



Easter: The Great Fifty Days

St. George's Church • Glenn Dale Parish
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The Fourth 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: *Vals poético*

Music: Enrique Granados

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #213 *Come away to the skies*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Middlebury from *The Southern Harmony*. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise
Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days,
For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share,
We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love
Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King,



and re - joice in the day thou wast born; on this fes - ti - val day,
by our hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed, while his grace we re - ceive
both the na - ture and king - dom di - vine! Now cre - a - ted a - gain
which hath joined us to Je - sus' Name; so u - ni - ted in heart,
and his rap - tu - rous prais - es, re - peat: to the Lamb that was slain,



come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn.
from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God.
that our lives may re - main, through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine.
let us nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.
hal - le - lu - jah a - gain, sing, all hea - ven, and fall at his feet.

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:

Lord of the sheepfold, whose love is not for hire, who calls to himself the victims of the world: we thank you that Christ laid down his life for us when we could not help ourselves; in the weakness of his love give us strength to work for peace in the world he came to serve, through Jesus Christ, the good shepherd. Amen.

The people may be seated.

1 John 3:1-7

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

You Lord make me lie down in green pastures:

and lead me beside the waters of peace.

You revive my spirit:

and guide me in right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for you are with me, your rod and your staff are my comfort.

You spread a table for me in the sight of my enemies:

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is overflowing.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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: Hymnal #708 *Savior like a shepherd lead us*

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca 1830. Music: *Sicilian Mariners* from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792
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Sa-vior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need thy ten-der care;
Ear-ly let us seek by fa-vor, ear-ly let us learn thy will;



in thy plea-sant pas-tures feed us; for our use thy fold pre-pare.
do thou, Lord, our on-ly Sa-vior, with thy love our bos-oms fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus! Bless-ed Je-sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Bless-ed Je-sus! Bless-ed Je-sus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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

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

John 10:11-18

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: Mary Frances Bruce

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.

Hymnal 1982 #645 *The King of love my shepherd is verses 1-2, 4-6*

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The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness fail - eth nev - er,
Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed soul He lead - eth,
In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with Thee, dear Lord, be - side me,
Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy unc - tion grace be - stow - eth;
And so through all the length of days, thy good-ness fail - eth nev - er.



I no - thing lack if I am His, and He is mine for - e - ver.
and where the ver - dant pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
Thy rod and staff my com - fort still; Thy cross be - fore to guide me.
and oh, what trans - port of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
Good Shep - herd, may I sing Thy praise with - in Thy house for - ev - er.

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.

Teach us to love, not only in word or in speech, but in truth and action also. 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, 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. And 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. 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.

Communion Hymn 1: LEVAS #154 *Taste and See*

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Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness
of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall
Glo - ri fy the Lord with me. To - geth er let us
Wor - ship the Lord all you peo ple. You'll want for

al ways be on my lips; my soul shall glo ry in the
all praise his name. I called the Lord and he an - swered
noth - ing if you ask Taste and see that God is

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Lord; for he has been so good to me.
me; from all my trou bles he set me free.
good; in him we need put all our trust.

Communion Hymn 2: Gather #29 *Shepherd Me, O God*

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Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from death in-to life.

Verses

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love.
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff,
my comfort and my hope.
4. You have set me a banquet in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

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: *Hymn of Saint George*

Words and Music: Leigh Stover, Arranged by Julia Jackson

Refrain

In the name of the Fa-ther, and of that bles-sed Saint, I am home, I am home, St. George.

Verse 1

As I look a-round, I see my fam-i - ly, A lov-ing con-gre - ga-tion that's here to wel-come me. I fin-ally found the place where I do be - long. The pow-er of our love, lifts me up, makes me strong.

Verse 2

We ga-ther in this place of wor-ship and of praise To glo-ri-fy Lord Je-sus our spir-its he will raise. The Lord has brought us here, to car-ry out his will. To-geth-er we are march-ing up that might-y hill.

Verse 3

We have a spe-cial mis-sion to bring all peo-ple in. We wel-come them with o-pen arms 'cause that's how love be-gins. Our fam-i-ly is grow-ing with each pass-ing day. God will bring us clos-er, and here our hearts will stay.

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: *Mazurka in A minor*

Music: Fryderyk Chopin