



Easter: The Great Fifty Days

St. George's Church • Glenn Dale Parish
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The Third Sunday of Eastertide:
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: *Prelude in C# minor*

Music: Stephen Heller

Opening Hymn: Hymnal #205 *Good Christians all rejoice and sing*

Words: Cyril A Alington (1872-1955) and Norman Mealy (b. 1923) Music: *Gelobt sei Gott*, Melchior Vulpius (1560-1616)
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Good Chris-tians all, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph of our King!
The Lord of life is risen to-day! Sing songs of praise a-long his way;
Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry that love, that life which can-not die,
Your Name we bless, O ris-en Lord, and sing to-day with one ac-cord
To God the Fa-ther, God the Son, to God the Spi-rit, al-ways One,



To all the world glad news we bring:
let all the earth re-joice and say:
and sing with hearts up-lift-ed high: Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!
the life laid down, the life re-stored:
we sing for life in us be-gun:

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: Wonder, Love, & Praise #829 *Laudate Dominum (Praise the Lord, all you peoples)*

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Laudate Dominum

Text: Psalm 117
Tune: Jacques Berthier, b.1923

Lau-da-te Do-mi-num, lau-da-te Do-mi-num om-nes gen-tes, al-le-lu-ia. al-le-lu-ia.

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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:

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people may be seated.

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God, the defender of my cause:

You set me free when I was in distress, be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.

How long, O mortals, will you defame my honor:

how long will you love what is worthless and seek after lies?

Know this, that the Lord has chosen those who are righteous:

the Lord hears me when I call.

Stand in awe, and cease from sin:

commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.

Offer the sacrifices that are appointed:

and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, 'O that we might see prosperity:

lift up the light of your face on us O Lord.'

But you have put gladness in my heart:

more than they have when corn and wine are in plenty.

I lie down in peace, and sleep comes at once:

for O Lord, it is you only who make me dwell in safety.

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 #204 Celtic Alleluia (Sung 4 times)

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

Creed: *I Believe, I Do Believe, Truly I Believe It*

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



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



- ly I be-lieve it, tru - ly I be-lieve it!
- ty Lord Cre - a - tor, migh-ty Lord Cre - a - tor.
- vior of the peo-ple, Sa - vior of the peo-ple.
- er of the Spir - it, Pow - er of the Spir - it.

The Prayers of the People

God of Resurrection, as we gather this morning to celebrate your victory of love over death, we rejoice with Mary Magdalene, the other Mary, and all of those named and unnamed who celebrate the new life you have given Jesus. And so let us pray together saying, we give thanks to you O God: **for you have done marvelous things.**

Holy and Living One, this Easter we pray in gratitude for your people and your church. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the people of St. George's. May we rejoice in your resurrection we pray saying We give thanks to you O God: **for you have done marvelous things.**

Holy and Living One, this Easter you make powerless the power of evil and death. Even in this time, we know you are present in places of devastation, war, and violence. We pray for all in harm's way, especially in Gaza, Haiti, and other places of conflict, that you and we may bring justice and peace. We pray saying We give thanks to you O God: **for you have done marvelous things.**

Holy and Living One, this Easter you call us to feed those who are hungry, care for those who are poor, and serve those who are oppressed. May the light of your new life shine in their hearts and bring grace to their lives. We pray saying we give thanks to you O God: **for you have done marvelous things.**

Holy and Living One, this Easter you roll away the stone from the tomb once again. We pray that you also roll away the stones that weigh us down in our lives, as we pray especially for those who are sick and those who are suffering, for those on our parish prayer list and for those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray saying we give thanks to you O God: **for you have done marvelous things.**

Holy and Living One, this Easter you remind us that Jesus is not in the tomb but has risen. We pray for all who have died, especially those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* Help us to trust that those we love and see no longer have found new life in you. We give thanks to you O God: **for you have done marvelous things.**

Holy and Living One, this Easter we praise you and thank you for all that is good in our lives. We pray for all celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for the many blessings you bestow. We pray saying we give thanks to you O God: **for you have done marvelous things.**

Thanks be to you Holy and Living God, who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Risen Christ 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@stgeorgesglemndale.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 #296 *We know that Christ is raised*

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We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em-braced by
We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. Re - born we
The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. The Spir - it's
A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows as Christ's new



death he broke its fear - ful hold; and our de - spair he turned to
share with him an Eas - ter life as liv - ing mem - bers of a
pow - er shakes the Church of God. Bap - tized we live with God the
bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. The un - i - verse re - stored and



blaz - ing joy. Al - le - lu - ia!
liv - ing Christ. Al - le - lu - ia!
Three in One. Al - le - lu - ia!
whole will sing: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.



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.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. We praise you for the resurrection of your Son, who is the true Paschal Lamb. For by his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus: S 130 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Setting: from *Deutsch Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1787-1828). Arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
- san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
- san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues:

You are holy, O God of majesty, and to you we give thanks and praise for Jesus our Risen Lord, who breathes on us with the gift of the Spirit and the power of forgiveness, and comes among us to walk with us and to eat with us.

Jesus is the good shepherd who taught us to love one another even as he has loved us, and who laid down his own life in love for the world.

And so we thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said, "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit upon us 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.

