



# EASTER: THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS

**St. George's Church**  
**Glenn Dale Parish • The Episcopal Diocese of**  
**Washington**  
**April 23, 2023**

*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: *Jesus Paid it All***

## **Opening Hymn: LEVAS #12 *We're Marching to Zion***

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Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; Join in a song with  
Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our God; But chil - dren of the  
The hill of Zi - on yields A thou-sand sa - cred sweets, Be - fore we reach the  
Then let our songs a-bound, And ev - 'ery tear be dry; We're march-ing through Em-  
sweet ac - cord, join in a song with sweet ac - cord. And thus sur-round the throne, And  
heav'n-ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n-ly King, May speak their joys a - broad, May  
heav'n-ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n-ly fields, Or walk the gold - en streets, Or  
- man-uel's ground, We're march-ing thro' Em - man-uel's ground, To fair - er worlds on high, To  
thus sur-round the throne. We're march-ing to Zi-on, Beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful Zi-on; We're  
speak their joys a - broad.  
walk the gold - en streets,  
fair - er worlds on high.  
march-ing up-ward to Zi-on, The beau-ti-ful cit-y of God.

**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*

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*Cantor* *All*

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,

(not sung final time)

A - men, A - men, a - men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a - men.

The musical score is written for a Cantor and an All congregation. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a repeat sign and a final time instruction.

### 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.**

**Collect for St. George's Day:** Almighty God, you overcome evil with the power of love alone: give us the faith of George, who spent his life to resist an empire's hollow heart; who renounced his arms to stand with the persecuted; who inspires our hope that another world is possible; through Jesus Christ, Disturber of Thrones. Amen.



*The people are seated for the reading of the lessons*

### **Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

### **Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17**

I love you O Lord because you heard my voice:

**when I made my supplication,**

because you turned your ear to me:

**when I called upon your name.**

The cords of death entangled me, and the grip of Sheol laid hold on me:

**distress and anguish descended upon me.**

I kept my faith, even when I said, 'I am in sore distress':

**in my haste I said, 'No one can be trusted.'**

How can I repay you O Lord:

**for all the good things you have done to me?**

I will take up the cup of salvation:

**and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord:

**in the presence of all God's people.**

Grievous in the sight of the Lord:

**is the death of a faithful servant.**

Lord I am your servant, the child of your maidservant:

**you have freed me from my bonds.**

I will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving:

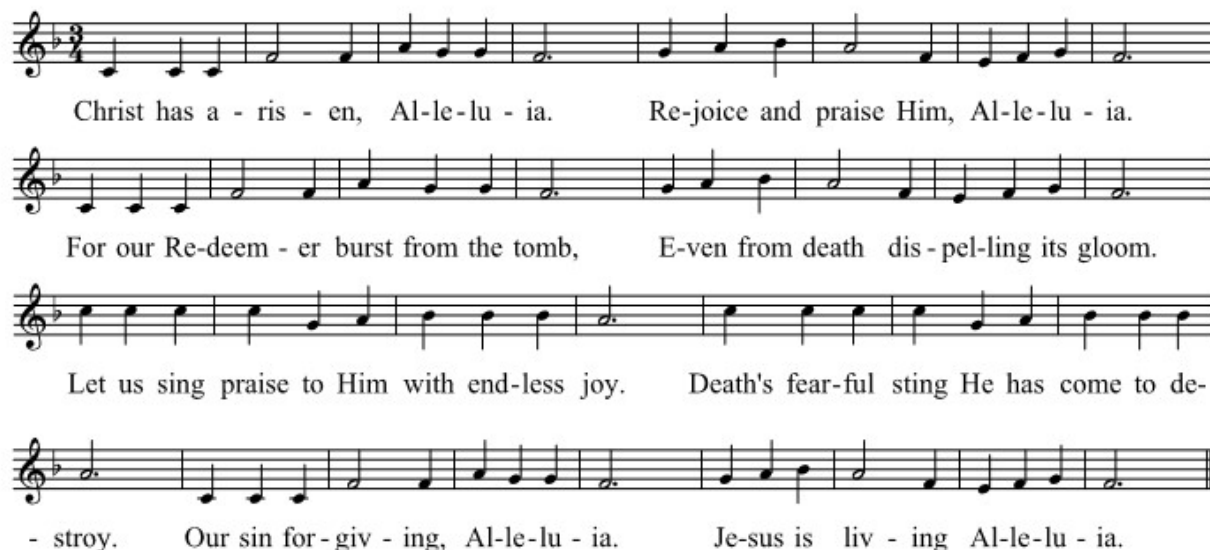
**and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord:

**in the presence of all God's people.**

## Gospel Hymn: LEVAS #41 *Christ Has Arisen*

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Christ has a - ris - en, Al-le-lu - ia. Re-joice and praise Him, Al-le-lu - ia.

For our Re-deem - er burst from the tomb, E-ven from death dis - pel-ling its gloom.

Let us sing praise to Him with end-less joy. Death's fear-ful sting He has come to de-

- stroy. Our sin for- giv - ing, Al-le-lu - ia. Je-sus is liv - ing Al-le-lu - ia.

