances to the Sanctuary. We encourage you to give electronically: you can text* stgeodragon to 73256, use a web browser to go to onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/give, or donate via Zelle to donations@stgeorgesglenndale.org. (*For texts, message and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.)

Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #362 Holy, holy, holy!

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The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

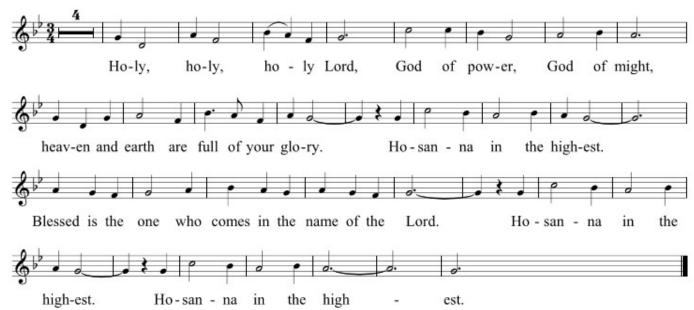
We praise you Holy Trinity, mystery of being and freedom of the world. You opened your love to bring the creation into existence, reflecting infinite beauty in matter's complex bonds and spirit's evolution.

You drew near to Abraham and Sarah as the unexpected guest; you wrestled with Jacob and blessed him with wounds; you dwelt in glory and wisdom with the people of your covenant.

Your all-embracing heart assumed our human story and came among us in Word made flesh, Jesus the holy child of God. Through the scandal of Christ crucified and the Spirit of love that raised him from the dead, you end our isolation and draw us into the community of your grace. Therefore we join the eternal song of power and glory, of difference and delight, as we sing:

Sanctus: Gather #144 Holy, holy, holy

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Holy One, we praise you for your love that brings order out of chaos, breathes life into dust, leads captives into freedom, and calls home those who wander away from you. You give bread to the hungry and drink to the thirsty; you even raise the dead to life.

We thank you for Jesus, the Word made flesh and light of the world, who is shepherd and gate, way and truth, and fountain of living water that gives life everlasting.

We thank you for Jesus, who is the bread of heaven, the cup of salvation, and the resurrection and the life. On the night before he died, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you O God, gave it to them and said "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, gave you thanks and said, "Drink this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all for forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We ask you to pour out your Spirit on us O God and come and live in us, in this bread and in this cup, in our hearts and in our being, that we may be one body in Christ. May we be one in service to others and love of you in this place and every place, in this world and in the world to come.

Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor and power be to you O Holy One, forever and ever! Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: The Risen Christ is in our midst, and so with Christ we pray:

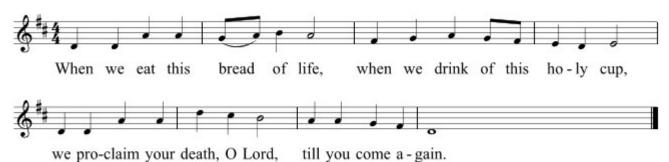
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken. After a time of silence, all sing together

Fraction Hymn: When We Eat This Bread

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Celebrant: 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 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.

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.

If you would prefer not to receive the Eucharist, you are welcome to come up for a blessing; cross your hands to your shoulders to indicate this to the priest.

Communion Hymn 1: Gather #331 How Wonderful the Three-in-One

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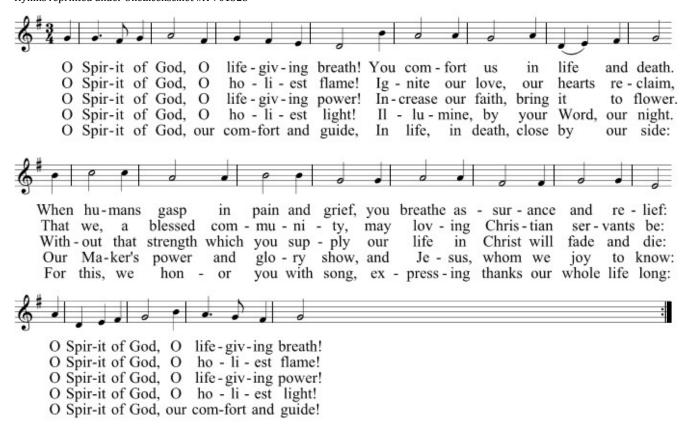
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E - ter - nal Lov - er, Three-in - One, our hope's be - gin - ning, way and end.

Communion Hymn 2: New Century Hymnal #60 O Spirit of God

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray: Holy and Gracious One, we give you thanks that through Word and Sacrament Jesus has once again shared himself with us. As we leave this place we pray that you send us out inspired by your Spirit to be Christ's love to others. May our daily living show forth our gratitude and our lives become a praise to you, through Jesus Christ our Risen Savior. Amen.

Announcements

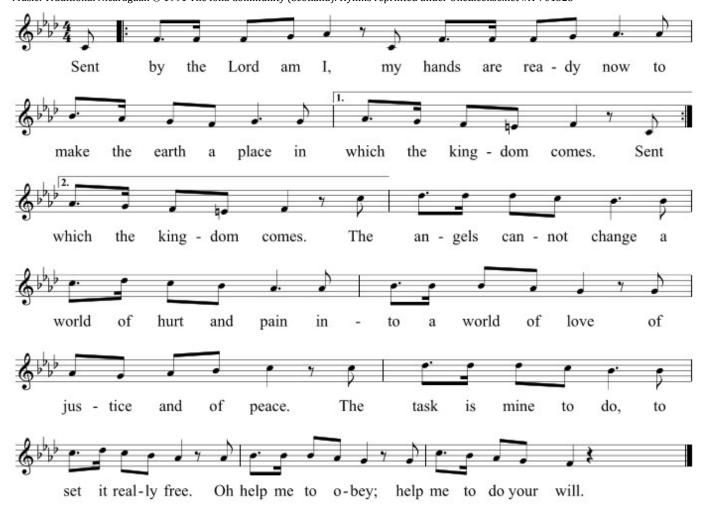
The Blessing

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: Sent by the Lord am I (sung twice)

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The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: "New Kid" Music: Christopher Norton