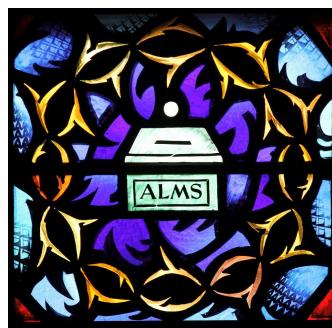


The Season of Lent



The Third Sunday of Lent March 20, 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: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us, arr. Mark Hayes (b.1953)
Szu-Yi Li, guest pianist

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #150 Forty days and forty nights

Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870) Music: Aus der Tiefe rufe ich Martin Herbst (1654-1681) Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

A musical score for the first stanza of the hymn. It consists of a single staff in G major, common time, with quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

For - ty days and for - ty nights thou was fast - ing in the wild;
Should not we thy ser - vants share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

A musical score for the second stanza of the hymn. It consists of a single staff in G major, common time, with quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de-filed.
fast - ing with un - ceas-ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
Vic - tor in the wild-er - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

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



Living Mystery, whose way is not ours, whose name cannot be bought or sold: lead us from justice without compassion and sacrifice without mercy to a love which nurtures and a grace without price; through Jesus Christ, the true Bread. Amen.

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

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

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God: **and earnestly will I seek you.**

My soul thirsts for you, my body yearns for you:

like a land that is dry and thirsty for water.

With this longing I have come before you in the sanctuary:

that I may see your power and your glory.

Your steadfast love is better than life itself: **therefore my lips will speak your praise.**

As long as I live I will bless you: **and lift up my hands to pray in your name.**

I shall be satisfied as with a rich and sumptuous feast:

and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips.

When I remember you upon my bed: **and think of you in the watches of the night,**

how you have been my helper: **how I am safe in the shadow of your wings,**

then my soul clings to you: **and your right hand upholds me.**

Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 # 685 *Rock of Ages*

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778) Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872) Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee; let the
Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan-guor know, all for
While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death, when I

wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed, be of
sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone; in my
rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne, Rock of

sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt ad power.
hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
a - ges, cleft for me, let me hid my - self in thee.

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

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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, scoured 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 homelessness 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 receive 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 Hymn: WL P #753 *When from bondage we are summoned*

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When from bond - age we are sum-moned out of dark-ness in - to light. We must go in
When our God names us a peo - ple, Je - sus leads us by the hand through a lone-ly,
Through all stag - es of the jour - ney Christ is with us, night and day. with com-pas-sion
We must not lose sight of Je - sus, who ac - cept - ed pain and loss, who, for joy of
See the prize our God has prom-ised; end-less life with Christ our Lord. Now we fix our



hope and pat - ience, walk by faith and not by sight. Let us throw off all that hin-ders;
bar - ren des - ert to a great and glo - rious land.
for our weak - ness ev - 'ry step a - long the way.
love, un - meas-ured, dared em-brace the shame-ful cross.
eyes on Je - sus, walk by faith in Je - sus' word.



let us run the race to win! Let us has-ten to our home-land and re-joic-ing, ent-er in.

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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

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 Anthem: *Go Down Moses*, arr. H.T Burleigh emma hadley, Soprano

*When Israel was in Egypt's land
Let my people go
Oppressed so hard they could not stand
Let my people go*

*Go down, Moses
Way down in Egypt's land
Tell ole Pharaoh
To let my people go*

*"Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said
Let my people go
"If not, I'll smite your firstborn dead"
Let my people go*

Go down, Moses ...

Communion hymn: Hymnal 1982 #439 What Wondrous Love

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What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm



this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
Lamb who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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

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 #469 *There's a Wilderness in God's Mercy*

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863) Music: *St. Helena*, Calvin Hampton (1938-1984) Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness of the sea;
There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind - ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his

good; there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in His blood.
shed; there is joy for all the mem bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
word; and our life would be thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Go Down Moses*, arr. Bradley Sowash