



# Easter

## The Great Fifty Days

### The Fifth Sunday of Easter

St. George's Church  
Glenn Dale Parish •

The Episcopal Diocese of  
Washington

May 10, 2020

**Prelude** *Preludio* from *España* by Isaac Albéniz (1860-1909)

### Welcome and Introduction

### Opening Hymn: Hymnal # 536 Open Your Ears

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O - pen your eyes, O faith - ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears, and hear God's word.  
They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have ears, then let them hear.  
Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sa - vior, Ju - dah is glad to see his day.  
O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.  
They who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.  
From east and west the peo-ples trav - el, he will show the way.  
O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.



God has spo-ken to his peo-ple, Hal-le-lu - jah! And his words are words of wis-dom,



Hal-le-lu - jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! God has spo-ken to his peo-ple, Hal-le-lu - jah!



And his words are words of wis-dom, Hal-le-lu - jah!

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*All pray together:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Gloria** (*sung twice*) David Haas

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, Sing! Glo-ry to  
God! Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth!

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*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant:* Let us pray:

O Lord, help us to know you in love and awe, for you never fail to help and sustain those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Psalm 31

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me: **For you are my refuge, O God.**  
Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me: **For you are my refuge, O God.**  
You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me:  
**For you are my refuge, O God.**  
Take me out of the net that they have secretly hidden for me:  
**For you are my refuge, O God.**  
Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God:  
**For you are my refuge, O God.**  
My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors:  
**For you are my refuge, O God.**  
Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love:  
**For you are my refuge, O God.**

## 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

### Creed: I Believe, I Do Believe

South African

I be-lieve, I do be-lieve, tru - ly I be-lieve it. Tru -  
I be-lieve in God, the Al-migh - ty Lord Cre - a - tor. Migh -  
I be-lieve in Je - sus, the Sa - vior of the peo-ple. Sa -  
And I do be-lieve in the pow - er of the Spi - rit. Pow -

3  
- ly I be - lieve it, tru - ly I be - lieve it!  
- ty Lord Cre - a - tor, migh - ty Lord Cre - a - tor.  
- vior of the peo - ple, Sa - vior of the peo - ple.  
- er of the Spi - rit, Pow - er of the Spi - rit.

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I be-lieve, I do be-lieve, tru - ly I be-lieve it. Tru -  
I be-lieve in God, the Al-migh - ty Lord Cre - a - tor. Migh -  
I be-lieve in Je - sus, the Sa - vior of the peo-ple. Sa -  
And I do be-lieve in the pow - er of the Spi - rit. Pow -

7  
ly I be - lieve it, tru - ly I be - lieve it!  
- ty Lord Cre - a - tor, migh - ty Lord Cre - a - tor.  
- vior of the peo - ple, Sa - vior of the peo - ple.  
- er of the Spi - rit, Pow - er of the Spi - rit.

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## The Prayers of the People

Celebrating the gift of new life in Christ, we offer our prayers for the world and all in need, saying, To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayer.**

God of new life, because of the Resurrection, your light breaks into our darkness; your love breaks down our fear; your presence breaks open our lives, and so even in this time of pandemic, we praise you. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayer.**

God of new life, because of the Resurrection, even now each day contains your promise. May we seize every opportunity to share your compassion. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayer.**

God of new life, because of the Resurrection you give us the strength to confront poverty and hunger, corruption and abuse of power. May we act for good in the world, trusting your life-giving promise. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayer.**

God of new life, we ask your healing touch to those who suffer in any way, especially those affected by the Covid-19 virus. We pray for those who are isolated, lonely, or afraid; we pray for those who are sick; we pray for those on our parish prayer list, and those whom we name silently or aloud. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayer.**

God of new life, we pray in thanksgiving for all that is good and gracious in our lives, even now. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayer.**

God of new life, because of the Resurrection death does not have the last word. We pray for all who have died, that they find rest in your arms, and for those who mourn, that they be comforted. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayer.**

In all thanks and praise to you O God, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead and offers us new life, we pray. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

## Announcements and Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries



Starting on Tuesday May 12 at 7:30 pm and on every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month all are invited to gather virtually for Contemplative Prayer and find God's presence in stillness and quiet.

We will mark Ascension Day on Thursday, May 21 with a worship service via Zoom. You are invited to video or call in to the service, which begins at 7:00 pm.

Details on both of these offerings can be found on St. George's website [www.stgeorgesglenndale.org/announcements](http://www.stgeorgesglenndale.org/announcements). Go to the calendar for links to the Zoom information.

## Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 213 Come Away to the Skies

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Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a rise and re-  
Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our  
For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the  
We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which had  
Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King, and his



- joice in the day thou wast born; on this fes - ti - val day, come ex-  
hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed, while his grace we re - ceive from his  
na - ture and king - dom di - vine! Now cre - a - ted a - gain that our  
joined us to Je - sus' Name; so u - ni - ted in heart, let us  
rap - tu - rous praise - es re - peat; to the Lamb that was slain, hal - le-



- ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn  
boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God.  
lives may re - main, through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine.  
nev - er more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.  
- lu - jah a - gain, sing, all hea - ven, and fall at his feat.

## Prayers for Communion in Spirit

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:

**Jesus, I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Though we cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

**Instrumental Meditation** *Legende Pastorale* by Benjamin Godard mm.1-31  
Rachel Willingham, Flutist

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant:* The Risen Christ is in our midst, and so with Christ we pray,

**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.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord, who call us to be living stones growing into salvation: We offer to you our humble thanks and praise for the blessings we have received this day through our worship of you; we pray that the week to come may be spent in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## The Easter Blessing

May God our Creator renew in you the creative Spirit that brings healing and life to our world. **Amen.**

May Jesus the Christ, uphold you in grace and love. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit fill you with courage to be bearers of God's song of hope in the world. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God be with you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal Hymn: WLP # 819 Guide My Feet, Lord

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Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.  
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.  
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.



Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.  
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.  
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**