



The Season of Lent

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

St. George's Church • Glenn Dale Parish
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

April 6, 2025
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: *Andante*

Music: Padre Giovanni Battista Martini

Opening Hymn: LEVAS #165 *Higher Ground*

Words: Johnson Oatman, Jr. (1860-1948). Music: Charles H. Gabriel (1856-1932). Hymns reprinted under OneLicence.net #A-701323

I'm press - ing on the up - ward way, New heights I'm gain - ing ev - ery day;
My heart has no de - sire to stay Where doubts a - rise and fears dis - may;
I want to live a - bove the world, Though sa - tan's darts at me are hurled;
I want to scale the ut - most height, And catch a gleam of glo - ry bright;

Still pray - ing as I on - ward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground."
Though some may dwell where these a - bound, My prayer, my aim is high - er ground.
For faith has caught a joy - ful sound, the song of saints on high - er ground.
But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found, "Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground."

Lord lift me up, and let me stand By faith, on heav - en's ta - ble - land;
A high - er plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground.

Celebrant: Our God is full of compassion and mercy:

People: **So let us return again to you, O God.**

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People: **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

The Celebrant continues:

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Confession and Absolution

We come to the table of our Lord recognizing our need for divine grace. In humility, let us confess our sins to God.

A time of silence is kept. Then, all pray together:

O God you have searched us out and known us, and all that we are is open to you. We confess that we have sinned: we have used our power to dominate and our weakness to manipulate; we have evaded responsibility and failed to confront evil; we have denied dignity to ourselves and to each other. We pray that you would forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy Kyrie

Hymnal 1982 S-96. Setting: from Deutsche Messe; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828). Arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

The image shows four staves of musical notation for the Kyrie. Each staff is in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The second staff has "Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." The third staff has "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The fourth staff has "Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy." The music consists of simple, flowing lines with various note values and rests.

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:

Extravagant God, lavishing your love on our poverty of heart: inspire us to give without stint, to lose life that we might find it again, so the world will be filled with the fragrance of your love; through Jesus Christ, who offers himself for us. Amen.

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of this people:

it seemed to us like a dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter:

and our tongues uttered shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations:

'The Lord has done great things for them.'

Great things indeed the Lord has done for us:

and therefore we are glad.

Restore again our fortunes O Lord:

as when streams refresh the southern dry-lands.

Those who sow in tears:

shall reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping with seed for sowing:

shall come back in gladness carrying their sheaves.

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 #313 *Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured*

Words: John Brownlie (1859-1925). Music: *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*, Johann Couger (1598-1662) harmony after *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863
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Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious Bo - dy bro - ken,
Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i - tence I give thee;



be to me, O gra - cious Lord, of thy bound - less love the to - ken.
thou art my ex - alt - ed King, of thy match - less love for - give me.

Refrain



Thou didst give thy self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

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

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

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

The Creed: *We believe in God Creator*

Words: paraphrase of the *Apostles Creed*. Music: William Henry Monk (1823-1889) *Merton*



We be-lieve in God Cre - a - tor, God al - might - y, by whose plan
We be-lieve in Christ the Sav - ior, Son of God in hu - man frame,
Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,
We be-lieve that Je - sus ris - en, did as - cend to reign in heaven
We be-lieve in God the Spir - it; in one Church, be - low, a - bove:
So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sav - ior, Lord and friend,



earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing, all cre - a - ted things be - gan.
vir - gin-born, the child of Mar - y up-on whom the Spir - it came.
suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he de - scend - ed to the dead.
side by side with the Cre - a - tor till as judge he comes a - gain.
saints of God in one com - mun - ion, one in ho - li - ness and love.
we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

The Prayers of the People

Written by St. George's Confirmation Class – Elizabeth Dixon, Jordan Howen, Margarita Tarkalanova, Jocelyn Tidwell.

Most merciful God, in awe of your loving-kindness and seeking both solace as well as strength, we pray. With gratitude for the gift of the Universal Church, we pray for all who lead us in faith, that they may have clear minds and rested hearts. And for all who seek to draw near to you and the community of St. George's we pray. **Together as siblings in Christ, we ask that you guide and unify us as your Beloved Community.**

In humility and courage, may we be your People, swift to love and serve as witnesses of your work in the world. Thankful for this community, our nation, and the world which you have entrusted to us, and acknowledging we have fallen short of Your commandment to love one another. **We pray that those in authority would open their hearts to love and serve the least of these dwelling among us, as You loved, served, and dwelled among us. Let them see reflections of you, Creator, in every human You have made.**

With gratitude for all your creation. **We pray for the health and welfare of the planet and all who live on it.**

