

**The Great Thanksgiving (A)**

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*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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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 of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, which 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. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**CHRIST OUR PASSOVER**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**AGNUS DEI**

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
 Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
 Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:  
 Give us your peace, give us your peace.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized people are warmly invited to come forward to receive Communion.*

**ORGAN MEDITATION MEDITATION ON "O HEILIGER GEIST"** George Davey

**AT THE COMMUNION**

**#593** Lord, make us servants of your peace Dickinson College 1982 Hymnal  
**#115** Spirit of the living God LEVAS Hymnal

**SPECIAL PRAYERS** (HEALING, BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARIES, TRAVELING)**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN #530 (1982)** Spread, O spread, thou mighty word Gott see Dank

*The Deacon dismisses the people:*

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** Improvisation on "Gott see Dank" George Davey

Cantor(s): Phyllis Clinton, Soprano



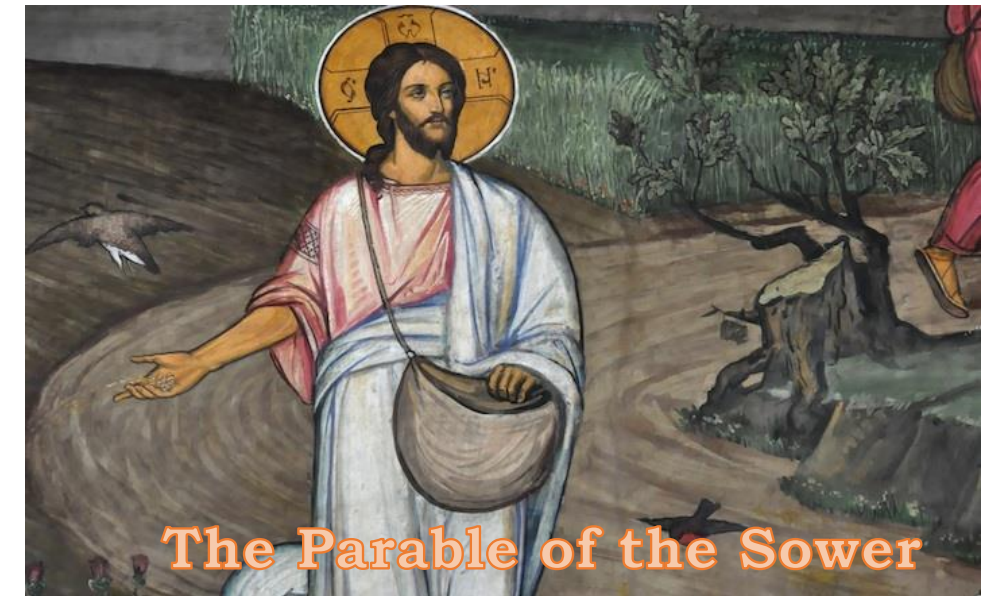
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**THE VERY REV. CANON DR. GLENWORTH D. MILES†,**  
 Dean & Rector of St. Matthew's Deanery  
**REGINALD JACKSON, DEACON**  
**GEORGE DAVEY, BM, MSM – ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER**

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JULY 16, 2017**

**10:00 AM SAID HOLY EUCHARIST**



*Welcome to St. George's Church! We are delighted that you are here this morning. This leaflet contains the sung and spoken words of the liturgy. The music will be found in the Red Hymnal or Lift Every Voice.*

**PRELUDE** Improvisation on "Es flog win kliegs Waldvoegelein" George Davey

*All stand as they are able*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #48 O DAY OF RADIANT GLADNESS**  
 Es flog win kliegs Waldvoegelein

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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.**

**THE GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise

you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The People are seated.*

#### THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham’s son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, “If it is to be this way, why do I live?” So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.” When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!” (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.” Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

#### Psalm 119:105-112 **Lucerna pedibus meis**

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet \* and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined \* to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; \* preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, \* and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, \* yet I do not forget your law.

110 O The wicked have set a trap for me, \* but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \* truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \* for ever and to the end.

#### THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

*All stand as they are able.*

**GRADUAL HYMN #512** Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly dove Mendon 1982 Hymnal

#### THE GOSPEL

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!” “Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the

one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

#### SERMON

The Rector

*All stand as they are able to say the Creed.*

#### 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.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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#### CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Celebrant pronounces the absolution*

**THE PEACE PEACE AND LOVE** Caribbean Trad. harm. George Davey

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE** Trad. Phyllis Clinton, Soprano

**OFFERTORY HYMN #632** O Christ, the Word Incarnate Munich 1982 Hymnal

*As the offering is presented there is sung*

**THE DOXOLOGY 380** 1982 Hymnal

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host:*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Priest: Lest the Word of God return empty to the heavens, let us turn our hearts to the needs of others and plant the seeds of justice.

Deacon: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People: That we all may be one.*

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People: That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People: That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

*People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Deacon: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Priest: Blessed and praised are you, O God, for the word of your mouth. In your mercy, listen to all who call to you in faith. Let your word find root in our lives. We pray in the name of your child Jesus, who lives with you in the power of the Spirit, forever. Amen.*

## LITURGICAL PROCEDURES

**BAPTISM:** Holy Baptism will be administered at the proper liturgical times, namely: (1) *Easter Vigil*, (2) *Day of Pentecost* (3) *All Saints' Day* and (4) *The Feast of the Baptism of our Lord*. Outside of these feast days, Holy Baptism is reserved for the last Sunday of each month along with Morning Prayer. The next Baptism will be on **Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 am service.**

Please observe a time of silent meditation during the organ prelude and postlude.

