



The Season of Lent

St. George's Church • Glenn Dale Parish
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The Fourth Sunday in Lent: A Service of Holy Eucharist

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: *Adagio from Sonata in A* by Maria Anna Martinez

Opening Hymn Hymnal 1982 #455 *O love of God how strong and true*

Words: Horatio Bonar (1808-1889). Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894). Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal and yet ev - er new;
O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee in the sky a - bove;
We read thee best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame,
We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the dark - ness of the grave;
un - com - pre - hend - ed and un - bought, be - yond all know - lege and all thought.
we read thee in the earth be - low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
sent by the Fa - ther from on high, our life to live, our death to die.
still more in re - sur - rec - tion light we read the full - ness of thy might.

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.**

Gloria: Hymnal 1982 #S86 Kyrie eleison

Setting: from *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950). Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



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:

Gracious God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people may be seated.

Ephesians 2:1–10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 107:1–3, 17–22

O give thanks for the Lord is gracious:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

So let the people say whom the Lord has redeemed:

whom the Lord has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
and gathered out of the lands, from the east and from the west:
from the north and from the south.

Some were sick because of their sins:

afflicted on account of their wrongdoing.

They loathed every kind of food:

and drew near to the gates of death.

Then they cried to you O Lord in their trouble:

and you rescued them from their distress.

You sent forth your word and healed them:

and saved their life from the grave.

Let them thank you O Lord for your steadfast love:

for the wonders that you do for us.

Let them offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving:

and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.



Gospel Hymn: New Century Hymnal #605 *As Moses Raised the Serpent Up*

Words: New Century Hymnal, 1993. Music: *Morning Song* from *Sixteen Tune Settings*, 1812. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



As Mo - ses raised the ser - pent up, God's child is lift - ed high;
For God so loved the world that God, all hu - man life to free,
That child was sent in - to the world not to con - demn but save;



And all who in that child be - lieve shall nev - er, nev - er die.
Gave to the world God's Child that all might live e - ter - nal - ly.
Now through Christ's name all are re-deemed- what won-drous love God gave.



Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 3:14-21

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Thelma Smullen

The Creed: *We believe in God the Father*

Words: Paraphrase of the Apostles Creed, Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926). © 1993. Ancient and Modern Hymns, Hope Publishing Company.
Music: *Stuttgart* from *Psalmody Sacra, oder Andachtige und Schöne Gesänge* 1715; adapted by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)
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1. We be-lieve in God the Fa-ther, God al - might - y, by whose plan
We be-lieve in Christ the Sa-vior, Son of God in hu - man frame,
2. Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh-ter led,
We be-lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, hea-ven's king to rule and reign
3. We be-lieve in God the Spi-rit; in one Church, be - low, a - bove:
So by faith, our sins for - gi - ven, Christ our Sa - vior, Lord and friend,



1. earth and hea-ven sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be - gan.
vir - gin born, the child of Ma - ry up-on whom the Spi - rit came.
2. suf - fered un - der Pon-tius Pi - late, he de-scend-ed to the dead.
to the Fa-ther's side a - scend-ed till as judge he comes a - gain.
3. saints of God in one com-mun-ion, one in ho - li - ness and love.
we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

The Prayers of the People

Our compassionate God has formed us out of dust in the midst of the waters of creation, and calls us now to repentance. May our prayers, our giving, and our fasting assist us in coming before God with open hearts. O God, feed us all with your mercy: **Lord, receive our prayer.**

For all Christians, that embracing our Lenten discipline with joy, the cross of Christ may be our banner and the pledge of resurrection our hope. For Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and for the community of St. George's, we pray. O God, feed us all with your mercy: **Lord, receive our prayer.**

For those in authority in our country, and across the world, that they govern in justice and compassion knowing that all people are formed in your image and beloved of you. Prosper the labors of those seeking peace, we pray. O God, feed us all with your mercy: **Lord, receive our prayer.**

For hearts to do what is good and right and true, and for an end to our own hardness of heart, we pray. O God, feed us all with your mercy: **Lord, receive our prayer.**

For all in need of our prayers, especially those who suffer in the midst of violence and war, refugees and immigrants, those experiencing homelessness and those who are hungry. O God, feed us all with your mercy: **Lord, receive our prayer.**

For the concerns of our hearts and for the needs of others. 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.* O God, feed us all with your mercy: **Lord, receive our prayer.**

In gratitude for the many blessings of our lives, for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for all that we have to be thankful for, we pray. *The people may add their own petitions.* O God, feed us all with your mercy: **Lord, receive our prayer.**