We sense you in the stars' dancing patterns, the terrible beauty of the storm wall, the sharp buds of spring, and the soft fragrance of the forest which unceasingly declare your glory, Creator God. **May we too declare your glory with the witness of our lives and our dedicated care for the natural world.**

With gratefulness for the community you have brought us together to build, we pray. For those in our community who attend Gaywood Elementary, are served by the Bowie food pantry, or are sustained by the Warm Nights Program. **For those in our community experiencing turmoil, upheaval and uncertainty, great and small.**

For those who offer aid, comfort, compassion, and healing by accompanying those who suffer. **For federal workers and contractors, and those in our community who rely on federal funding to do the work of understanding and caring for your people and your creation.**

For all those who suffer due to hunger, fear, or persecution. For those who toil under oppression and those who fight for justice. **May they receive peace and sustenance in these times remembering the sure foundation of your love in which we place our trust.**

As you have been known to us in our times of need, we pray now for all our sick and suffering loved ones and neighbors in our community and all across the world, including those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.*

For those who are no longer with us, with gratitude for their life. **Hold them in your love in your eternal kingdom, including those we name before you now.** *The people may add their own petitions.*

Gift all those who mourn with a sure confidence in your goodness, that casting all grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love. Redeemed by your love, refreshed by your Spirit, and woven into the holy community of saints and sinners across time and distance, may we remain ever steadfast amidst our joys and pains, rooted in You to whom we give our hearts day by day. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of 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

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. 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@stgeorgesglennedale.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: New Century Hymnal #210 *Said Judas to Mary*

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Said Ju - das to Mar - y, "Now what will you do with your
 "O Mar - y, O Mar - y, O think of the poor. This
 "To - mor - row, to - mor - row, I'll think of the poor; to -
 Said Je - sus to Mar - y, "Your love is so deep to -
 "The poor of the world are my bod - y," he said, "to
 "My bod - y will hang on the cross of the world to -



oint - ment so rich and so rare? I'll pour it all o - ver the
 oint - ment, it could have been sold; And think of the blank - ets and
 - mor - row" she said, "not to - day; For dear - er than all of the
 - day you may do as you will. To - mor - row, you say, I am
 the end of the world they shall be. The bread and the blan - kets you
 - mor - row," he said, "not to - day. And Mar - tha and Mar - y will



feet of the Christ, and I'll wipe it a - way with my hair," she said, "I'll
 think of the bread you could buy with the sil - ver and gold," he said, "you could
 poor in the world is my love who is go - ing a - way," she said, "my
 go - ing a - way, but my bod - y I leave with you still," he said, "my
 give to the poor you will know you have giv - en to me," he said, you will
 find me a - gain and wash all my sor - row a - way," he said "and



wipe it a - way with my hair." ("O)
 buy with the sil - ver and gold." ("To)
 love who is go - ing a - way." (Said)
 bod - y I leave with you still." ("The)
 know you have giv - en to me." ("My)
 wash all my sor - row a - way."

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.**

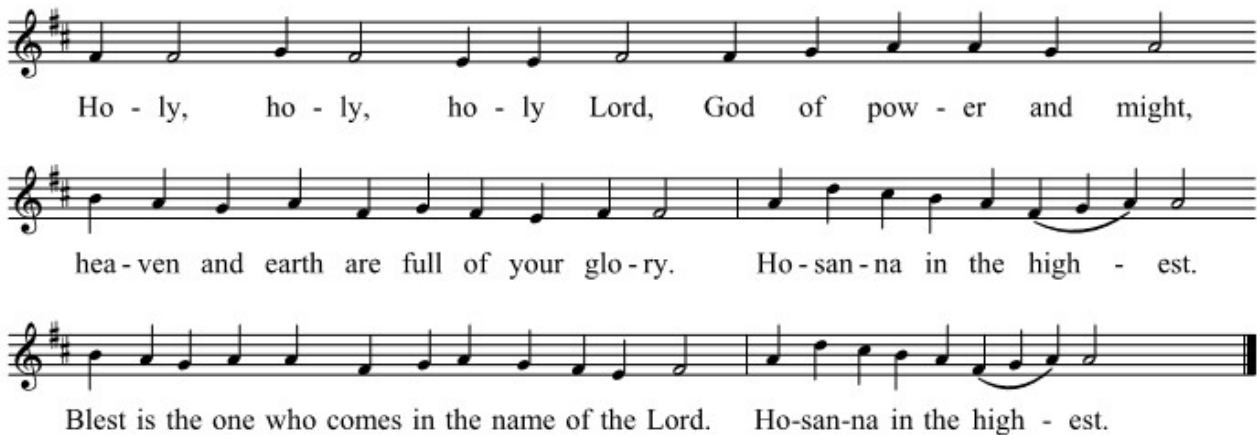
It is indeed right and good to give you thanks, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ your Son, for you are faithful always. When our ancestors were slaves in Egypt, strangers in the land, you saw our suffering, heard our cries, and came to deliver us— bringing us out of captivity into a land flowing with milk and honey. You made an everlasting covenant with us, though we forsook your way.