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

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

### Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord. **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 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, the Sudan 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 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.*

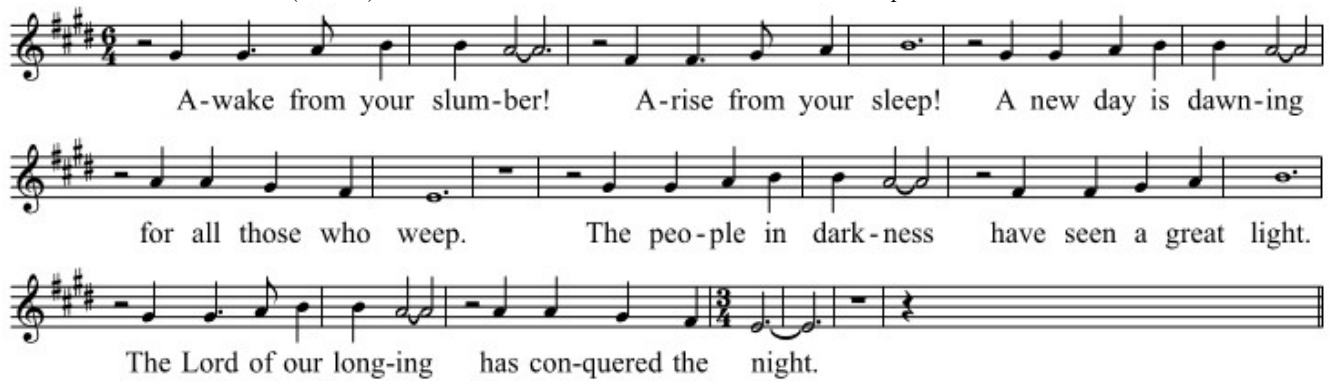
### **The Offertory**

*The Celebrant says the offertory sentence*

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

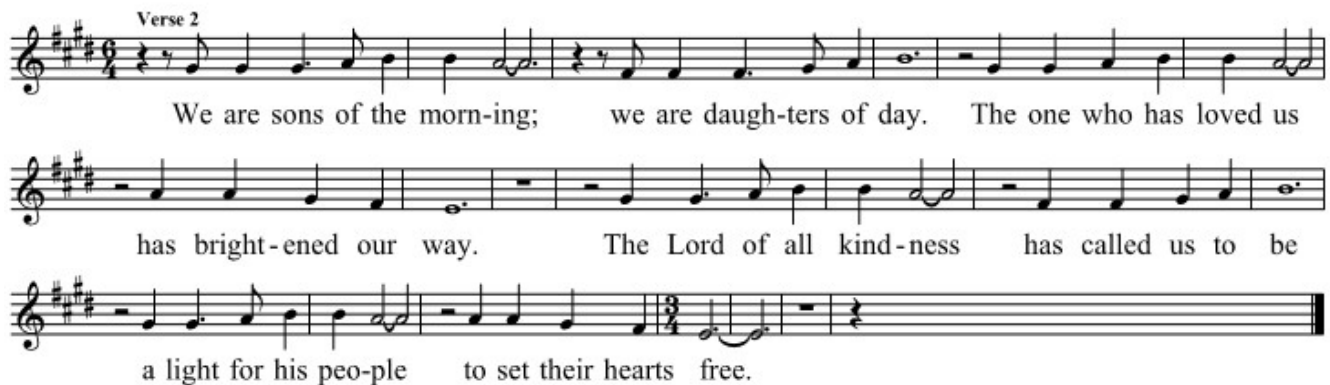
## Offertory Hymn: Gather #485 *City of God*

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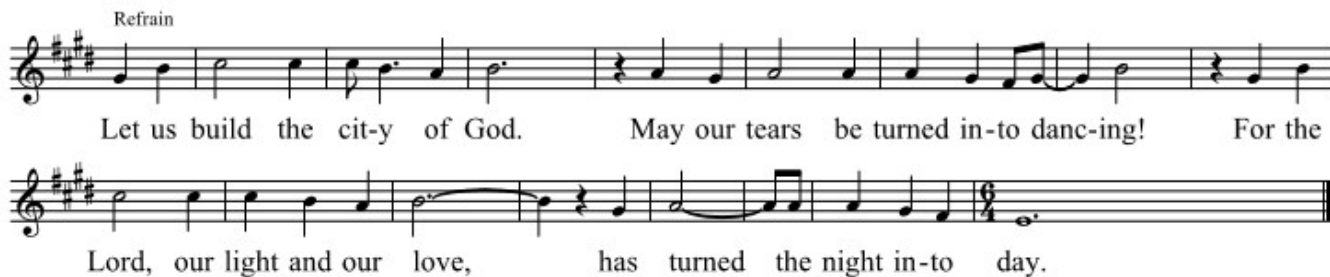
A-wake from your slum-ber! A-rise from your sleep! A new day is dawn-ing  
for all those who weep. The peo-ple in dark-ness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our long-ing has con-quired the night.