For all who have died, that they may have eternal peace in you, we pray.
O God, feed us all with your mercy: **Lord, receive our prayer.**

God our source of light and life, in this holy season you call us to return from our wandering and come home to you. Help us to find our way, and guide us during our Lenten journey, that we may arrive at Easter ready once more to celebrate our passage with Christ from death to life and from despair to hope, trusting in the life of Christ, our Lord. **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

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

Offertory Hymn: LEVAS #111 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790). Music: Nettelton from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II* 1813. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line and repeat dots at the end. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are as follows:

Come, thou fount of ev-ery bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer, Hith-er by thy help I'm come;
Oh, to grace how great a debt-or, Dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;

Streams of mer-cy nev-er ceas-ing, Call for songs of loud-est praise.
And I hope by thy good pleas-ure, Sure-ly to ar-rive at home.
Let that grace, Lord, like a fet-ter, Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee:

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, Sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove.
Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, Wan-d'ring from the fold of God.
Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;

Praise the mount! Oh fix me on it. Mount of God's un-chang-ing love.
He, to save my soul from dan-ger, In-ter-posed His pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts a-bove.

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: you can text stgeodragon to 73256 (Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.), use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give, or donate via Zelle to donations@stgeorgesglenndale.org.

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.

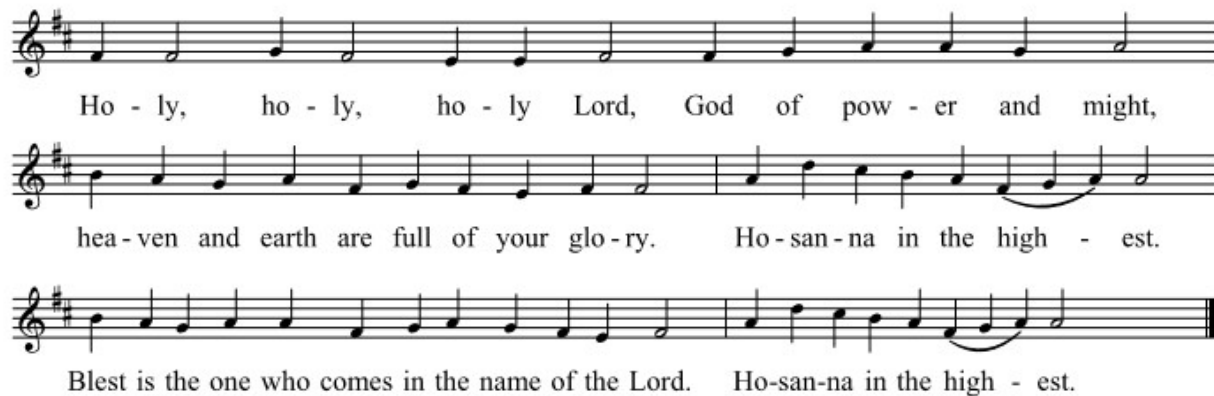
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of all mercy, it is indeed right and good to give you thanks through Jesus Christ your Son, for you have been present with us at every turn. We remember that at Sinai, you gave us the gift of your law, teaching us to live together as you intended. When we gave up hope in the wilderness, succumbing to the poison of bitterness and despair, you kept us alive, and set us back on the path to the promised land.

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

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord

Setting: David Hurd (b. 1950) Hymnal 1982 #S 124. 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.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For it was out of your great love for the world you made that you sent Jesus not to condemn but to save us, so that we who trust in him might not perish, but have eternal life.

Baptized by John in the Jordan, anointed by your Holy Spirit, and tested in the wilderness, Jesus came to proclaim the good news that the time was fulfilled, and your kingdom had come near. He turned the tables on injustice and corruption; he came to restore and renew the temple of your presence by offering us a place in the temple of his risen body.

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."

Remembering now your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we present to you O God, from your creation, this bread and this wine. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice.

Great then is the mystery of our faith:

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

Gracious God, we pray that you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and all your people, and strengthen us to be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Show us the way of life you have prepared for us in Christ, so that we might trust and live in him, sharing in the immeasurable riches of your grace.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, 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.
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, all sing together

Fraction Hymn: Hymnal 1982 S 170 *Whoever Eats This Bread*


Setting: Mode 1; adapted by Mason Martens (b. 1933)

Antiphon
Cantor, then All



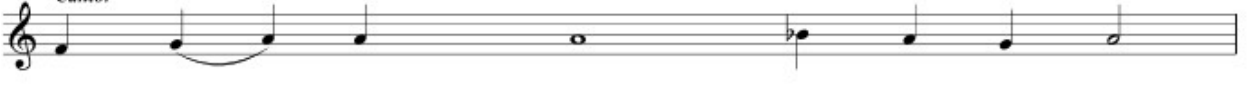
Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

Cantor *Repeat Antiphon*




1. This is the true bread which comes down from hea-ven and gives life to the world.

Cantor



2. Who - ev - er believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst

Repeat Antiphon



for the bread which I give for the life of the world is my flesh.