Show us how to love one another, and to serve each other, so that Christ will abide in us, and we may abide in him. Fill us with your perfect love that casts out all fear, and draw us together into the body of Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Blessed are you, now and forever. 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: Enriching Our Music #37 Alleluia. Christ our Passover

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Al-le-lu - ia, al-le lu-ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us;
there-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le lu-ia.

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.

Hymnal 1982 #306 *Come, risen Lord*

Words: George Walter Briggs (1875-1959) Music: *Sursum Corda*, Alfred Morton Smith *1879-1971) Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Come ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay, let us be thy
We meet, as in that up - per room they met; thou at the ta - ble,
One bod - y we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one Church u - nit - ed
One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who art one Sa - vior



guests; the feast is thine; thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest in
bless - ing, yet dost stand. "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet; faith
in com - mun - ion blest; one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break, with
and one liv - ing Head; then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see; be



thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

Communion Hymn 2: Hymnal 1982 #662 *Abide with me*

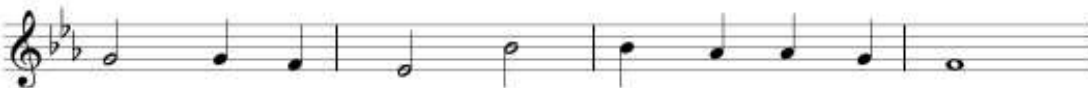
Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847). Music: Eventide, William Henry Monk (1825-1889)



A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes.



the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
what but thy grace can foil the temp - ter's power?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;



when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
heaven's morn - ing breaks and earth's vain sha - dows flee;



help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray: **Holy and gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the bread of life, and sustaining us with the presence of the Risen Christ. Grant that we who have gathered together this season of Resurrection will go out as people of hope and new life to love kindness, do justice, and walk humbly with you. Make us glad to share the good news that Christ is risen; for he is alive and reigns with you, forever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

The Blessing

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

Amen.

May Jesus the Risen 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 1982 #210 *The day of resurrection*

Words: John of Damascus (8th century) Tr. James Mason Neale (1818-1866) Music: *Ellacombe* from *Gesambuch der Herzogl* (1784)

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The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth tell it out a - broad;
Our hearts be pure from e - vil that we may see a - right
Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin.
the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;
From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,
Our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: *Rumores de La Caleta*

Music: Isaac Albéniz



Feed My Sheep

by Nicolette Peñaranda

Inspired by John 21:1-19

Yarn and paper collage on canvas

Feed My Sheep holds a special place in my heart as it is inspired by the text a dear friend of mine used for their ordination. This piece reminds me of their long and complicated journey that led them to the priesthood, much like Peter. As a mixed media artist, I wanted to try something I've never done before—perhaps the silliest decision someone with a deadline could make.

This entire piece¹⁵ (with the exception of the three hearts) is made of yarn. For some reason, the feeling of a sheep's wool kept sticking out to me everytime I read this text. We refer to Jesus as both *el Cordero de Dios*¹⁶ and the shepherd. So why not lean into sheep imagery? I thought the piece would be more vibrant for Easter in contrast to the pieces I created for Lent. This would really take viewers on a spiritual journey while studying Peter.

This post-resurrection story concludes the wandering for Peter so the subject of this piece sits in front of the Adinkra symbol, *Nkyinkyim*,¹⁷ for life's twisted journey. We have seen the ins and outs of his ministry as he accompanies Jesus, which brings us to this dialogue between the two. Peter is asked three times if he loves Jesus, which to all he replies in the affirmative. In this piece, the two of them are portrayed as sheep. Peter being at the right hand of Jesus. The sheep are branded with *Agyinduwura*¹⁸ at the center of their chests. They carry with them a

symbol of loyalty and faithfulness. They are loyal to Jesus, faithful to the promise of salvation, and accepting of their duty to carry the Good News with them to the people of Christ. The face of each sheep is the symbol *Kokuromotie*¹⁹ to represent cooperation and harmony. Jesus asking Peter to feed his sheep demonstrates the faith that Jesus has in Peter to do this work. This value of cooperation is also present in the *Mpatapo*-shaped²⁰ flowers in the field. They are symbols of peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Remember, Peter denied his relationship with Jesus several times before Jesus was executed. Above the sheep sits *Kojo Baiden*.²¹ God has traditionally been represented as the sun in various cultures, which brings us to this omnipresent symbol operating as such in this piece. And to the left we see *Akoma*,²² or hearts. While we interpret the heart as love, it is also a symbol for endurance and patience. Peter gets to this point by maintaining goodwill and faith in the message of Jesus. He stumbled through the journey and at times caused more harm than good, but Christ was also patient with him.

Here's my heart. Here are the things I care about so deeply. And you—someone who makes mistakes, doesn't follow directions, and sometimes even betrays me—you are so loved and trusted enough to keep this good work going even after I'm gone.

This is a message to all of us. It doesn't matter how poorly you may think of yourself or how others may view you. To Christ, you are beautifully and fearfully made. And Christ believes in you in spite of it all.

—Rev. Nicolette Peñaranda

Throughout the Season of Lent we drew upon materials from the Wandering Heart program, and this week we will conclude it as we examine the post-Easter experience of Peter and other followers of Jesus. Join us for the last session of the Wandering Heart program in the Sanctuary at St. George's at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 15.