

# The Season of Lent



St. George's Church • Glenn Dale Parish •  
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## Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 # 693 Just as I am



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



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

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**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."

**Holy God - Trisagion**

Setting: Ver. Hymnal 1982,  
after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray together: **Lord Christ, you came into the world as one of us, and suffered as we do. As we walk through the trials of this life, help us to realize that you are with us at all times and in all things, and that your loving embrace unfolds us daily and for all eternity. In the security of your love, we pray. Amen.**

### **Psalm 27**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh- my adversaries and foes, they shall stumble and fall.

**Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.**

For you O God will hide me in your shelter in the day of trouble; you will conceal me under the cover of your tent and set me high upon a rock.

**Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in your tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to you, O God.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

**Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

### **A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew**

Matthew 26:26-29

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt**

## **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began. We believe in Christ the Savior, Son of God in human frame, virgin-born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led, suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead. We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign, to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above: saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love. So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Savior, Lord and friend, we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.

## **The Prayers of the People**

We turn to you, O God, ever confident of your enduring presence in our lives, even in the midst of fear and isolation, disease and death, with these our prayers of intercession, praise and thanksgiving, confident that you are with us and that you will hear our pleas.

We respond: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those in positions of authority in the church and our society .....

We pray this day: **Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the welfare of our community, our families and friends: .....

We pray this day: **Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the most vulnerable in our midst, especially for: .....

We pray this day: **Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray in thanksgiving for one another, and for all of those who reach out to us and to others in need..... We pray this day: **Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for healing in mind, body and spirit: .....

We pray this day: **Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Throughout all the times and seasons of our lives, and especially now in this season of wilderness and exile, we know that we are on a journey without knowing where it will lead. And we know, O Lord, that you call us to move from fear to security, from sickness to well-being, from helplessness to confidence, and that you are with us for every step of that journey. In every new day, in every piece of distressing news, in every act of kindness, in every small joy, you are with us. Help us live this day in hope with the knowledge that we will in time arrive with you at the Resurrection, ready to celebrate our passage with Christ from death to life, and from despair to peace, trusting in the life of Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## Announcements

### **Choir Anthem: *Requiem* by Eliza Gilkyson arranged. Craig Hella Johnson**

This arrangement is dedicated to victims of natural disaster.

Mother Mary, full of grace, awaken  
All our homes are gone, our loved ones taken  
Taken by the sea  
Mother Mary, calm our fears, have mercy  
Drowning in a sea of tears, have mercy  
Hear our mournful plea

Our world has been shaken  
We wander our homelands forsaken  
In the dark night of the soul  
Bring some comfort to us all  
Oh mother Mary come and carry us in your embrace  
That our sorrows may be faced

Mary, fill the glass to overflowing  
Illuminate the path where we are going  
Have mercy on us all  
In funeral fires burning  
Each flame to your mystery returning

In the dark night of the soul  
Your shattered dreamers, make them whole,  
Oh mother Mary find us where we've fallen out of grace  
Lead us to a higher place

In the dark night of the soul  
Our broken hearts you can make whole  
Oh mother Mary come and carry us in your embrace  
Let us see your gentle face, Mary

### **Prayers for Holy Communion in Spirit**



*Love one another as I have loved you*

Celebrant: Though we are separated from one another spatially, we remain connected to each other in heart and spirit as we contemplate the real presence of Christ in our midst. We remember that Christ is truly present with us, not only in bread and wine, but in our daily lives. Through this period of our physical separation, we fast from a literal participation in the sharing of communion, while also knowing that we receive the presence of Christ through our desire to share the sacrament. In that spirit let us pray:

**Holy One, help us to remember past celebrations of the sacrament of bread and wine, your presence in our community. We pray that you would continually refresh and renew in us the feelings and desires that make this experience a sacred and abiding one, even as we aren't able to share it together in this time.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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 Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, God who created us, Christ Jesus who brings us new life, and the Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us be with you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS 58 The Lord Is My Light**

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? Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life. whom shall I fear? In the time of trou-ble, He shall hide me, O, in the time of trou-ble, He shall hide me, in the time of trou-ble, He shall hide me, whom shall I fear?

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### **The Dismissal**

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God**