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.*



*If you would prefer not to receive the Eucharist, you are welcome to come up for a blessing;
cross your hands to your shoulders to indicate this to the priest.*

Communion Hymn 1: Hymnal 1982 #603 *When Christ was lifted from the earth*

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Music: *St. Botolph*, Gordon Slater (1896-1979). Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his arms stretched out a - bove
Still east and west his love ex - tends and al - ways near or far,
Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di - vide us to our shame,
Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may I in Christ be free



through ev - ery cul - ture, ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
he calls and claims us as his friends and loves us as we are.
he sees not la - bels but a face, a per - son, and a name.
to wel - come and ac - cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

Communion Hymn 2: LEVAS #88 *My Faith Looks up to Thee*

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887) Music: Lowell Mason (1792-1872) Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



My faith looks up to thee, Thou lamb of Cal - va - ry,
May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,
While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a - round me spread
When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray Take all my
My zeal in - spire; As thou has died for me, O may my
Be thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to - day, Wipe sor - row's
Shall o'er me roll; Blest Sav - or, then in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly thine.
love to thee Pure, warm, and change-less be A liv - ing fire.
tears a - way; Not let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.
- trust re-move, O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: 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 and by this sacrament of bread and wine, 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 #530 *Spread, O Spread Thou Mighty Word*

Words: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier (1774-1842); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952) Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944) and F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984). Music: *Gott sei Dank* from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1784, adapted William Henry Havergal (1793-1870). Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Spread, O spread, though might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
word of how the Spir - it came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,



that to earth's re - mot-est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
how his nev - er - fail-ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove;
spread a-broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *Gade* by Edvard Grieg



Who Do You Say That I Am?

by Lauren Wright Pittman

Inspired by Matthew 16:13-20

Digital painting

I don't know if this was a moment of clarity for Peter, if he was regurgitating the answer he thought Jesus wanted to hear, or if he was trying to convince himself that dropping everything and following this man was worth it, but I imagine this was a breakthrough for Peter.

I wanted to capture this as a moment of seeing and being seen. Jesus sees him as more than Simon, a fisherman and son of Jonah, and renames him Peter, the blessed foundation through which his ministry would take root and continue to grow. Jesus sees Peter through the eyes of God.

Peter sees Jesus as more than a teacher and companion. He sees through the veil of confusion concerning Jesus' identity. He doesn't see him as the reincarnation of a former prophet, or another contemporary baptizer pointing the way. He names Jesus as the "anointed one," the one his people have so desperately longed for. Peter proclaims Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God.

In this image, I wanted to create a kaleidoscope of perception, imaging the ways Jesus is perceived in the context of this passage, like light broken down into a myriad of shapes and colors. In the gold rays of light Jesus' form is obscured by the metallic shine of God's glory. In the gray and earth-tone rays he is seen in monochrome. Each of the earth-tone rays holds a pattern on Jesus' clothing which represents a misunderstanding of who Jesus is. Starting on the left, honey, locusts, and baptismal waters misidentify him as John the Baptist. Within the next ray to the right, ravens, an empty chair, rain, and fires from the heavens misidentify him as Elijah. On the right, scales of justice and plants being uprooted and planted misidentify him as Jeremiah.

Through the middle of the image, there is a ray of light where the image comes into full color that holds this moment of clarity where Jesus and Peter truly see one another. In this ray, Peter's clothing holds symbols of his new identity: a rock upon which the church will be built and keys to the kingdom. Jesus' clothing holds imagery—an oil jar and the light of the sun—representing the way Peter sees him as the Messiah and Son of the living God.

—Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

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Reflection: The image for the *Wandering Heart* program for this week invites us to consider matters of perception: how we may see ourselves as well as discern how others see us. The commentary by the artist, Lauren Wright Pittman, raises the question of whether Peter experienced a moment of clarity when he declared Jesus to be the Messiah. Or was Peter simply saying what he thought Jesus wanted to hear with ingratiating words used to win Jesus' favor? She describes a kaleidoscope of perceptions: some with great clarity and others far less clear. How do you see Jesus? How do you think Jesus sees you?