

The Season of Lent



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

A Note to Visitors and Newcomers

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: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #142 *Lord, who throughout these forty days*

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Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend and didst the vict - ory win,
As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, grac - ious Lord,
And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
A - bid with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,



teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
yea, ev - er more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bid.
an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

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.**

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 the Collect of the Day:

Holy One of Grace, 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.

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

You Lord make me lie down in green pastures:

and lead me beside the waters of peace.

You revive my spirit:

and guide me in right pathways for your name’s sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

You spread a table for me in the sight of my enemies:

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is overflowing.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Gospel Hymn: My Heart Sings Out #80 *The Light of Christ*

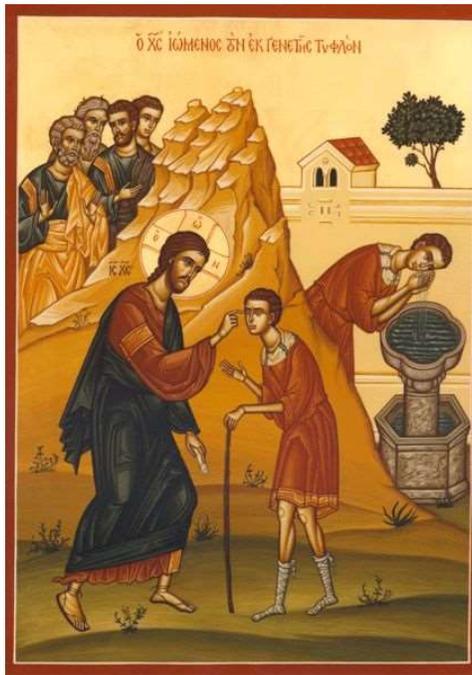
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The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Alto) in 2/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has two staves with lyrics: "The light of Christ has come in - to the world. The". The second system also has two staves with lyrics: "The light of Christ has come in - to the world.". The third system has two staves with lyrics: "light of Christ has come in - to the world. world." and "The light of Christ has come come.". The score includes first and second endings for the final phrase.

Please be seated for a dramatic reading of today's Gospel

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

John 9:1-41



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

Affirmation of Faith

**As children of God,
we affirm that God, who is Love, created all and called it good,
that God is present with all of creation,
and that in darkness and in light, God is faithful;
therefore we too seek to be faithful.**

**We affirm that Jesus came to show us Love with a human face,
that he taught justice and reconciliation
and suffered on our behalf,
and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope;
therefore we too seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and hope.**

**We affirm that the Holy Spirit guides us and accompanies us,
that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment,
and that when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way;
therefore we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit,
discerning, loving, and transforming our world. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

In this holy season of Lent, we ask you, O God, to change our hearts so that through your grace and love we may turn back to you, repenting of our wrongs and renewing our commitment to you. As we walk this Lenten journey, we offer our prayers with humility and faith, saying: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

As Jesus fasted in the wilderness, enable us to fast from what is unnecessary and open our hearts so that we might be generous in our giving and faithful in service to others. 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.**

We pray for those in authority in our country and across the world, that they govern in truth and compassion. May those who lead seek the wisdom of God as Nicodemus did and may they lead with justice and seek peace. We pray, saying: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

As Jesus crossed boundaries to speak with the Samaritan woman, we pray for the healing of divisions in our world. Be present O God to those in places of conflict around the world and protect all who are in harm's way. We pray especially for victims of gun violence, for the people of Ukraine and for all who are caught in the violence of war. Shelter them under your wings, O Lord we pray, saying: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

As you lay a table before us, open our hearts to those who are hungry and those who are experiencing homelessness in our communities, especially the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School and those served by the Bowie Food Pantry and the Warm Nights program. We also pray for those served by our Lenten Outreach this year, the youth served by Trevor Project and those who receive meals and support from Miriam's Kitchen. We pray, saying: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

As Jesus showed compassion to those in need of healing, 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.**

As Jesus comforted Mary and Martha of Bethany at the death of his friend Lazarus, may we be present to all who grieve the loss of loved ones. And may those who died be lifted up to eternal life. *The people may add prayers.* May they go from strength to strength in your presence, 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.**

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.**

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

The Celebrant says the offertory sentence

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

My Heart Sings Out #59 *Longing for light*

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Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for truth, we turn to you.
Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for hope, man - y de - spair.
Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for wa ter, man - y still thirst.
Long-ing for shel ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for warmth, man - y are cold.
Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.



Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
Your word a - lone has pow - er to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - till all are fed.
Make us your build ing, shel - ter - ing o - thers, wall made of liv - ing stone.
Let us be ser vants to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

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.

