



Easter

The Great Fifty Days

The Third Sunday of Easter

St. George's Church
Glenn Dale Parish •

The Episcopal Diocese of
Washington

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Prelude: *This Joyful Eastertide* by Paul Bouman performed by Dr. Joshua Fishbein

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn: Hymnal # 296 That Easter Day With Joy was Bright

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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.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

All pray together: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria (*sung twice*) David Haas

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, Sing! Glo-ry to
God! Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth!

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray:

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.

Psalm 116

I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my supplication,
because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.

**The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.**

Then I called upon the Name of the Holy One: "O God, I pray you, save my life."

How shall I repay you, O God for all the good things you have done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of my God.

I will fulfill my vows to you, O God in the presence of all your people.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and call upon the Name of my God.

I will fulfill my vows to you, O God in the presence of all your people,

In the courts of your house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Hallelujah!

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

South African

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

- 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 Spi - rit, Pow - er of the Spi - rit.

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

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 Spi - rit, Pow - er of the Spi - rit.

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The Prayers of the People

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements and Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Offertory Hymn: Hymnal #180 Christ is Alive!

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He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with joy - ful voice;
Come, ye sad and fear-ful-heart-ed, with glad smile and ra - dian't brow!
Come, with high and ho - ly hymn-ing, hail our Lord's tri - um-ph'ant day;
He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened hea-ven's gate;



he has burst his three days' pri - son; let the whole wide earth re-joice;
Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed; Je - sus' woes are o - ver now,
not one dark-some cloud is dim-ming yon-der glo - rious morn-ing ray,
we are free from sin's dark pris - on, ris - en to a ho - lier state;



death is con-quer'd, we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
and the pas - sion that he bore sin and pain can vex no more.
break-ing o'er the pur-ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
and a bright - er Eas-ter beam on our long-ing eyes shall stream.

Prayers for Communion in Spirit

Celebrant: Though we are separated from one another spatially, we remain connected to each other in heart and spirit as we contemplate the real presence of Christ in our midst. We remember that Christ is truly present with us, not only in bread and wine, but in our daily lives. Through this period of our physical separation, we fast from a literal participation in the sharing of communion, while also knowing that we receive the presence of Christ through our desire to share the sacrament. In that spirit let us pray:

Jesus, I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Though we cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Musial Meditation “We Tell Each Other Stories” from *Considering Matthew Shepard*
Composed by Craig Hella Johnson. Soprano, Laurie Lemieux, piano Dr. Joshua Fishbein

*We tell each other stories so that we will remember,
try and find the meaning in the living of our days.
Always telling stories wanting to remember
where and whom we came from, who we are.
Sometimes there's a story that's painful to remember,
one that breaks the heart of us all.
Still we tell the stories, we're listening and confessing
what we have forgotten in the story of us all.
We tell each other stories so that we will remember,
try and find the meaning.*

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.

God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord, and you make yourself known to us in the person of Jesus, who appeared to his friends on the road to Emmaus: We offer to you our humble thanks and praise for the blessings we have received this day through our worship of you; we pray that the week to come may be spent in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Easter Blessing

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

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

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

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



Dismissal Hymn

Hymn of St. George's Church Sung by the St. George's Virtual Choir



Leigh Stover
Julia Jackson

Refrain

D E_m D F#_m B_m

In the name of the Fa-ther, and of that bles-sed Saint, I am

5 E_m D/A A D

home, I am home, St. George.

verse 1
9 G D E_m D B_m

As I look a-round, I see my fa-mi - ly, A lov-ing con - gre-

14 E_m D/A A⁷ D G D

ga-tion that's here to wel-come me. I fin-ally found the place

19 E_m D B_m E_m D/A A D

where I do be-long. The po-wer of our love, lifts me up, makes me strong.

verse 2
25 G D E_m D/A B_m

We ga-ther in this place of wor-ship and of praise To glo-ri-fy Lord

31 E_m D/A A⁷ D G D

Je-sus our spi-rits he will raise. The Lord has brought us here, to

36 E_m D/A B_m E_m D/A A⁷ D

car-ry out his will. To-ge-ther we are march-ing up that might-y hill.

Hymn of St. George's Church

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verse 3

42 **G D E_m D/A**

We have a spe-cial mis-sion to bring all peo-ple in. We

47 **B_m E_m D/A A₇ D**

wel-come them with o-pen arms 'cause that's how love be-gins. Our

51 **G D E_m D**

fa-mi-ly is grow-ing with each pass-ing day.

55 **B_m E_m D/A A₇ D**

God will bring us clo-ser, and here our hearts will stay.

The Dismissal

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

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