**IS YOUR PLEDGE UP TO DATE?** As we plan for vacation, please remember that your church does not go on vacation. Please ensure that the mission to which we are

**COUNT YOUR  
BLESSINGS.**  
NAME THEM **ONE BY ONE.**  
COUNT YOUR  
**MANY BLESSINGS**  
SEE WHAT **GOD** HAS DONE.

all committed continues especially during the months of July and August by bringing your pledges up-to-date before you go on vacation. Remember, mission never takes vacation! Thanks for your cooperation.

The Rector will be on vacation from August 1<sup>st</sup> thru September 4<sup>th</sup>, the Rev. Dr. Henry Chan will be our supply priest; Mr. George Davey will also be on vacation the month of August.

*We regret the passing of:*



*Our Deepest  
Sympathy*

**Bernice Williams**, sister of Pearl S. Bostic who died on July 3<sup>rd</sup>; funeral was held on July 14<sup>th</sup> and

**Hortense Justis**, sister of Ruby Sinckler who died on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Her funeral is scheduled for Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> in NJ.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

## NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendar, St. Matthew's Deanery Day Service and Award Ceremony will be held on **Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 10:00 am at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 1227 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, NY.

The Consulate General of Jamaica in NY will be hosting a Thanksgiving Church Service & Flag-Raising Ceremony in observance of Jamaica's 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence on **Sunday August 6, 2017**, 3:00 pm at the Riverside Church, 490 Riverside Drive, NY.

This year's Independence Church Service will coincide with the hosting of the Annual Flag-Raising Ceremony.

You're invited to join Fr. Frederick Opare-Addo & St. John the Evangelist on a 10-day Holy Land Pilgrimage departing on **January 22, 2018**, price \$2,998.00 based on double occupancy. Contact Fr. Opare-Addo 718-529-0366 or [fredaopadd@yahoo.com](mailto:fredaopadd@yahoo.com).

All persons are encouraged to contribute towards the Bridge Offering as a way of reducing the deficit in our 2017 Mission Plan. Remember the asking is for everyone to try to contribute an extra \$5.00 per week or \$20.00 per month or a one-time contribution of \$260 for the year (52 weeks x \$5.00).

The choral assistants who sing in our services are made possible by the generous contributions of the "Friends of Music" here at St. George's Church. You too can be a Friend of Music by contributing to the music ministry. For more information, see the Organist & Choirmaster or any of the wardens or vestry members. Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stgeorgesmusicbklyn](http://www.facebook.com/stgeorgesmusicbklyn) and follow us on Twitter @stgeorgesmusicb.

**PARISH SICK:** Joanne Cuffy, Gwendolyn Settles, Gloria Forbes, **PARISH SHUT-INS:** Fritz White, Cedric Sang, Agatha Phillips, Dorothy Barrow, Irene Durham, Irene Clarke, Gloria Cooke, Ruby Sinckler, Eugenia Bruce, Millicent Barrow, Clifton Hibbert, Clyde Henry, **NURSING HOME / REHABILITATION RESIDENTS:** Carlisle Sobers, Eleanor Innis, NJ, Michael Johnson, McInniss Thomas, Lucy Calliste, Mabel Eleanor Mayhew, Carmen Jones, Erma Hall, Owen Bailey, Oliver Reedman, Marjorie Whitehorne, Helen Gilbert; Shirley Clarence, Stella Cadogan, Norma Greene, Dorothy Samuel, Grace Taylor and Meta Gibbs.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:** Barbara Williams 7/2, Pearl S. Bostic 7/3, Amari Moore 7/3, Jenell Campbell 7/5, Judy Hinds 7/11, Dequan Perkins-Austin 7/14, Denise Harris 7/19, Constance Whyte 7/20, Gertrude Marshall 7/22, Stacy Ishmael 7/24, Gretelle Phillips 7/24, Dorothy Brrow 7/29, Kristina Maynard 7/30, Doreen Walkes /31, Alice M. Willis 7/31, **ANNIVERSARIES:** George & Dorothy Blackman 7/22, Darnley & Noreen Branch 7/18, Albert & Megan Lord 7/24, Carlisle & Lauretta Sobers 7/10.

### **Sunday, July 9, 2017 - Offering**

Pledge Giving	\$4,661.00	Other	\$252.00
Total Sunday Attendance:	174		

Pledged Income required weekly to fund St. George's budget:	\$	6,730.00
Total Income required weekly to fund the Ministry Plan:	\$	10,803.85

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- † Giving reflects the attitude of our heart.
- † Giving reflects our relationship with God.
- † Giving is a mirror of the soul.
- † It's not the size of the gift that matters. It's the size of the heart of the giver that matters.
- † It's not what we have, but how we care for
- † what we have that makes the difference in what we are given.



Altar flowers are given in loving memory of *John Burlin Skeete, Sr.* belated Father's Day, from daughter Estelle Skeete Brown.



Communion Wafers and Wine are given in loving memory of my beloved sister, *Sheila W. Lewis* (7/18/); three years from Beryl Collins.

## Worship Schedule

**Wednesdays – 10:30 am Service of Healing & Holy Eucharist  
1:00 pm Bible Study - July**

## Summer Schedule

**SATURDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST**

**EFFECTIVE SATURDAY, JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**THE CHURCH PROPERTY WILL BE CLOSED & NO MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED**

**CANON MILES ON VACATION 8/1 THRU 9/4**

Sunday, July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 am Said Eucharist	The 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – Proper 11
Sunday, July 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am Said Eucharist & Holy Baptism	The 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 12