

The Season of Lent



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The First Sunday of Lent: A Service of Holy Eucharist

A Note to Visitors and Newcomers

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.

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: *Wayfaring Stranger*

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #150 *Forty days and forty nights*

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For - ty days and for - ty nights thou was fast - ing in the wild;
Should not we thy ser - vants share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;



for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
Vic - tor in the wild - er - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation.

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

Celebrant: Show our hearts your way O God, and we shall follow.

People: **Wherever we stray, lead us back to the rock of your love.**

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.**

Gather #285 *Change Our Hearts* – Sung twice

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Change our hearts this time, Your word says it can be. Change our minds this time, Your



life could make us free. We are the peo-ple Your call set a-part, Lord, this time change our hearts.

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:

Spirit of the desert, your drove Jesus to the edge of the world to find his truth and calling: scour our hearts and awaken our hunger that, freed from empty clinging, we might find ourselves in you, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the wilds. Amen.

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded them, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" "But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

Blessed are those whose offenses are forgiven:

whose sin has been put away.

Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no guilt:

and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I held back from confessing my sin:

my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night:

I was dried up and withered, as by drought in summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you:

my guilt I did not hide.

I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord:

and so you forgave my sin.

Therefore let all those that are faithful pray to you in time of trouble:

when great flood-water rises, it shall not come near them.

You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble:

you will surround me with shouts of deliverance.

'I will teach you, and guide you in the way you should go:

I will keep you under my eye and give you counsel.

'Be not like horse or mule, which have no understanding:

whose course must be checked with bit and bridle.'

Many pains are in store for the wicked:

but whoever trusts in the Lord is surrounded by steadfast love.

Be glad you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord:

shout for joy all you that are upright in heart.



Gospel Hymn: My Heart Sings Out #46 *Take, O take me as I am*

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Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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



The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

Affirmation of Faith

This is where we would traditionally say or sing the Nicene Creed, the church's historic statement of common faith. During this season of Lent as we pray this affirmation of faith from the resource Daily Prayer for All Seasons in place of the traditional Creed, we are invited to pause and reflect on the true meaning of what we do when we say these words. We are invited to recall that the word creed – credo - is commonly translated "believe", but in fact it is more accurately rendered "to give one's heart to." When it comes to your faith in God, in Jesus, in the Holy Spirit – what do you give your heart to? During this season of Lent may you consider this question as we say together this affirmation of faith.

**As children of God,
we affirm that God, who is Love, created everything and called it good,
that God is present with all of creation,
and that in darkness and in light, God is faithful;
therefore we too seek to be faithful.**

**We affirm that Jesus came to show us Love with a human face,
that he taught justice and reconciliation
and suffered on our behalf,
and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope;
therefore we too seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and hope.**

**We affirm that the Holy Spirit guides us and accompanies us,
that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment,
and that when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way;
therefore we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit,
discerning, loving, and transforming our world. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

In this holy season of Lent, we ask you, O God, to change our hearts so that through your grace and love we may turn back to you, repenting of our wrongs and renewing our commitment to you. As we walk this Lenten journey, we offer our prayers with humility and faith, saying: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

As Jesus fasted in the wilderness, enable us to fast from what is unnecessary and open our hearts so that we might be generous in our giving and faithful in service to others. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and for the community of St. George's, saying: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in authority in our country and across the world, that they govern in truth and compassion. May those who lead seek the wisdom of God as Nicodemus did and may they lead with justice and seek peace. We pray, saying: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

As Jesus crossed boundaries to speak with the Samaritan woman, we pray for the healing of divisions in our world. Be present to those in places of conflict around the world and protect all who are in harm's way. We pray especially for victims of gun violence, for the people of Ukraine and for all who are caught in the violence of war. Shelter them under your wings, O Lord we pray, saying: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

As you lay a table before us, open our hearts to those who are hungry and those who are experiencing homelessness in our communities, especially the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School and those served by the Bowie Food Pantry and the Warm Nights program. We also pray for those served by our Lenten Outreach this year, the youth served by Trevor Project and those who receive meals and support from Miriam's Kitchen. We pray, saying: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

As Jesus showed compassion to those in need of healing, we pray for those who are sick or suffering, especially those on our parish prayer list, and those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray saying: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

As Jesus comforted Mary and Martha of Bethany at the death of his friend Lazarus, may we be present to all who grieve the loss of loved ones. And may those who died be lifted up to eternal life. *The people may add prayers.* May they go from strength to strength in your presence, we pray saying: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

God our Grace, we pray in gratitude for the many blessings of our lives and give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, saying **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you O God, in the presence of Jesus, your Son and our Savior. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord 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

Celebrant

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. 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. You may also donate via Zelle to 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.

