

EASTER: THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS

St. George's Church
Glenn Dale Parish • The Episcopal Diocese of Washington
May 21, 2023

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: Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #460 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

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Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter, his the throne;
Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now;
Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Heav - en, thou on earth, our food our stay!
Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the Lord of lords we own:
Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter, his the throne;



Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone;
Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how:
Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to thee from day to day;
Al - le - lu - ia! born of Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy thron;
Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone;



Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;
though the cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty days were o'er,
In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me,
thou with in the well hast en - tered, robed in flesh our great High Priest:
Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;



Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion, hath re - deemed us by his blood.
shall our hearts for - get his pro - mise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
thou on earth both Priest and Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion, hath re - deemed us by his blood.

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.*

My Heart Sings Out #34 *Amen, we praise your name*

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Cantor *All*

Sing a - men: A - men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a - men:

A - men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a - men: A - men, A - men,

(not sung final time)

A - men, A - men, a - men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a - men.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of vocal and piano parts. The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The first system begins with a double bar line and repeat sign. The second system also begins with a double bar line and repeat sign. The third system ends with a double bar line and repeat sign, with the instruction '(not sung final time)' above the final measure.

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, of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*



The people are seated for the reading of the lessons.

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Psalm 68: 4-10, 33-36

Sing praises to God's holy name: **make a highway for the one who rides on the clouds, whose name is the Lord, in whose presence exult.**

Guardian of orphans and protector of widows: **such are you O God in your holy dwelling place.** You give the lonely a home to live in, and lead out the prisoners into prosperity: **but the rebellious must live in the wasteland.**

O God when you went out at the head of your people:

when you marched across the wilderness,

the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain:

before God the Lord of Sinai, before God the Lord most high.

You sent down a generous rain O God to refresh the wilting and of your possession.

There your people found a home: **which in your goodness you provided for the poor.**

Let tribute be brought out from Egypt: **and Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.**

Sing to God you kingdoms of the earth: **sing praises to the Lord,**

who rides on the heavens, the ancient heavens: **who speaks aloud with a mighty voice.**

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over our people: **and whose strength is in the skies.**

Wonderful are you O God, as you come from your holy place:

you give power and strength to your people. Blessed be God!

Gospel Hymn: Gather #323 Go

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Go ye there fore and teach all na - tions, go, go, go. Go ye there fore and
If you love me, real - ly love me, feed my sheep. If you love me,
teach all na - tions, go, go, go. Bap - tiz - ing them in the
real - ly love me, feed my sheep. And lo, I'll be with you for
name of the Fa - ther and Son and Ho - ly Ghost. Go, go, go.
ev - er and ev - er un - til the ends of the world, go, go, go.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 17:1-11

Raising his eyes in prayer, Jesus said to God, Father, it's time.

Display the bright splendor of your Son So the Son in turn may show your bright splendor.

You put him in charge of everything human So he might give real and eternal life to all in his care.

And this is the real and eternal life: That they know you, The one and only true God,

And Jesus Christ, whom you sent.

I glorified you on earth by completing down to the last detail what you assigned me to do.

And now, Father, glorify me with your very own splendor,

The very splendor I had in your presence Before there was a world.

I spelled out your character in detail To those you gave me.

They were yours in the first place; Then you gave them to me,

And they have now done what you said.

They know now, beyond the shadow of a doubt,

That everything you gave me is firsthand from you,

For the message you gave me, I gave them;

And they took it, and were convinced That I came from you.

They believed that you sent me. I pray for them.

I'm not praying for the God-rejecting world

But for those you gave me, For they are yours by right.

Everything mine is yours, and yours mine, And my life is on display in them.

For I'm no longer going to be visible in the world;

They'll continue in the world While I return to you.

Holy Father, guard them as they pursue this life That you conferred as a gift through me,

So they can be one heart and mind As we are one heart and mind.

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

Creed: *I Believe, I Do Believe, Truly I Believe It*

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



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



- 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 Spir-it, Pow - er of the Spir-it.

