



Easter: The Great Fifty Days

St. George's Church • Glenn Dale Parish
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The Fifth 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: *Minnelied*

Music: Heinrich Hofmann

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #180 He is risen, he is risen!

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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 - diant brow!
Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri - um - phant 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 - jice:
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 - quered, 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.

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:

God of deep soil and luxuriant growth; you call us from our shallow selves to find our depth in you: may we abide in him alone who can teach us who we are; through Jesus Christ, the true vine. Amen.

The people may be seated.

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:24-30

My praise is of you O God in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Holy One.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied:

those who seek you O Lord shall praise you, may they be in good heart forever.

Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to you O Lord:

and let all the families of the nations bow down before you.

For yours is the kingdom O Lord:

and you are the ruler over the nations.

As for those who sleep in the grave, how shall they worship you:

all those who go down into the dust, how shall they bow before you?

But I shall live through you, and my children shall serve you:

they shall tell of you to the generations that are yet to come.

To a people as yet unborn they shall make known:

the saving deeds you have done.

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 1982 #711 *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

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Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its right - cous - ness,
Ask, and it shall be giv en un - to you, seek, and ye shall find,



and all these things shall be add - ed un-to you; Al-le - lu, al-le - lu-ia!
knock, and the door shall be o-pened un-to you; Al-le - lu, al-le - lu-ia!

Refrain



Al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, Al-le - lu, al-le - lu-ia!

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

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

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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@stgeorgesglendale.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 #304 *I come with joy*

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I come with joy to meet my Lord, for - giv - en, loved, and free,
I come with Chris-tians far and near to find as all are fed,
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion ends.
And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence al - ways near,
To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll go our dif - ferent ways,



in awe and won - der to re - call his life laid down for me.
the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
That love that made us makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
is in such friend - ship bet - ter known: we see and praise him here.
and as his peo - ple in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

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 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.

Communion Hymn 1: Gather #590 *Bread of Life, Hope of the World*

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Refrain




Bread of life, hope of the world, Je - sus Christ, our bro - ther:



feed us now, give us life, lead us to one an - oth - er.

Verses



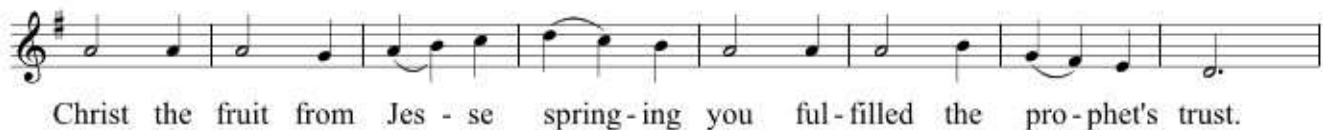
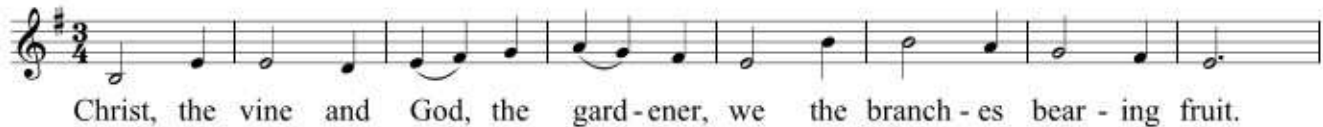
As we pro - claim your death, as we re - call your life,
The bread we break and share was scat - tered once as grain:
We eat this liv - ing bread, we drink this sav - ing cup;
Hold us in u - ni - ty, in love for all to see;
You are the bread of peace, you are the wine of joy,



we re - mem - ber your prom - ise to re - turn a - gain.
just as now it is gath - ered, make your peo - ple one.
sign of hope in our bro - ken world, source of last - ing love.
that the world may be - lieve in you, God of all who live.
bro - ken now for your peo - ple poured in end - less love.

Voices Found #141 *Christ, the Vine* Sung two times

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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 #191 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts and voices heaven-ward raise*

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885). Music: *Lux eoi*, Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900). Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven ward raise:
Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,
Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first fruits of the ho - ly har - vest field,
Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heaven - ly grace,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;



sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.
which will all its full a - bun - dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:
rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of thy face;
Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;



He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:
then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,
that, with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing, we on earth may fruit - ful be,
Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - fy:



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.
and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with thee.
and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er Lord, with thee.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - je - sty.

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: *Excerpt from Moment Musical in C# minor*

Music: Franz Schubert