



# The Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

## St. George's Church

Glenn Dale Parish • The Episcopal Diocese of Washington  
*May 2, 2021*

### Prelude: *The Call* by Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:*

*Such a Way, as gives us breath:*

*Such a Truth, as ends all strife:*

*Such a Life, as killeth death.*

*Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:*

*Such a Light, as shows a feast:*

*Such a Feast, as mends in length:*

*Such a Strength, as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:*

*Such a Joy, as none can move:*

*Such a Love, as none can part:*

*Such a Heart, as joys in love.*

### Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 # 213 *Come Away to the Skies*

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Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re - joice in the  
Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our hea - ven - ly  
For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the na - ture and  
We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which hath joined us to  
Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King, and his rap - tu - rous



day thou wast born; on this fes - ti - val day, come ex - ult - ing a -  
Fa - ther be - stowed, while his grace we re - ceive from his boun - ty, and  
king - dom di - vine! Now cre - a - ted a - gain that our lives may re -  
Je - sus' Name; so u - ni - ted in heart, let us nev - er - more  
prais - es, re - peat: to the Lamb that was slain, hal - le - lu - jah a -



- way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn.  
live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God.  
- main, through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine.  
part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.  
- gain, sing, all hea - ven, and fall at his feet.

*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: LEVAS #53 *Glory to God in the Highest***

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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, He is the might-y King, Mas-ter of ever-y thing.



The cap-tain of my soul, the u-ni-verse con-trol, God is the one true ex-pres-sion of life.

### **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: **Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **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. 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.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John. **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."

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

### **The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt**



## The Creed: *I Believe I Do Believe*

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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 - might - 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 Spi - rit, 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 - might - 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 Spi - rit. 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.

## The Prayers of the People

*Led by Lydia Murray*

Celebrating the gift of new life in Christ in the power of the Resurrection, we offer our prayers for the world, the Church, and all in any need, saying, To you, living Christ:

**We offer our prayers and praise. Alleluia!**

God of new life, in thanksgiving we pray for our church and its leaders, for Michael our presiding bishop, for Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and for Thelma and those who minister to us and support us. We lift up the community of St. George's as we reach out to support one another, thankful for the gifts of lay ministry that we employ to serve one another: To you, living Christ:

**We offer our prayers and praise. Alleluia!**

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 we praise you with open hearts. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayers and praise. Alleluia!**

God of new life, because of the Resurrection, each day contains your promise. May we seize every opportunity to share your compassion and justice. To you, living Christ:

**We offer our prayers and praise. Alleluia!**

God of new life, because of the Resurrection, every part of life is bursting with possibility. May we be willing to confront the power of poverty, of hunger, of neglect, of war and all brokenness, trusting your life-giving promise of healing, wholeness, and transformation. To you, living Christ:

**We offer our prayers and praise. Alleluia!**

God of new life, because of the Resurrection death does not have the last word. We pray that you would use us to extend your healing touch to those who are sick, your strengthening touch to those who serve, and your compassionate touch to those who suffer in any way, especially those on our parish prayer list, and those suffering from the effects of the Covid-19 virus. Give comfort to those who have died, especially the lives lost to the pandemic in our country and around the world. Bring peace and comfort to those who mourn. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayers and praise. Alleluia!**

God of new life, because of the Resurrection, we can live into the abundant life you promise. We ask you to walk with us and guide us on our way, this day and always. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayers and praise. Alleluia!**

With thanks for all your gifts, we pray these prayers, as well as those hidden in the depths of our hearts, to you, loving God, in the name of the risen Jesus. Amen.

### **The Peace**

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

### **Announcements and 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.**



#### **Online Services this Week on Zoom:**

**Evening Prayer at 6:00 pm Tuesday and Thursday**

**Compline at 8:00 pm Wednesday**

Links for these services as well as for the Sunday Live Stream via Zoom can be found on the Calendar page of the parish website.

### **The Offertory**

*The Celebrant says*

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

*Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible. You can use your phone to text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to [www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give](http://www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give). If your bank offers Zelle, you can use your banking app to send a donation via Zelle to [donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net](mailto:donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net).*

### **Offertory Anthem: My Eyes for Beauty Pine by Herbert Howells**

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddes grace, no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.  
One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above: 'tis named when God's name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.  
And every gentle heart that burns with true desire is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

# The Great Thanksgiving

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; and we especially praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. For he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

## Sanctus: Hymnal 1982 # S125

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*Sanctus* Setting: From *A Community Mass*;  
Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

5 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
9 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
13 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
17 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
the high est,  
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

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*The Celebrant continues:*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, for your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

**Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.**

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, we ask you to 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.

**Giver of life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home in you.**

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, 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 silence is kept*

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Celebrant:** The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Celebrant then 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 to 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.**

## 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.*

### Communion 1 Hymn: Gather # 533 *They'll Know We Are Christians*

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We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, We are  
We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, We will  
We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, We will  
All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come, And all



one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all  
walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to - geth - er we'll  
work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll guard hu - man's  
praise to Christ Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all praise to the



u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our  
spread the news that God is in our land:  
dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's pride:  
Spir - it, who makes us one:



love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.



## Communion 2 Hymn: Voices Found # 141 *Christ, the Vine*

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Christ, the vine and God, the gard-ener, we the branch-es bear-ing fruit.



We can bring forth shoots of prom-ise when our lives in Christ take root.



Christ the fruit from Jes-se spring-ing you ful-filled the pro-phet's trust.



And you pray that we your bo-dy will ful-fill your trust in us.

## 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 been fed at this table today will go out as people of hope and new life to do justice and love kindness. May the meal we have shared revive us in body and soul, and make us glad to share the good news that Christ is risen; for he is alive and reigns with you, forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Blessing

Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of Jesus Christ our Lord. And may the blessing of God Almighty, God who created us, Christ Jesus who brings us new life, and the Holy Spirit who and sustains us, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #657 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Come, al - might - y to de - li - ver, let us all they life re - ceive;  
Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be;



fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.  
let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;  
Thee we would be al - way bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,  
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,



vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
pray, and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## The Dismissal

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

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

*Postlude: Come Away to the Skies* arr. Michael Larkin (b. 1951)