Prayers of the People

Because our triumphant Savior now reigns on high, let us pray on behalf of people everywhere, as we say, Risen and ascended Jesus, come among us: **fill us with your glory.**

May we proclaim you as sovereign through our words and our deeds, at all times and in all places. Risen and ascended Savior, come among us: **fill us with your glory.**

We pray for the people of this parish, for our ministries, and for all our ministry partners. Help us here in the Diocese of Washington to grow in grace and service to you. Risen and ascended Savior, come among us: **fill us with your glory.**

Deliver your creation from corruption and renew the face of the earth. Bring us into the glorious liberty of God's children. Risen and ascended Savior, come among us: **fill us with your glory.**

We remember all countries and peoples of the earth and those who govern them, and pray that you defend with your heavenly grace those who face risk and danger in the service of others. Risen and ascended Savior, come among us: **fill us with your glory.**

We remember those on our Parish Prayer List and all who are in crisis.

You may add the names of people who are of special concern to you, silently or aloud. Risen and ascended Savior, come among us: **fill us with your glory.**

We pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn.

You may add the names of people who are of special concern to you, silently or aloud. Risen and ascended Savior, come among us: **fill us with your glory.**

Celebrant Eternal God, by raising Jesus from the dead you proclaimed his victory, and by his ascension you declared him sovereign over all. Lift our hearts to heaven that we may live and reign with him, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Risen Christ 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.

Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #495 *Hail, thou once despised Jesus!*

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Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal-i - le - an King!
Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point-ed, all our sins on thee were laid:
Je - usus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er to a - bide:
Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy to re - ceive;



Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; thou didst free sal - va - tion bring.
by al - might - y love a - noint - ed thou hast full a - tone - ment made.
all the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore thee, seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side.
high - er prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, right it is for us to give.



Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame!
All thy peo - ple are for - giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood:
There for sin - ners thou art plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare;
Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise;



By thy mer - it we find fa - vor; life is giv - en through thy Name.
o - pened is the gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
ev - er for us in - ter - ced - ing till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
help to sing our Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

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. You may also donate via Zelle to 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

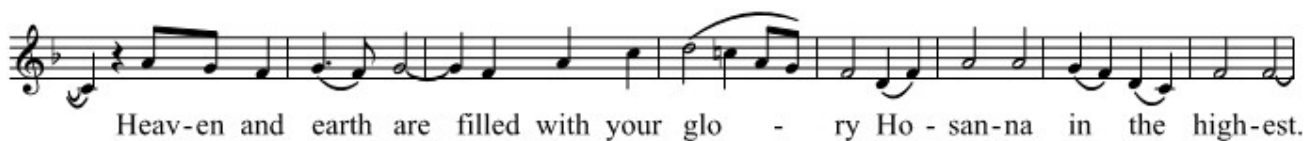
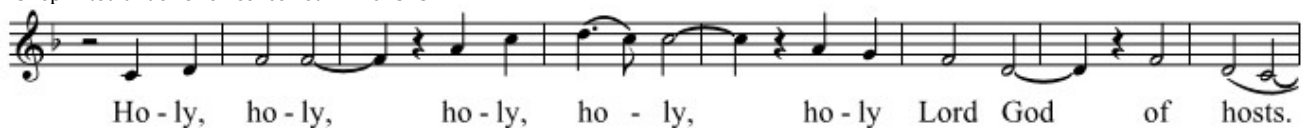
The Celebrant continues

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, bringing order from chaos and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in your light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to warm our hearts to love. As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Levas #255

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Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on all your people.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples Jesus took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

And so we recall his passion and death, his resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his holy reign.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us O God, and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and that we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us to live and work to your praise and glory, and may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the whole family of God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord by whom and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

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.

