

The Season of Lent



The Second Sunday of Lent March 13, 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: *Waltz, Op. 69 No. 1, by F. Chopin (b. 1810-1894)* Szu-Yi Li, guest pianist

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #675 *Take up your cross*

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Take up your cross, the Sa- vior said, if you would my dis - ci - ple be; take
Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his
Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your fool-ish heart be still; the
Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave; it
Take up your cross, and fol-low Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for



up your cross with wil-ling heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
strength shall bear your spir - it up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
Lord for you ac - cept-ed death up - on a cross, on Cal-vary's hill.
guides you to a - bun-dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
on - ly those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm : 1-11

The LORD is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear?:

the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When the wicked close in on me to devour me:

it is they, my enemies and my foes, who stumble and fall.

If an army should encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid:

if war should arise against me, even then I will not be dismayed.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, which I long for:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

To gaze at your beauty O LORD: and to seek you in your temple.

For in the time of trouble you will give me shelter:

you will hide me under the cover of your tent, and set me high up on a rock.

And now you have raised my head: **above my enemies round about me.**

Therefore I will offer in your dwelling a sacrifice with great gladness:

I will sing and give praise to you O LORD.

Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call: **have mercy on me and answer me.**

Of you my heart has said, "Seek God's face.": **your face, LORD, will I seek.**



Gospel Hymn: LEVAS # 58 *The Lord Is My Light* (first half only with the repeat)

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The Lord is my light and my sal-va-tion, the Lord is my light and my sal-va-tion, the



Lord is my light and my sal-va-tion; whom shall I fear?

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

Luke 13:31-35

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Charles Hoffacker



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.

Offertory Anthem: *Arise Shine* by Marty Haugen

*Arise, shine! Your light has come: the light that shatters the darkness,
and the glory of God is risen upon you!*

*to be hope for our hearts: Wonderful Counselor;
to be strength for our lives, Mighty God;
to be peace for our souls: God of all Mercy;
to be wisdom and joy; Light for the World;
to be hope for the poor: God of all Justice;
to be God for all time: Prince of Peace;
to be love that renews: Lover and Healer;
to be light for our eyes: Spirit of Truth!*

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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

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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. 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 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 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 Anthem: *Day By Day* from *Godspell* by Stephen Schwartz

Helen Rowe, alto

*Day by day
Day by day
Oh Dear Lord
Three things I pray
To see thee more clearly
Love thee more dearly
Follow thee more nearly
Day by day.*

Communion Hymn: Gather #282 *Hosea*

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Hosea

Text & Tune: Gregory Norbet, b.1940

♩ = 80 Verses

1. Come back to me _____ with all your heart. _____
Trees do bend, _____ though straight and tall; _____

2. The wil - der - ness _____ will lead _____ you _____
In - teg - ri - ty _____ and jus - tice, _____

3. You shall sleep _____ se - cure with peace; _____

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1. Don't let fear _____ keep us a - part. _____
so must we _____ to oth - ers' call. _____

2. to your heart _____ where I will speak. _____
With ten - der - ness, _____ you shall know. _____

3. faith - ful - ness _____ will be your joy. _____ (To refrain)

10

Refrain

15 Long have I wait - ed for your com - ing home to me and _____ D.C.

liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

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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: Hymnal 1982 #495 *Hail, thou once despised Jesus!*

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790) Music *In Babilone* from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollanise Borrenlities en Contradanseu* 1710
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Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal-i - le - an King!
Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point-ed, all our sins on thee were laid:
Je - usus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er to a - bide:
Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy to re - ceive;



Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; thou didst free sal - va - tion bring.
by al - might - y love a - noint - ed thou hast full a - tone - ment made.
all the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore thee, seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side.
high - er prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, right it is for us to give.



Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame!
All thy peo - ple are for - giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood:
There for sin - ners thou art plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare;
Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise;



By thy mer - it we find fa - vor; life is giv - en through thy Name.
o - pened is the gate of hea - ven, re - conciled are we with God.
ev - er for us in - ter - ced - ing till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
help to sing our Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Soon and Very Soon/When We All Get to Heaven*, arr. Bill Wolaver