



Easter

The Great Fifty Days

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

St. George's Church
Glenn Dale Parish •

The Episcopal Diocese of
Washington

May 3, 2020

Prelude: *Eintritt (Entry) from Waldszenen (Forest Scenes)* by Robert Schumann

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn: Hymnal # 304 I Come with Joy

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



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

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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 23 *prayed in unison*

**The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, Lord Christ**
John 10:1-10

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The Sermon: The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington

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 -

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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 Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries



Starting Monday, May 4 and continuing through the last Monday in June we will be offering a bible study using the resource *The Way of Love Bible Challenge*, in which we read a passage of scripture each day for fifty days and gather weekly for conversation and reflection.

Starting on Tuesday May 12 and on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month we will be gathering virtually for Contemplative Prayer, an invitation into stillness and God's presence.

Details on both of these offerings can be found on St. George's website – www.stgeorgesglendale.org/announcements. Go to the calendar for links to the Zoom space for these.

Offertory Hymn: Hymnal #664 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need!

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My Shep - herd will sup - ply my needs, Je - ho - vah is his Name; in
When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence is my stay; one
The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days; oh,



pas - tures fresh he makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream. He
word of thy sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way. Thy
may thy house be mine a - bode and all my work be praise. There



brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for - sake his ways, and leads me
hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my ta - ble spread; my cup with
would I find a set - tled rest, while o - thers go and come; no more a



for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
bless - ings o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.
stran - ger or a guest, but like a child at home.

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.

Instrumental Meditation - *Träumerei (Dreaming)* from *Kinderszenen (Scenes from Childhood)* by Robert Schumann. Piano Dr. Joshua Fishbein

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.

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord, and you draw us into your embrace in the person of the Good Shepherd whose voice calls to us: 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 embrace; 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: Lead Me, Guide Me. LEVAS # 194

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Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, For if you lead me, I can - not
stray. Lord, let me walk each day with Thee Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
I am weak and I need thy strength and power to help me over my weak - est
Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, be my aid when sa tan and sin op -
I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind with - out thy light to
hour; Help me through the dark ness thy face to see, Lead me, Oh Lord lead me.
- press; I am put - ting all my trust in thee Lead me, Oh Lord lead me.
see, Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, Oh Lord lead me.

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!**