



Outdoor Service Greenbelt Park

St. George's Church

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Opening Hymn: LEVAS # 219 *This Is the Day* (Sung twice)

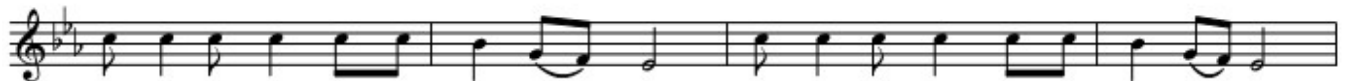
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This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made,



we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be glad in it;



This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will re-joice and be glad in it,



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

Celebrant: As we gather in gratitude and praise to you. O Holy One:

People: **Breathe on us breath of God, and fill us with your saving power.**

Celebrant: In your Wisdom, speak in us:

People: **and bring us strength, healing and peace.**

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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 and Praise #821 Glory to God *sung three times*

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Glo-ry to God; Praise to the Son; Loveto the Spi-rit; Three and yet One.

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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: **Divine reaper, who alone can judge without vengeance or fear: free us from our desire to repay evil with evil; root us in creation's longing for freedom from oppression; shape us by hope unseen for the victory of love; through Jesus Christ, with whom we suffer and are glorified. Amen.**

Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

Lord you have searched me out and known me:
**you know when I sit down and when I stand up,
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You mark my path, and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before there is a word on my tongue
you Lord know it altogether.

You guard me from behind and before:
and cover me with your hand.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where shall I go from your spirit:
or where shall I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven you are there:
if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.

If I take the wings of the dawn:
and alight at the uttermost parts of the sea,

even there your hand will lead me:
and your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say, Let the darkness cover me:
and my day be turned to night,'
the darkness is no darkness with you,
but the night is as clear as the day:
for darkness and light to you are both alike.

Examine me O God and know my heart:
test me, and discover my thoughts.

Watch closely, lest I follow a path of error:
and lead me in the way everlasting.

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: *Zimbabwe Alleluia* (Sung three times)

The image shows the musical notation for the Gospel Hymn 'Zimbabwe Alleluia'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is written in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Al-le-lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff, repeated four times. The music is a simple, rhythmic melody with a steady bass line.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

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 -
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- 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.

Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and those in need.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and for the people of St. George's; ***For all who serve God, wherever they may be.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our Light:

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal reign.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant concludes

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

The celebrant then offers the following prayer for those celebrating birthdays and 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.**

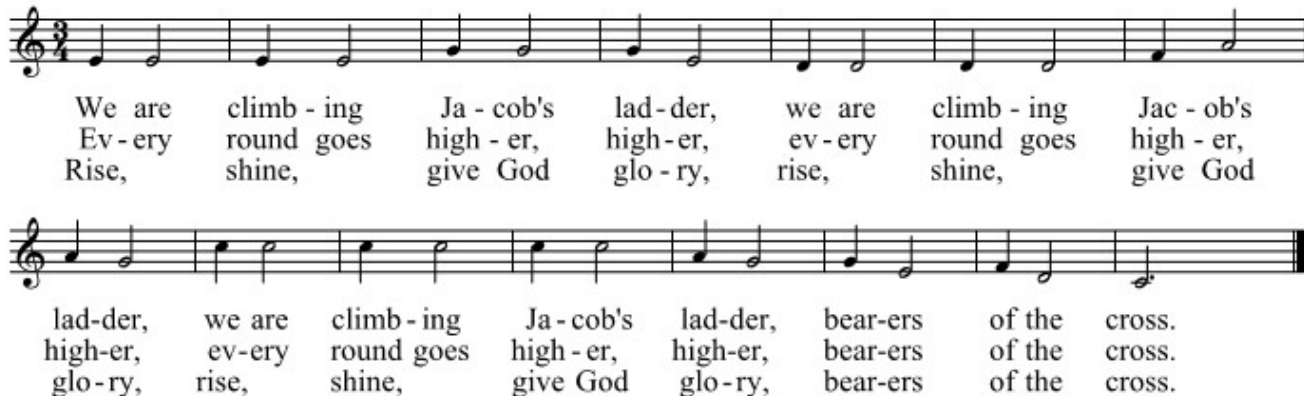
The Offertory

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering holy and acceptable 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](#)

Offertory Hymn: New Century Hymnal #500 *We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der, we are climb - ing Jac - ob's
Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er, ev - ery round goes high - er,
Rise, shine, give God glo - ry, rise, shine, give God

lad - der, we are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der, bear - ers of the cross.
high - er, ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er, bear - ers of the cross.
glo - ry, rise, shine, give God glo - ry, bear - ers of the cross.