And 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,

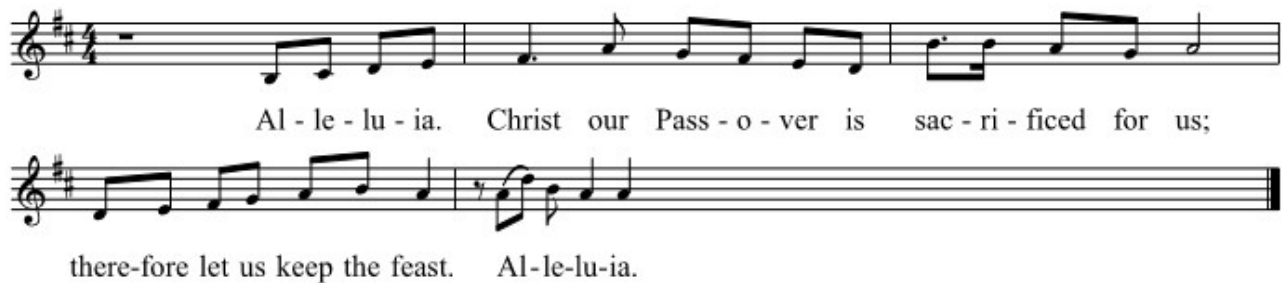
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken, and after a period of silence, all sing together:

Fraction Hymn: Wonder, Love and Praise #865 *Christ our Passover*

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Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia.

The Celebrant then 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.

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.

*Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are invited to receive the Holy Communion.
Whatever you believe or don't believe, you are welcome at this table.
For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.*



*If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine,
Please indicate this to the Celebrant by crossing your arms in front of your chest.*

Wonder, Love and Praise #796 Unidos, Together

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U - ni - dos, u - ni - dos, en tu nom bre u - ni - dos. U - ni - dos, u - ni - dos, en tu
To - geth - er, to - geth - er, in your name, we gath - er, To - geth - er, to - geth - er, in your



nom bre u - ni - dos. Pues en es - te mun - do paz y a - mor ten -
name, we gath - er. Then we'll have in this world peace and love a -



- dre - mos, Pues en es - te mun - do paz y a - mor ten - dre - mos. U -
- round us. Then we'll have in this world peace and love a - round us. To -



- ni - dos, siem - pre u - ni - dos, to - man - do - nos las ma - nos i - re - mos por el
- geth - er we're u - nit - ed: we hold hands as we strug - gle; we walk in - to the



mun - do can - tan - do al a - mor. La glo ria de Je - sus, al
world sing - ing God's song of love. The glo - ry of Je sus, will



fin res - plan - de - ce - ra Y el mun - do lle - na - ra de a - more y de
ev - er shine in splen - dor. The whole world will be joy - ful with love and



paz.
peace. peace with love and peace, with love and peace.

Wonder, Love and Praise #778 *We all are one in mission*

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Music: *Nyland*. Finnish folk melody adapt. David Evans (1874-1948) © Oxford University Press. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



We all are one in mis-sion, we are all one in call. our var - ied gifts u -
We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name. Our min - is - tries are
We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty; the stew - ard of sal -
Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard. Now let us be a



- nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all. A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com -
dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same: to touch the lives of oth - ers by
- va - tion was nailed up - on a tree. Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives
ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word. We all are one in mis - sion, we



- pels us from a - bove to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
God's sur - pris - ing grace, so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.
rise that we may share free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.
all are one in call, our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Post-communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Holy and gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the bread of life, and sustaining us with the presence of the Risen Christ. Grant that we who have gathered together this season of Resurrection will go out as people of hope and new life. May the meal we have shared revive us in body and soul, and make us glad to share the good news that Christ is risen; for he is alive and reigns with you, forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements



The Blessing

Let us go forth in light to honor our God and share what we know of the Risen Christ.
And now may God strengthen you and bless you with peace;
May Christ Jesus bring you the Easter joy of new life;
And may the Holy Spirit alight on you and affirm you as God's beloved, this day and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: Gather #337 *Sing Out, Earth and Skies*

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Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O Right-eous One; Come, and bring our
Come, O God of wind and flame: Fill the earth with right-eous-ness; Teach us all to
Come, O God of flash-ing light; Twin-king star and burn-ing sun; God of day and
Come, O God of snow and rain: Show-er down up-on the earth; Come, O God of
Come, O Jus-tice, Come, O Peace: Come and shape our hearts a-new; Come and make op-



love to birth: in the glo-ry of your Son. Sing out, earth and skies!
sing your name: May our lives your love con-fess.
God of night: In your light we all are one.
joy and pain: God of sor-row, God of mirth.
- press-sion cease: Bring us all to life in you.



Sing of the God who loves you! Raise your joy-ful cries! Dance to the life a-round you!

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Postlude: *Amazing Grace*