

# The Season of Lent



St. George's Church • Glenn Dale Parish  
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## The Second 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: *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

### Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #401 *The God of Abraham Praise*

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The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove; An-cient of ev - er -  
He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend, we shall, on ea - gles'  
There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right-eous-ness, tri - um-ph'ant o'er the  
The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing, and "Ho - ly, ho - ly  
The whole tri - um-ph'ant host give thanks to God on high; "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and



- last - ing days, and God of love; The Lord, the great I AM, by  
wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend: we shall be - hold his face, we  
world and sin the Prince of Peace; on Zi - on's sa - cred height his  
ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King! Who was, and is, the same, and  
Ho - ly Ghost" they ev - er cry; hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With



earth and heaven con-fessed: we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
shall his power a - dore, and sing the won-ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
king - dom he main-tains, and, glo-rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
ev - er more shall be: e - ter - nal Fa-ther, great I AM, we wor-ship thee."  
heaven our songs we raise; all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end-less praise.

*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:

**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 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

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



## Psalms 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills:

**but where shall I look for help?**

My help comes from the Lord:

**who has made heaven and earth.**

The Lord will not let your foot stumble:

**the one who guards you will not sleep.**

The one who keeps watch over this people:

**shall neither doze nor sleep.**

The Lord is the one who will guard you:

**the Lord at your right hand will be your defense,**

O that the sun shall not strike you by day:

**nor yet the moon by night.**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil:

**yes it is the Lord who will keep you safe.**

The Lord shall take care of your going out, and your coming in:

**from this time forth and for ever.**

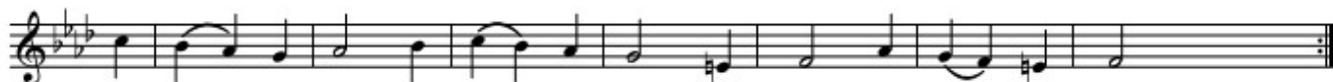
## Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #668 *I to the hills lift mine eyes*

Words: *The Psalms of David in Meter*, 1650, alt; st. 4 F. Bland Tucker (1865-1984) paraphrase of Psalm 121

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I to the hills will lift mine eyes; from whence shall come my aid?  
God will not let thy foot be moved, for all God safe - ly keeps;  
Thy faith - ful guard - ian is the Lord, thy shelt - er and thy shade;  
From e - vil God shall keep thee safe and shall thy strength re - store



My help is from the Lord a - bove who heaven and earth hath made.  
with watch - ful and un - tir - ing eye God slum - bers not, nor sleeps.  
nor sun by day, nor moon by night, need make thy soul a - fraid.  
and guide thy go - ing out and in, both now and ev - er - more.

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

### **John 3:1-17**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

## **The Sermon: John Rebstock, TSSF**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*This Lent as we affirm our faith – where we would traditionally say or sing the Nicene Creed, the church’s historic statement of common faith - you are invited to pause and reflect on the true meaning of what we do when we say the Creed. We are invited to recall that the word creed – credo - is commonly translated “believe”, but in fact it is more accurately rendered “to give one’s heart to.” When it comes to your faith in God, in Jesus, in the Spirit – what do you give your heart to? During this season of Lent may you consider this question as we say together this 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.

*Although St. George's no longer physically "passes the basket" everyone is invited and encouraged to make a financial offering to express your gratitude to God for the gifts we are given and in support of our mission and ministries. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible; you can text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to [www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give](http://www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give). You may also donate via Zelle to [donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org](mailto:donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org) or use Cash App to send your donation to [\\$StGeorgesGlennDale](#). Baskets at the doors of the Sanctuary may be used for donations of checks or cash. Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's.*

## Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #449 *O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

Words: Latin, 15<sup>th</sup> century Tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885) Music: *Deo gratias*, English ballad melody, Trinity College M.S. 15<sup>th</sup> century  
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O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing thought and fan - ta -  
For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly fast and hun - gered  
For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his dai - ly works he  
For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in pur - ple robe ar -  
For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he went on high to  
All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so



- sy, that God, the Son of God should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
sore; for us temp - ta - tions sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
wrought: by words and signs and ac - tions, thus still seek - king not him - self but us.  
- rayed, he bore the shame - ful cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
reign; for us he sent his Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
broad; the Trin - i - ty whom we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.



### 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*

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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.



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: LEVAS #138 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

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Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian In my heart, In my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, In my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, In my heart;  
I don't want to be like Ju - das In my heart, In my heart;  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, In my heart;



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, In my heart, In my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, In my heart, In my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, In my heart, In my heart,  
I don't want to be like Ju - das In my heart, In my heart, In my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, In my heart, In my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart.  
I don't want to be like Ju - das In my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart.

### Communion Hymn 2: Gather #588 *Eat This Bread*

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Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

## 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: LEVAS #208 *We've Come This Far by Faith*

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The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'We've come this far by faith, Lean-ing on the Lord; Trust-ing in his ho-ly'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'word, He's nev-er failed me yet. O can't turn a-round,'. The third staff is labeled 'Verse 1' and contains the lyrics: 'We've come this far by faith, Don't be dis-cour-aged when trou-ble's in your'. The fourth staff concludes the piece with the lyrics: 'life. He'll bear your bur-dens and move all mis-er-y and strife. That's why we've'. The score includes various musical notations such as triplets, slurs, and dynamic markings like 'D.S.'.

Just the other day I heard someone say  
He didn't believe in God's word;  
But I can truly say that God had made a way  
And he never failed me yet  
That's why we've (refrain)

### The Dismissal

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

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

**Postlude: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me***