



EASTER: THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS

St. George's Church Glenn Dale Parish

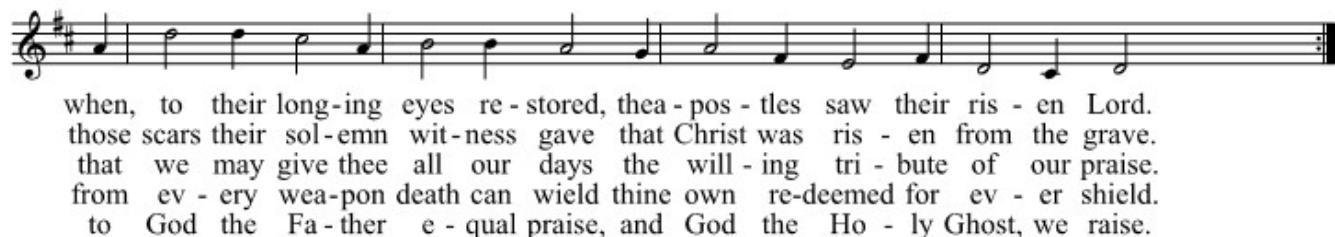
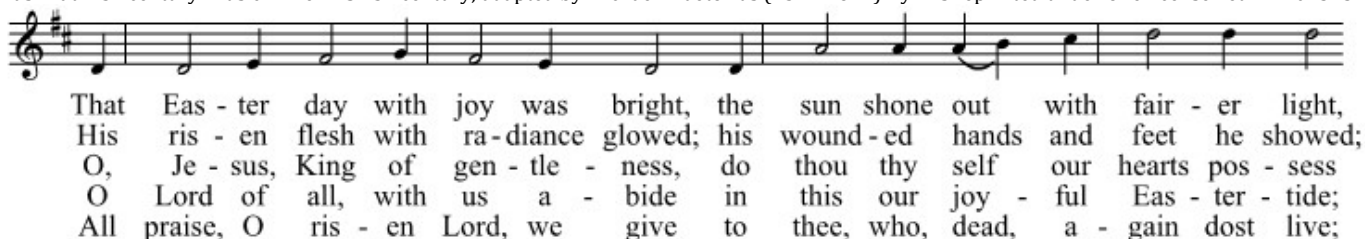
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Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. Zoom participants are welcome to leave your video camera on; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom.

Prelude: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #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.*

My Heart Sings Out #34 *Amen, we praise your name*

Words and Music: *Masithi* South African Hymn © 1983 Lumko Institute. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

The musical score is written for a Cantor and a choir (All). It is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The Cantor's part is on a single staff, and the choir's part is on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are: "Sing a - men: A - men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a - men: A - men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a - men: A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men, a - men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a - men." The score includes repeat signs and a final double bar line. A note "(not sung final time)" is placed above the final measure of the choir's part.

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:

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The people are seated for the reading of the lessons

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God,**

Psalm 16

Preserve me O God: **for in you I have taken refuge.**

I have said to the Lord, 'You are my God: **from you alone comes all my prosperity.**

All my delight is in the faithful who dwell in the land: **and in those who excel in virtue.**

But as for those who run after other gods: **their troubles shall be multiplied.**

Libations of blood I will not offer to those gods: **nor will I take their names upon my lips.**

You Lord are my allotted portion and my cup: **you yourself have cast my lot.**

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land: **indeed I have a noble heritage.**

I will thank you O Lord for giving me counsel: **at night also you teach my heart.**

I keep you always before me: **you are on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.**

So my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices: **my body also shall rest in safety.**

For you will not give me up to the power of death: **nor suffer your beloved to see the Abyss.**

You will show me the path of life, in your presence is the fulness of joy:

and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.

Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #204 *Now the Green Blade*

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Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain, wheat that in dark earth
In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain, think - ing that nev - er
Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain, he that for three days
When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain, thy touch can call us



man - y days has lain; love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
he would wake a - gain, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
in the grave had lain, quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
back to life a - gain, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

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

People: 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 of the Jews, 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. Charles Hoffacker

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 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 Ukraine and other places of conflict, that you and we may bring light to that darkness. 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. We pray now for those we support and serve - the youth of The Trevor Project, the clients of Miriam's Kitchen and the Bowie Food Pantry, and for the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School. 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 prayer stone once again and raise up Jesus. We pray that you roll away the stones that weigh us down in our lives and the lives of those around us, especially 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.* Inspire us to be Jesus' hands and heart to those who need new life. 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, and all of those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray that you comfort all who mourn and help us know 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

The Celebrant says the offertory sentence

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

Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #209 *We walk by faith*

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We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gra - cious words we hear from
We may not touch his hands and side, nor fol - low where he trod; but
Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and may our faith a-bound, to
That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clear - er light we
him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
in his prom-ise we re - joice; and cry, "My Lord and God!"
call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:
may be - hold you as you are, with full and end - less sight.

