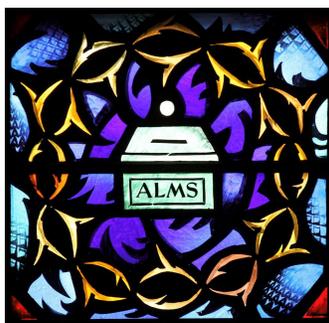


The Season of Lent



The Fourth Sunday of Lent March 27, 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: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Faye Lopez

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

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898) Music: *St. Flavian* from *Day's Psalter*, 1562. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



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 - bide 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 - bide.
an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

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

Gracious Father, 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.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

Psalm 32

Blessed are those whose offenses are forgiven:
whose sin has been put away.

Blessed are those to whom the LORD imputes no guilt:
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I held back from confessing my sin:
my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night:
I was dried up and withered as it were by drought in summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you:
my guilt I did not hide.

I said, "I will confess my sins to the LORD.":
and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.

Therefore let all those that are faithful play to you in time of trouble:
when great flood water rises, it shall not come near them.

You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble:
you will surround me with shouts of deliverance.

I will teach you and guide you in the way you should go:
I will keep you under my eye and give you counsel.

Be not like horse or mule, which have no understanding:
whose course must be checked with bit and bridle.

Many pains are in store for the wicked:
but whoever trusts in the LORD is surrounded by steadfast love.

Be glad you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD:
shout for joy, all who are upright in heart.

Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #508 *Breathe on me, Breath of God*

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Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new, that I may
Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure, un - til with
Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine, till all this
Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die; but live with



love what thou dost love and do what thou wouldst do.
thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
thee the per - ferct life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

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

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' "

So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him

back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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, 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.

Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible. You can use your phone to text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give. If your bank offers Zelle, you can use your banking app to send a donation via Zelle to donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net. There are also baskets at the entrance and exit doors of the Sanctuary for donations of checks or cash.

Offertory Anthem: *Come, thou fount of every blessing*, arr. Lani Smith (1934-2015)

Come thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! O fix me on it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home:
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy grace, Lord, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

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.

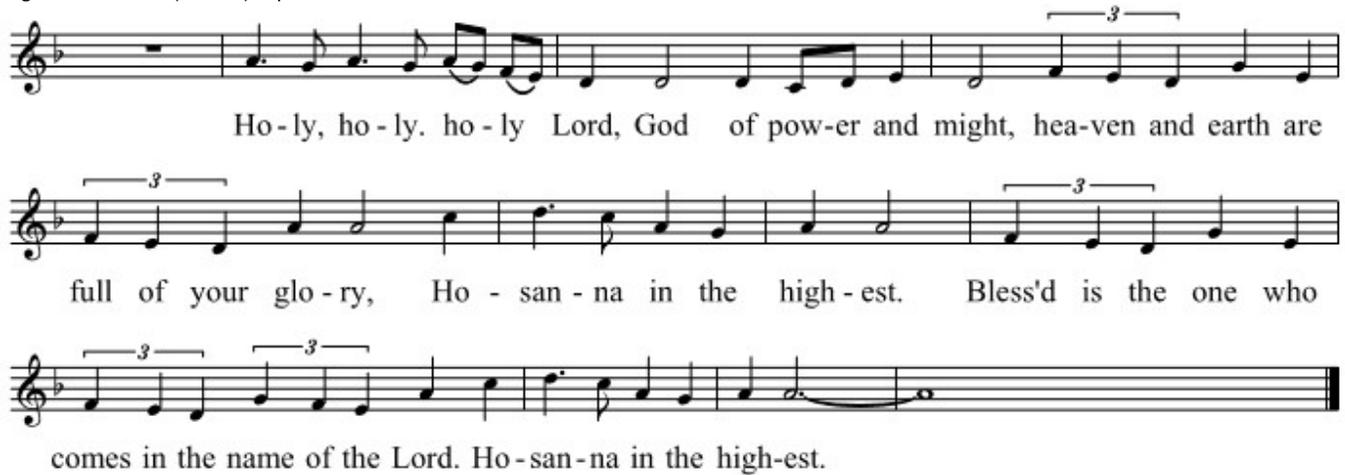
***People:* It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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 Hymn 1: LEVAS #101 *Softly and Tenderly*

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Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for you and for
Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, Plead - ing for you and for
Time is now fleet - ing, the mom - ents are pass - ing. Pass - ing for you and for
Oh! for the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised, Prom - ised for you and for



me: See, on the por - tals He's wait - ing and watch - ing,
me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not His mer - cies,
me; Shad - ows are gath - er - ing, death beds are com - ing,
me; Though we have sinned, He has mer - cy and par - don,



Watch - ing for you and for me. Come home, come home, Ye who are wea - ry, come
Mer - cies for you and for me?
Com - ing for you and for me.
Par - don for you and for me.



home! Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!

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
Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict, man - y a
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.

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

Words: Psalm 46, 1 Corinthians and 2 Corinthians.

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. I
What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is liv - ing. What
When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells ring - ing. When
I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a - bove it. And



hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion. Through
though the shad - ows gath - er 'rouind? A new song Christ is giv - ing. No
friends re - joice both far and near, how can I keep from sing - ing? In
day by day this path - way smooths, since first I learned to love it. The



all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It
storm can shake my in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since
pri - son cell and dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing; When
peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing; All



finds an ech - o in my soul - how can I keep from sing - ing?
love com - mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?
friends by shame are un - de - filed, how can I keep from sing - ing?
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: *How Can I Keep from Singing* arr. Stephen Lay