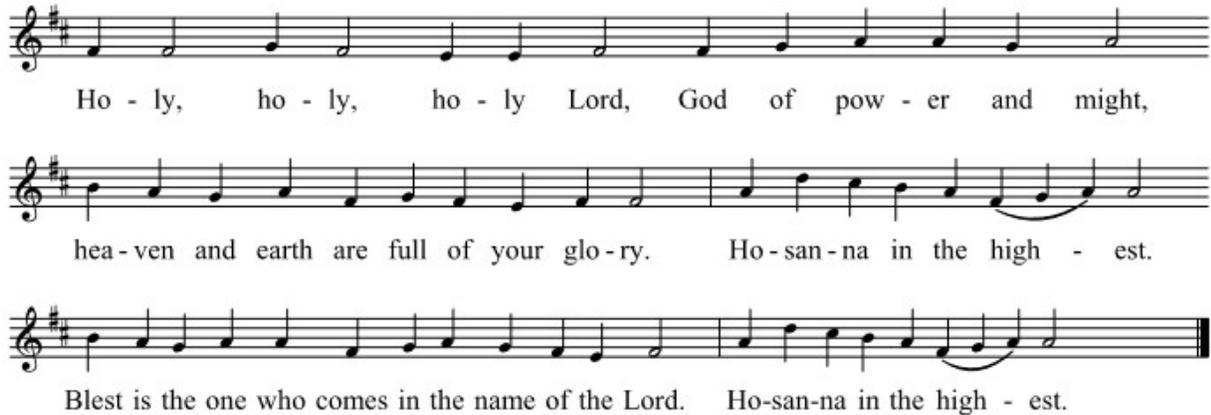
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of all mercy, it is indeed right and good to give you thanks through Jesus Christ your Son. For you 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 everywhere, forever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

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.

The Celebrant continues:

Lifegiving God, your word speaks into the void calling into being things that are not and inviting us to share your work of creation. We thank you for the ages long ago of gathering stars and cooling earth, of life evolving and waking eyes of wonder.

We thank for Jesus, son of Mary, formed of her flesh and nurtured by her faith. Jesus walked the growing earth and proclaimed a fearless kingdom of bird and lily, child and sojourner, the beggar and the blind.

On the cross he joined the labor of all creation's yearning; in his rising, he hallowed all flesh to bear the glory of God; through the Spirit, he gives to birth a living hope.

And so we remember that on the night before he died, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. At the table 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 which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them 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 sins. 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.

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. We ask that your Holy Spirit fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile and earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ.

Make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

Through Christ who was emptied to bear your fullness we make our prayer to you O God, the glory who fills all and all, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. 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. After a time of silence all sing:

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

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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.

Communion Hymn 1: Gather #282 *Hosea*

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Hosea

Text & Tune: Gregory Norbert, b.1940

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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. _____

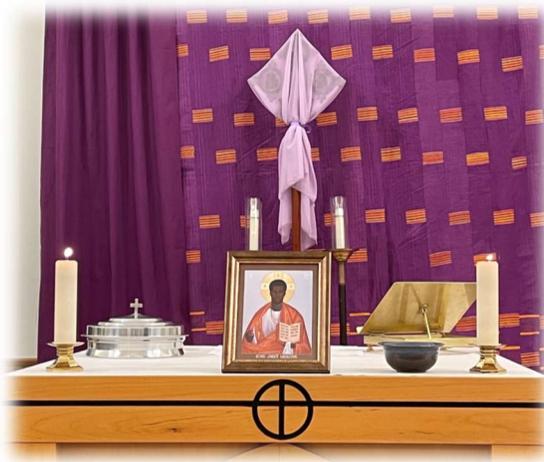
3. faith - ful - ness _____ will be your joy. _____ (To refrain)

10 Refrain

15 Long have I wait - ed for your com - ing home to me and _____
 liv - ing deep - ly our new life. _____

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Communion Hymn 2: LEVAS #137 *Just as I am*

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 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,
 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt;
 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,
 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve,
 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down;
 Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,



 and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 yea all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 here for a sea - son, then a - bove; O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Post-communion Prayer

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, 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: New Century Hymnal #476 *My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

Words: Psalm 46, 1 Corinthians and 2 Corinthians. Anna Warner, Doris Plenn verse 3.

Music: *Endless Song*, Attr. Robert Lowery in *Bright Jewels for the Sunday School*, New York 1869. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion.
What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is liv - ing.
When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells ring - ing.
I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a - bove it.



I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
What though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A new song Christ is giv - ing.
When friends re - joice both far and near, how can I keep from sing - ing?
And day by day this path - way smooths, since first I learned to love it.



Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing;
No storm can shake my in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing;
In pri - son cell and dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing;
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing;



It finds an ech - o in my soul - how can I keep from sing - ing?
Since love com - mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?
When friends by shame are un - de - filed, how can I keep from sing - ing?
All things are mine since I am Christ's how can I keep from sing - ing?

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *There is a Fountain*