



# Easter

## The Great Fifty Days

### The Second Sunday of Easter

St. George's Church  
Glenn Dale Parish •

The Episcopal Diocese of  
Washington

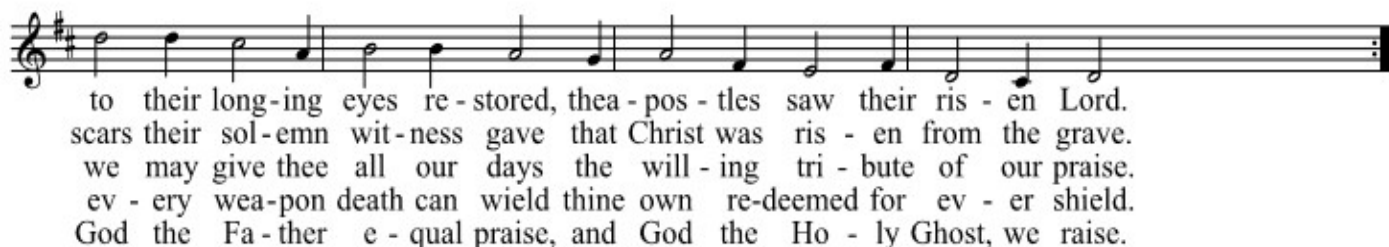
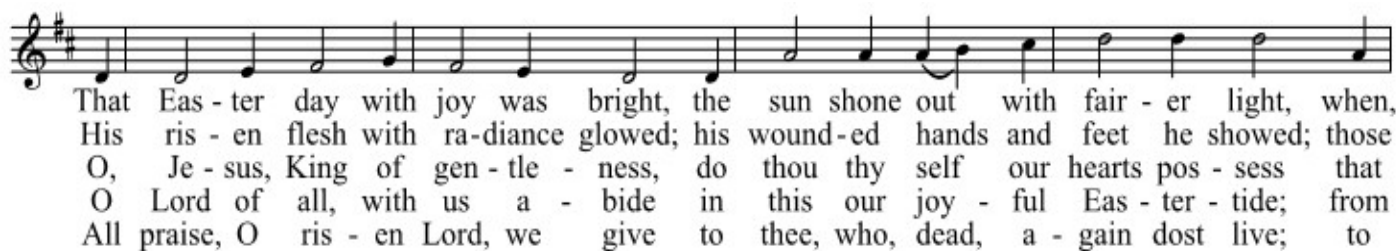
April 19, 2020

**Prelude:** "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" by Samuel Scheidt and Paul Kickstat

### Welcome and Introduction

### Opening Hymn: Hymnal # 193 That Easter Day With Joy was Bright

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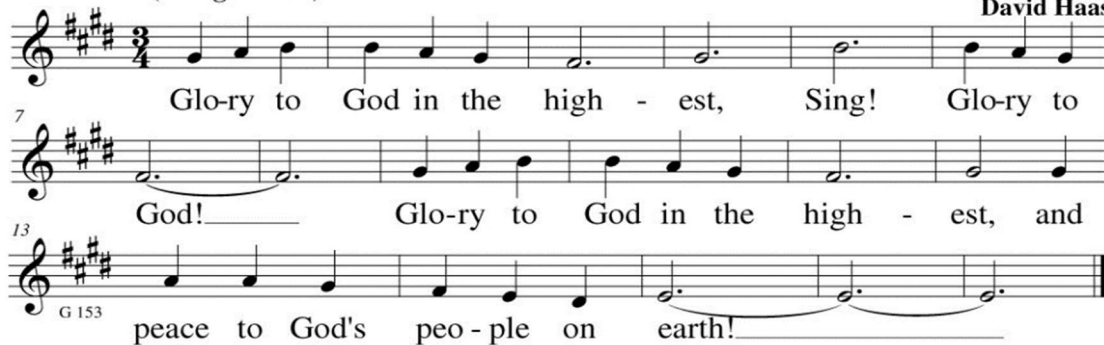
**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**People:** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**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 (sung twice)

David Haas



**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray:

**Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, you break through our locked doors and hardened hearts and breathe on us your peace: accept our doubts, heal our desire for certainty and, by your Spirit's gentle touch, make us a people forgiven and forgiving; through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. Amen.**

## Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, **for in you I take refuge.**

I say to the LORD, 'You are my Lord; **I have no good apart from you.**

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, **in whom is all my delight.**

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; **you hold my lot.**

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; **I have a goodly heritage.**

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; **in the night also my heart instructs me.**