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.**

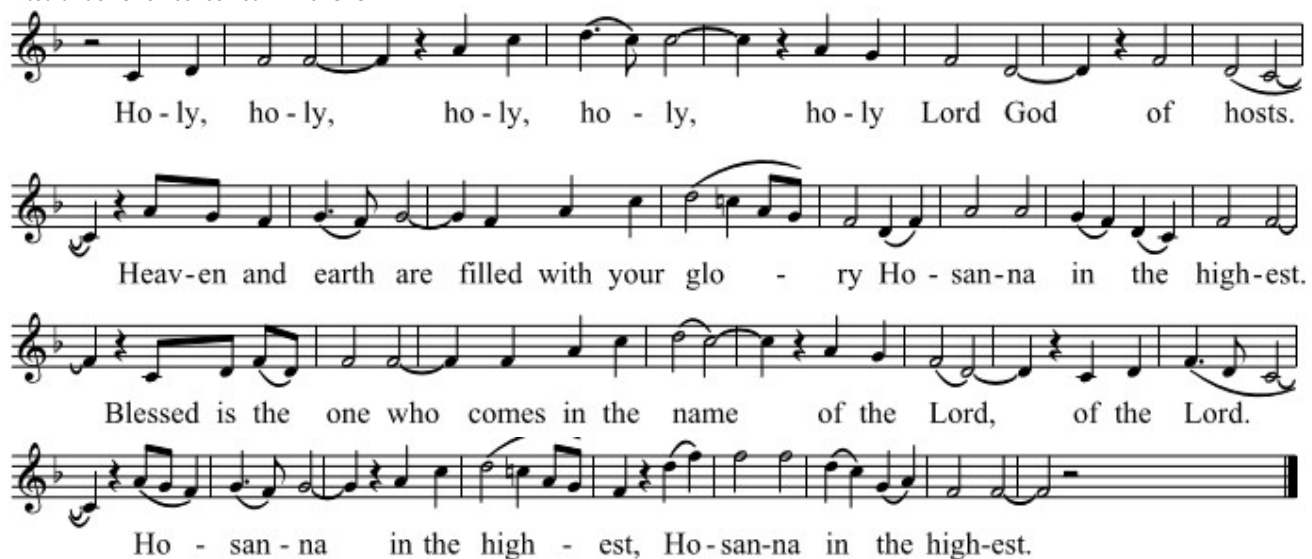
We praise you Holy Trinity, mystery of being and freedom of the world. You opened your love to bring the creation into existence, reflecting infinite beauty in matter's complex bonds and spirit's evolution.

You drew near to Abraham and Sarah as the unexpected guest; you wrestled with Jacob and blessed him with wounds; you dwelt in glory and wisdom with the people of your covenant.

Your all-embracing heart assumed our human story and came among us in Word made flesh, Jesus the holy child of God. Through the scandal of Christ crucified and the Spirit of love that raised him from the dead, you end our isolation and draw us into the community of your grace. Therefore we join the eternal song of power and glory, of difference and delight, as we sing:

Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Levas #255

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry Ho - san-na in the high-est.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Holy One, we praise you for your love that brings order out of chaos, breathes life into dust, leads captives into freedom, and calls home those who wander away from you. You give bread to the hungry and drink to the thirsty; you even raise the dead to life.

We thank you for Jesus, the Word made flesh and light of the world, who is shepherd and gate, way and truth, and fountain of living water that gives life everlasting.

We thank you for Jesus, who is the bread of heaven, the cup of salvation, and the resurrection and the life. On the night before he died, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you O God, gave it to them and said "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, gave you thanks 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 sin. 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.

We ask you to pour out your Spirit on us O God and come and live in us, in this bread and in this cup, in our hearts and in our being, that we may be one body in Christ. May we be one in service to others and love of you in this place and every place, in this world and in the world to come.

Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor and power be to you O Holy One, forever and ever! 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. And 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. After a time of silence, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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.

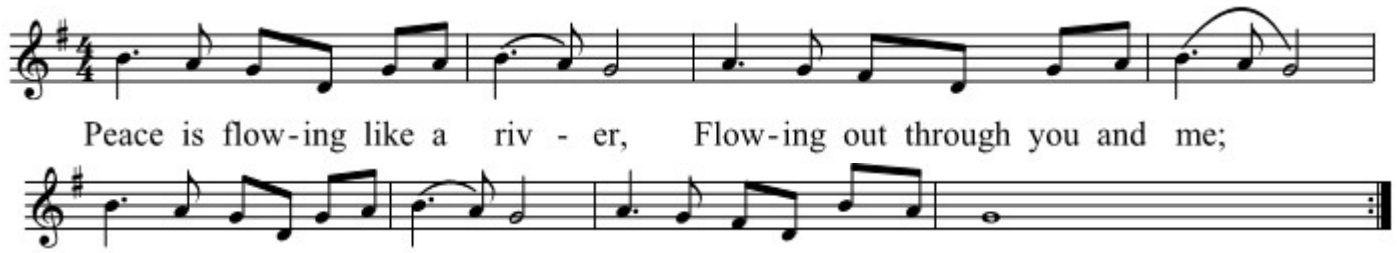
Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

Communion Hymn 1: Gather #526 *Peace is Flowing Like a River*

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Peace is flow-ing like a riv - er, Flow-ing out through you and me;
Flow-ing out in-to the des - ert, Set-ting all the cap-tives free.

2. Joy is flowing like a river,
3. Faith is flowing like a river,
4. Hope is flowing like a river,
5. Love is flowing like a river,

Communion Hymn 2: Hymnal 1982 #405 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander *1818-1895). Music: *Royal Oak* melody from *The Dancing Master*, adapted by Martin Fallas Shaw. (1875-1958)
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All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won-der-ful, the Lord God made them all.
Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings, God
The pur - ple head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by, the
The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun, the
God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how
Repeat Refrain
made their glow-ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
sun - set, and the morn-ing that bright-ens up the sky.
ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
great is God Al - might-y, who has made all things well.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray: **God of fire and wind, giver of life, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Now send us forth to serve others following the example of Jesus. May the Spirit blow through us and into the world you have made, that we may bring your love wherever we go, through Jesus Christ who gave himself away for love. Amen.**

Announcements

The Blessing

We do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us; so be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. Go in peace to follow the good road, and may the blessing of God, who creates, redeems and sustains us, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #400 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933). Music: *Last uns erfreuen* adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
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All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a-
Swift flow - ing wat - er, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
Dear moth - er earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our



sing: Al le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with gold - en
- loft, O praise God, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair risi - ing morn, with praise re-
hear, Al le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in - tense and fierce - ly
way, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and fruits that in you



beams, pale sil - ver moon that gent - ly gleams, O praise God, O
- joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice, O praise God, O
bright, you give to us both warmth and light, O praise God, O
grow, let them God's glo - ry al - so show: O praise God, O



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

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.