Offertory Hymn: LEVAS #70 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

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I want Je - sus to walk with me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
In my sor - rows, Lord, walk with me; In my sor - rows, Lord, walk with me;



All a long my pil - grim jour - ney, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
When the shades of life are fall - ing, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
When my heart with - in is ach - ing, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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.**

God of all mercy, it is indeed right and good to give you thanks through Jesus Christ your Son. For you bid your faithful people cleanse our hearts, and prepare with joy for the Easter feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, we may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

And so giving thanks with joyful hearts and minds, we bless you for your mercy and join with broken saints and redeemed sinners everywhere, forever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

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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.



Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Celebrant continues:

Lifegiving God, your word speaks into the void, calling into being things that are not and inviting us to share your work of creation. We thank you for the ages long ago of gathering stars and cooling earth, of life evolving and waking eyes of wonder.

We thank you for Jesus, son of Mary, formed of her flesh and nurtured by her faith.

Jesus proclaimed blessing on the poor, the hungry, and the outcast. He offered living water to all, that those who drink of it may never be thirsty. Jesus chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross that he might shatter the chains of evil and death.

On the cross he joined the labor of all creation's yearning; by his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence; through the Spirit, he gives to birth a living hope.

And so we remember that on the night before he died, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. At the table 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 which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all for forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, we offer to you this bread and wine, formed of the earth and shaped by our hands. We ask that your Holy Spirit fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile and earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ.

Make us your new creation, O God, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. Through Christ who was emptied to bear your fullness we make our prayer to you the glory who fills all and all, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken, and all sing together

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

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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.

The Celebrant 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.

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 prefer not to receive the bread and wine you are welcome to come up for a blessing. To signify this to the priest simply cross your arms to your chest.

Communion Hymn 1: Gather #443 *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

Words: *Ubi Caritas* Translated by Omer Westendorf (b. 1916)

Music: *Christian Love* Paul Benoit, OSB (1893-1979) © 1961, 1962 World Library Publications. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, There God is ev - er found;
With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear God's char - i - ty we learn;
For - give we now each oth - er's faults As we our faults con - fess;
Let strife a - mong us be un - known, Let all con - ten - tion cease;
Let us re - call that in our midst Dwells God's be - got - ten Son;
No race nor creed can love ex - clude, If hon - ored be God's name;



Brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, By love are we thus bound.
Let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
And let us love each oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek, Be ours God's ho - ly peace.
As mem - bers of his bo - dy joined, We are in Christ made one.
Our fam - i - ly em - brac - es all Whose Fa - ther is the same.

Communion Hymn # 2 LEVAS #188 *It Is Well with My Soul*

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When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, When sor - rows like
Though sa - tan should buf - fet though tri - als should come, Let this blest as -
My sin oh the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought My sin not in
And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled



sea bil - lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is
- sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate, And has
part but the whole Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, Praise the
back as a scroll, The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven



well, it is well with my soul. It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.
shed His own blood for my soul.
Lord praise the Lord, O my soul!
so" it is well with my soul.

Post-communion Prayer

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, 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: Hymnal 1982 #419 *Lord of all being*

Words: Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894). Music: from *Methpdost Harmonist*, 1821; adapted by Lowell Mason (1792-1872)
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Lord of all be - ing, throned a - far, thy glo - ry flames from sun and star;
Sun of our life, thy quick - ening ray sheds on our path the glow of day;
Lord of all life, be - low, a - bove, whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,
Grant us thy truth to make us free, and kin - dling hearts that burn for thee,



cen - ter and soul of ev - ery sphere, yet to each lov - ing heart how near!
star of our hope, thy soft - ened light cheers the long watch - es of the night.
be - fore thy ev - er blaz - ing throne we ask no lus - ter of our own.
till all thy liv - ing al - tars claim one ho - ly light, one heaven - ly flame.

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Near the Cross*