I keep the LORD always before me;

**because you O Holy One are at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; **my body also rests secure.**

For you do not give me up to Sheol, **or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

You show me the path of life. **In your presence there is fullness of joy;**

in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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

## John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other

disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

#### Creed: I Believe, I Do Believe

South African

I be-lieve, I do be-lieve, tru - ly I be-lieve it. Tru -  
I be-lieve in God, the Al-migh - ty Lord Cre - a - tor. Migh -  
I be-lieve in Je - sus, the Sa - vior of the peo - ple. Sa -  
And I do be-lieve in the pow - er of the Spi - rit. Pow -

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And I do be-lieve in the pow - er of the Spi - rit. Pow -

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ly I be-lieve it, tru - ly I be-lieve it!  
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- vior of the peo - ple, Sa - vior of the peo - ple.  
- er of the Spi - rit, Pow - er of the Spi - rit.

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## **The Prayers of the People**

Celebrating the gift of new life in Christ, we offer our prayers for the world and all in need, saying, To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayer.**

God of new life, because of the Resurrection, your light breaks into our darkness; your love breaks down our fear; your presence breaks open our lives, and so even in this time of pandemic, we praise you. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayer.**

God of new life, because of the Resurrection, even now each day contains your promise. May we seize every opportunity to share your compassion. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayer.**

God of new life, because of the Resurrection you give us the strength to confront poverty and hunger, corruption and abuse of power. May we act for good in the world, trusting your life-giving promise. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayer.**

God of new life, we ask your healing touch to those who suffer in any way, especially those affected by the Covid-19 virus. We pray for those who are isolated, lonely, or afraid; we pray for those who are sick; we pray for those on our parish prayer list, and those whom we name silently or aloud. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayer.**

God of new life, we pray in thanksgiving for all that is good and gracious in our lives, even now. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayer.**

God of new life, because of the Resurrection death does not have the last word. We pray for all who have died, that they find rest in your arms, and for those who mourn, that they be comforted. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayer.**

In all thanks and praise to you O God, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead and offers us new life, we pray. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## **Announcements**

For the feast of St. George's this year, we will hold a special service on Thursday, April 23 at 7 pm in the evening along with our special nod to St. George next Sunday. The Thursday evening liturgy on Zoom will feature an interactive re-telling of the Legend of Saint George and Taming the Dragon. More details about this can be found in the Calendar of Events on our parish website as well as in the Announcements section of the web page.

## Offertory Hymn: Gather #311 Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

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Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho-san-na! Cel-e-brate this day of days!  
Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir-its From the cav-erns of des-pair.  
Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en Nev-er more shall be the same.



Christ is ris-en! Hush in won-der: All cre-a-tion is a-mazed.  
Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.  
Break the bread of new cre-a-tion Where the world is still in pain.



In the des-ert all sur-round-ing, See a spread-ing tree has grown.  
Drink the wine of res-ur-rec-tion, Not a ser-vant, but a friend.  
Tell the grim, de-mon-ic cho-rus: "Christ is ris-en! Get you gone!"



Heal-ing leaves of grace a-bound-ing Bring a taste of love un-known.  
Je-sus is our strong com-pan-ion. Joy and peace shall nev-er end  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho-san-na ev-'ry one!

### Prayers for Communion in Spirit

Celebrant: Though we are separated from one another spatially, we remain connected to each other in heart and spirit as we contemplate the real presence of Christ in our midst. We remember that Christ is truly present with us, not only in bread and wine, but in our daily lives. Through this period of our physical separation, we fast from a literal participation in the sharing of communion, while also knowing that we receive the presence of Christ through our desire to share 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 at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

***Instrumental Meditation:*** "Christ Is Arisen" by Hermann Grabner



## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant:* The Risen Christ is in our midst, and so with 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 Easter Blessing

May God our Creator renew in you the creative Spirit that brings healing and life to our world. **Amen.**

May Jesus the Christ, uphold you in grace and love. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit fill you with courage to be bearers of God's song of hope in the world. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God be with you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



## Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal #182 Christ is Alive!

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Christ is a - live! Let Chris-tians sing. His cross stands emp - ty to the sky. I  
Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant years in Pal - es - tine, I  
Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un - moved by hu - man pains, I  
In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor, scorn or wealth di - vide, I  
Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and ev - ery fu - ture age, I



streets and homes with prais-es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
comes to claim the here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
dai - ly, in the midst of life, our Sav - ior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
suf - fers still yet loves the more, and lives though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
all cre - a - tion lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**