The Celebrant says the offertory sentence

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing 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. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible; you can text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give. You may also donate via Zelle to donations@stgeorgesglennsdale.org, or use Cash App to send your donation to \$StGeorgesGlennDale. Baskets at the doors of the Sanctuary may be used for donations of checks or cash. Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's.

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.

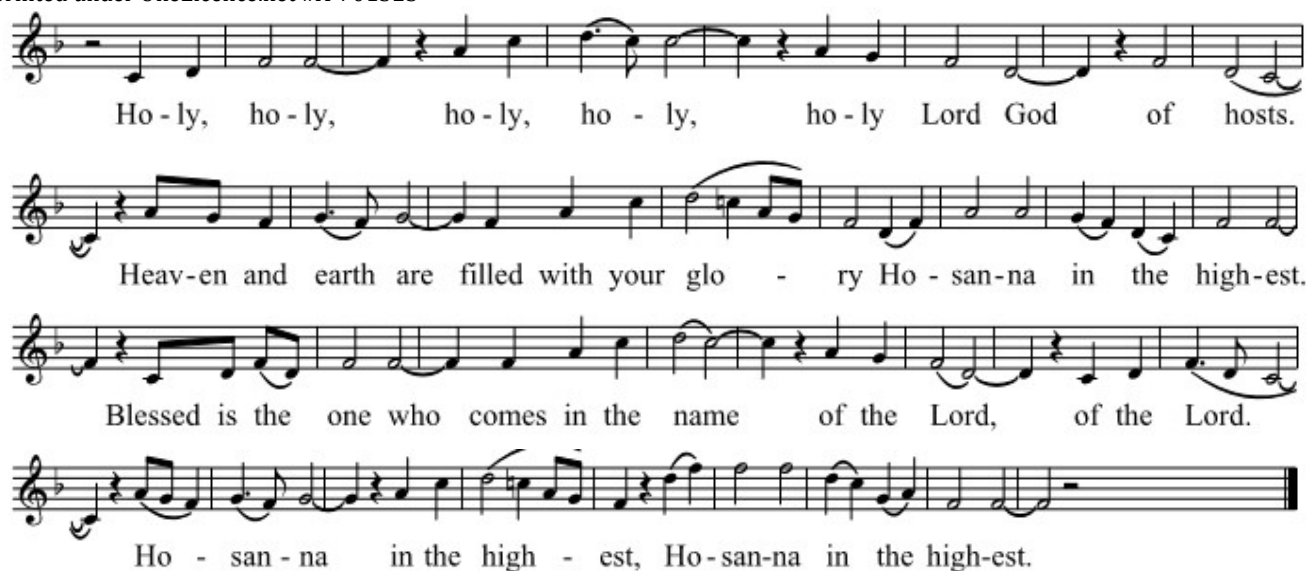
Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, bringing order from chaos and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in your light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to warm our hearts to love. As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Levas #255

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry Ho - san-na in the high-est.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on all your people.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples Jesus took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

And so we recall his passion and death, his resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his holy reign.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us O God, and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and that we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us to live and work to your praise and glory, and may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the whole family of God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord by whom and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

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 Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken, and after a period of silence, all sing together:

Fraction Hymn: Wonder, Love and Praise #865 *Christ our Passover*

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The Celebrant then 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 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.

*Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are invited to receive the Holy Communion.
Whatever you believe or don't believe, you are welcome at this table.
For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine,
Please indicate this to the Celebrant by crossing your arms in front of your chest.*

Communion Hymn 1: Hymnal 1982 #174 *At the Lamb's high feast*

Words: Latin, 1632; Tr Robert Campbell (1814-1868). Music: Salsburg, melody Jakob Hintz (1622-1702). Harmony Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
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At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
Where the Pas - chal blood is poured death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
thou has con - quered in the fight, thou has brought us life and light:
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine
Paise we Christ whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
now no more can death ap - pall, now now more the grave en - thrall;
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise;

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic-tim, Christ the priest.
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man-na from a - bove.
thou has o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.



Communion Hymn 2: LEVAS #88 *My Faith Looks up to Thee*

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My faith looks up to thee, Thou lamb of Cal - va - ry,
May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,
While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a - round me spread
When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray Take all my
My zeal in - spire; As thou has died for me, O may my
Be thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to - day, Wipe sor - row's
Shall o'er me roll; Blest Sav - or, then in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly thine.
love to thee Pure, warm, and change-less be A liv - ing fire.
tears a - way; Not let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.
- trust re-move, O bear me safe a - bove, a ran-somed soul!

Post-communion Prayer

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. May the meal we have shared revive us in body and soul, and 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

Let us go forth in light to honor our God and share what we know of the Risen Christ.
And now may God strengthen you and bless you with peace;
May Christ Jesus bring you the Easter joy of new life;
And may the Holy Spirit alight on you and affirm you as God's beloved, this day and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #182 *Christ is alive!*

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



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

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

Postlude: ***More Love to Thee, O Christ***