Verse 2



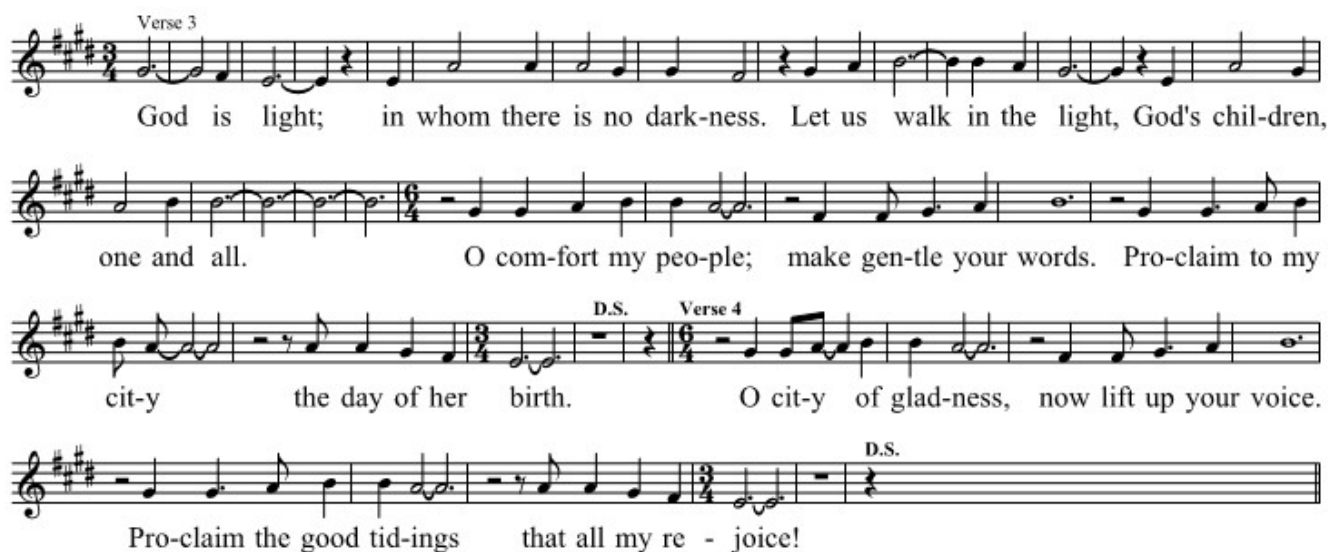
We are sons of the morn-ing; we are daugh-ters of day. The one who has loved us  
has bright-ened our way. The Lord of all kind-ness has called us to be  
a light for his peo-ple to set their hearts free.

Refrain



Let us build the cit-y of God. May our tears be turned in-to danc-ing! For the  
Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night in-to day.

Verse 3



God is light; in whom there is no dark-ness. Let us walk in the light, God's chil-dren,  
one and all. O com-fort my peo-ple; make gen-tle your words. Pro-claim to my  
cit-y the day of her birth. O cit-y of glad-ness, now lift up your voice.  
Pro-claim the good tid-ings that all my re - joice!



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](http://www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give). You may also donate via Zelle to [donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org](mailto:donations@stgeorgesglennedale.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.

*The Celebrant continues*

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 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, 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.*

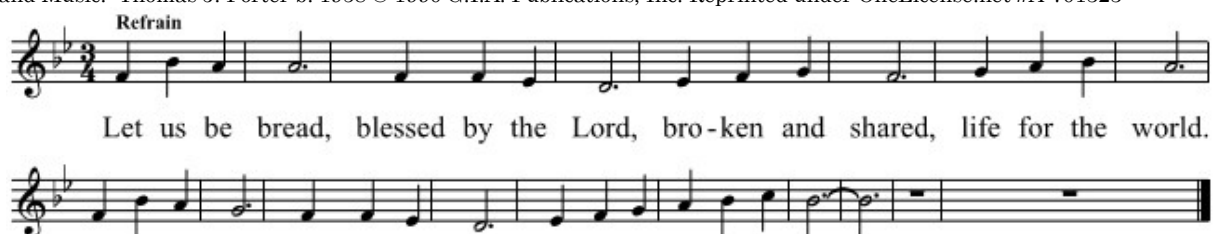


*If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine,  
Please indicate this to the Celebrant by crossing your arms in front of your chest.*

## Communion Hymn 1: Gather #585 *Let Us Be Bread*

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**Refrain**



Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.

1. I am the bread of life, broken for all Eat now and hunger no more.

2. You are my friends if you keep my commands, no longer servants but friends.

3 See how my people have nothing to eat. Give them the bread that is you.

4 As God has loved me so I have loved you. Go and live on in my love.

## Communion Hymn 2: LEVAS #151 *One Bread, One Body*

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One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And

we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

*D.S.*

Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free, wo-man or man no more. One

Man - y the gifts, man - y the works, one in the Lord of all. One

Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown, gath-ered to one for all. One

## 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: *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:** *Jesus Loves Me*