You call the thirsty to come to the waters; you invite the poor and hungry to come and eat. Even now you are doing a new thing—making rivers flow in the desert, forming a people for yourself, that we might declare your praise.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

Setting: David Hurd (b. 1950) Hymnal 1982 #S 124. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and you pour on us the abundance of your compassion and grace. You sent your Son Jesus, who healed the sick, fed the hungry, and cast out demons, seeking to gather your children as a hen shelters her brood beneath her wings. He wept over Jerusalem when we rejected his saving love and even now he calls us back to you.

Like a gardener Jesus tends to us with loving care, waiting patiently for our lives to bear the fruit of his grace. For he is a healing balm, a fragrant offering of love for the world, and our hope for salvation.

And so we remember that on the night that Jesus was betrayed, he gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.” In the same way after supper he took the cup, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all for forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.”

And so recalling your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we present to you O God, from your creation, this bread and this wine. For great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the Communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and all your people, and strengthen us to proclaim the good news of your love.

Make us a new creation in Christ; reconcile us to yourself, so that we may bear your message of reconciliation to all the world. Teach us to know the surpassing grace of Jesus Christ our Lord: sharing in his suffering and rejoicing in the power of his resurrection, pressing on toward the goal to which you have called us.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now let us pray with confidence the words our Savior has taught us:

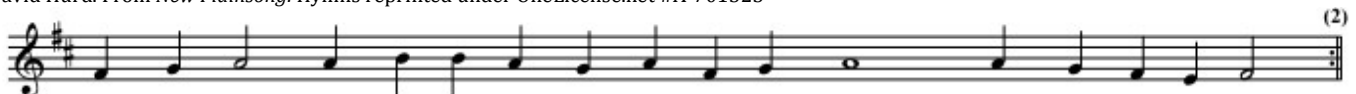
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken. After a time of silence, all sing together

Fraction Anthem Hymnal 1982 #S161

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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 #101 *Softly and Tenderly*

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Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for you and for
Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, Plead - ing for you and for
Time is now fleet - ing, the mom - ments are pass - ing. Pass - ing for you and for
Oh! for the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised, Prom - ised for you and for



me: See, on the por - tals He's wait - ing and watch - ing,
me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not His mer - cies,
me; Shad - ows are gath - er - ing, death beds are com - ing,
me; Though we have sinned, He has mer - cy and par - don,



Watch - ing for you and for me. Come home, come home, Ye who are wea - ry, come
Mer - cies for you and for me?
Com - ing for you and for me.
Par - don for you and for me.



home! Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!

Communion Hymn 2: LEVAS #106 *Take My Hand, Precious Lord*

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Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand, I am tired,
When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin ger near, When my life
When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near, And the day

I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on
is al - most gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand,
is past and gone. At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet,

to the light, Take my hand, prec-ious Lord, Lead me on.
lest I fall, Take my hand, prec-ious Lord, Lead me on.
hold my hand, Take my hand, prec-ious Lord, Lead me on.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray: **Lord Jesus Christ, you taught that what we do for the least of the members of your family, we do for you. As we go forth from this table in thanksgiving, strengthened and renewed by your love and by this sacrament of bread and wine, may you give us the will to serve others as you were the servant of all, to your honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

Announcements



The Blessing

May the grace of God grant you peace,
May the love of Jesus Christ bring you wholeness,
May the breath of Holy Spirit inspire and challenge you,
And may the blessing of the great I AM be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: Gather #504 *The Love of the Lord*

Words: Philippians 3: 7-11 Michael Joncas (b. 1951) Music: Michael Joncas. © 1968 GIA Publications, Inc.
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1. All that I count - ed as gain now I con - si - der as loss
2. Rich - es and hon - ors will fade, earth - ly de - light dis - a - pear,
3. Sil - ver and gold have I none, no land to count as my home yet
4. Faith is the wealth I pos - sess Find - ing its source in my God;



emp - ty and worth - less to me in the light of the love of the Lord,
fade like the grass of the field in the light of the love of the Lord.
wealth be - yond mea - sure I own in the light of the love of the Lord.
faith in the pro - mise of Christ is my life and my love of the Lord.



What more could bring us hope than to know the pow'r of his Life?



What more could bring us peace than to share in his suf - f'ring and death?



What more could be our fin - nal wish than to live in the love of the Lord?

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Harmonization of *Let All Mortal Flesh and God Rest Ye Merry*

Music: Anthony Giamanco