

The Season of Lent



The Fifth Sunday of Lent April 3, 2022

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

A Service of Holy Eucharist

Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. 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: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* by Lowell Mason (1792 – 1872)

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #9 *Not here for high and holy things*, verses 4-6

Words: Geoffrey Anketel Studdert-Kennedy (1883-1929) Music: *Morning Song* Elkanah Kelsey Dare (1782-1826)

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A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the sky, the
Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise; see
to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en thee; to



fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the worlds a - wake to cry their
how the gi - ant sun soars up, great lord of years and days! So
spend thy - self nor count the cost; to serve right glo - rious - ly the



bles-sings on the Lord of life, as he goes meek-ly by.
let the love of Je - sus come and set thy soul a-blaze.
God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

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:

Merciful God, we confess that we do not want to be challenged by the cross. We set our minds on human things rather than divine things; we long for the false security our possessions give us, and we prefer our own comfort over following Jesus. Forgive us, we pray. May our sense of self-preservation be disturbed by his example, that we might take up his cross in service to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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*

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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

Extravagant God, lavishing your love on our poverty of heart: inspire us to give without stint, to lose life that we might find it gain, 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. The Word of the Lord. **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 bringing sheaves with them.

Gospel Hymn: Wonder, Love, and Praise #820 *The eyes of all wait upon you*

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The eyes of all wait up-on you, O Lord and you give them their food in due sea-son. You



o-pen wide your gra-cious hand and sat-is-fy the needs of ev-ery liv-ing crea-ture.

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

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

The Creed: Wonder, Love and Praise # 768 *I believe in God almighty*

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I be - live in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that
I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -
I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with -



be, Ma - ker of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and
- fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied - True Life there had tru - ly
- in one church cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from



sea. I be - live in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and
died. I be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the
sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion for the break - ing of death's



Christ, of the Spir - it and of Ma - ry born to bring a - bun - dant life.
grave, then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
chain gives the light that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

The Prayers of the People

God our Strength, in this holy season of Lent you call us to repentance of our wrongs and renewal of our commitment to you. As we walk this Lenten journey, we offer our prayers to you humility and faith, saying **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

God our Light, help us to reorder our lives this Lent, and show us how to give generously, pray faithfully, and fast from what is unnecessary in this season. 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.**

God our Wisdom, we pray for those in authority in our country and across the world, that they may govern in truth and compassion. Prosper the labors of those seeking justice and peace, we pray, saying **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

God our Protector, we pray for those in places of conflict around the world and all who are in harm's way. We pray especially for the people of Ukraine and those caught in the violence of war. Shelter them under your wings, O Lord we pray, saying **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.** God our Compassion, we pray for those who are hungry and those who are experiencing homeless in our communities, especially the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School, and for those served by the Bowie Food Pantry and the Warm Nights program. That we be moved to action on their behalf, we pray saying **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

God our Justice, we pray for prisoners and for those who will receiving books from the Books to Prisoners initiative, saying **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

God our Hope, 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.**

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.**

God our Salvation, we pray for all who have died, that they may go from strength to strength in your presence, 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.**

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.*

The Offertory

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

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Offertory Hymn: New Century Hymnal #206 *A Woman Came Who Did Not Count the Cost*

Words: Mark 14: 3-9 Richard D Leach. Music: *Wexford Carol* Irish folk melody Arr. Arthur G. Clyde Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



A wo - man came who did not count the cost of
Some on - ly saw what she had spent - "Why such a
You give as she, sur - pris - ing - ly, you give with



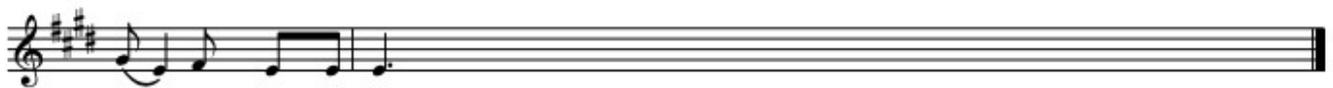
do - ing what she could. She broke an al - a - bas - ter flask, and sweet-ness
waste with poor to feed?" they served the poor well with their tongues! But she had
beau - ty as she gave. You give as she, not hold - ing back, you make us



spilled on Je - sus' head. O God, you are the A - noint - ing One who does not
done a love - ly deed.
Christ - like with your love.



count your pas - sion's cost, And when we gath - er you will spill the sweet - ness



of your grace on us.

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 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 across time and space, forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus: Hymnal 1982 # S129

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932) 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. Bless'd is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Celebrant continues:

You are holy O God of majesty, creator of the universe. You made an everlasting covenant with us, though we forsook your way. Yet still you call the thirsty to come to the waters and you invite the poor and hungry to come and eat.

In the fullness of time you sent us 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.

Yet like a gardener Jesus tends to us with loving care, waiting patiently for our lives to bear the fruit of his grace. 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. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

And now, gracious God, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Teach us to know the surpassing grace of Jesus our Lord, that sharing in his suffering and rejoicing in the power of his resurrection we may press on toward the goal to which you have called us.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, O Holy One, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say;
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 Celebrant says

Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

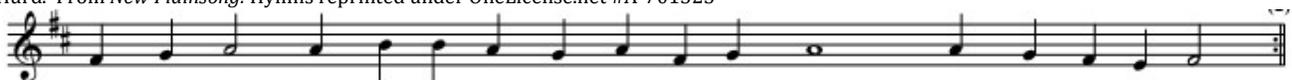
Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence is kept

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: 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 like to receive the Eucharist, you may choose to receive both the bread and wine or only one of them. If you receive the wine, please drop your empty cup into the recycling bin at the door. Note that hand sanitizer is available as you exit. Please follow the arrows to go through the narthex (hallway) and back into the Sanctuary and on to your seat.

Communion 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?

Post-communion Prayer

Let us pray: **Holy God, gracious beyond measure, you gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never be hungry: may we who eat at his table and share in his life go forth now to reflect his love in our words and in our deeds, that all of those we encounter may know the power of his grace. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

As we go forth this season of Lent,
let us be marked not for sorrow, but for joy;
let us be marked not with shame, but with grace;
let us be marked not for thinking ourselves less than what we are,
but recognizing the gift to the world God calls us to be.
And may the blessing of God be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS #165 *Higher Ground*

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

day; Still pray - ing as I on - ward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground."
- may; Though some may dwell where these a - bound, My prayer, my aim is high - er ground.
hurled; For faith has caught a joy - ful sound, the song of saints on high - er ground.
bright; 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.

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Higher Ground* by Charles H. Gabriel (1856-1932), arr. Victor Labenske (b. 1963)