



EASTER: THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS

St. George's Church
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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: Variations on America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee) by Thomas Keesecker (b. 1956)

Opening Hymn: Wonder, Love and Praise #778 We all are one in mission

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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-frent, our pur-pose is the same: to touch the lives of oth-ers by
- va-tion was nailed u-on a tree. Yet res-ur-rect-ed Jes-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.

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

Words and Music: *Masithi* South African Hymn © 1983 Lumko Institute. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system is marked 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'Sing a-men: A-men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a-men:'. The second system continues the lyrics: 'A-men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a-men: A-men, A-men,'. The third system concludes with the lyrics: 'A-men, A-men, a-men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a-men.' and includes the instruction '(not sung final time)' above the final measure.

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, the King 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

Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
And let everyone who hears say, "Come."
And let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

Psalm 97

You are king O Lord, let the earth be glad:

let the many islets and coastlands rejoice.

Clouds and darkness are round about you:

righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne.

Fire goes before you:

and burns up your enemies on every side.

The world is lit up by your lightnings:

and earth trembles at the sight.

The mountains melt like wax before you:

before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim your righteousness:

and all the peoples see your glory.

Shame on all who worship images, and glory in their worthless idols:

bow down before the Lord all you gods.

Jerusalem hears and is glad:

the cities of Judah rejoice O Lord at your judgments.

For you LORD ARE most high over all the earth:

you are exalted far above all the gods.

You love those who hate evil:

**you preserve the lives of your servants,
and deliver them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light has dawned for the righteous:

and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous:

and give thanks to God's holy Name.



Gospel Hymn: LEVAS #166 *Grant Me a Blessing*

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Lord, my soul is thirst - ing for a bless - ing to - day,



Let thy pre - sence come from a - bove; O that thou wouldst rend the heav - ens;



and then come down; Let thy spir - it fall all a - round. Lord, my soul is thirst - ing and I



want a re - fresh - ing; Lord, my soul is thirst - ing and I need a fresh touch.



Lord, my soul is thirst - ing and I want a re - fresh - ing. Grant me a bless - ing to - day.



Grant me a bless - ing, Grant me a bless - ing, Grant me a



bless - ing, A bless - ing to - day, to - day.

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

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

John 17:20-26

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Motley



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

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C C/E F

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 C F G

- 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.

5 C C/E F G

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 C G C

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:

God of Resurrection, Holy and Living One, as we gather to celebrate your victory of love over death, we rejoice with Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and all who celebrate the new life you have given Jesus and us. And so let us pray together saying, we give thanks to you O God: **for you have done marvelous things.**

Holy and Living One, this Easter season we pray in gratitude for your people and your church. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the people of St. George's. May we rejoice in your resurrection we pray saying We give thanks to you O God: **for you have done marvelous things.**

Holy and Living One, this Easter season you make powerless the power of evil and death. Even in this time, we know you are present in places of devastation, war, and violence. We pray for all in harm's way, especially in Ukraine and other places of conflict, that you and we may bring light to that darkness. We pray saying We give thanks to you O God: **for you have done marvelous things.**

Holy and Living One, this Easter season, you roll away the stone once again and raise up Jesus. We pray that you roll away the stones that weigh us down in our lives and the lives of those around us, especially those who are sick and those who are suffering, for those on our parish prayer list and for those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* Inspire us to be Jesus' hands and heart to those who need new life. We pray saying We give thanks to you O God: **for you have done marvelous things.**

Holy and Living One, this Easter season you remind us that Jesus is not in the tomb but has risen. We pray for all who have died, especially those we remember with flowers and all of those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray that you comfort all who mourn and help us know that those we love and see no longer have found new life in you. We give thanks to you O God: **for you have done marvelous things.**

Holy and Living One, this Easter season we praise you and thank you for all that is good in our lives. We pray for all celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for the many blessings you bestow. We pray saying We give thanks to you O God: **for you have done marvelous things.**

Thanks be to you Holy and Living God, God of Resurrection, who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **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

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering holy and acceptable to God.

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Offertory Hymn: New Century Hymnal #504 *You Walk Along Our Shoreline*

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You walk a - long our shore - line where land meets un-known sea. We
You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth. We
We cast our net, O Je - sus; we seek your prom-ised reign; we



hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me. And
can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth. We
work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain. You



if you still will fol - low through storm and wave and shoal, then
spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face, our
call on us to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons, to



I will make you fish - ers, but of the hu-man soul."
boat a com-mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.
let your judg-ment heal us so that all may be one.

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: Hymnal 1982 # S 130 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Setting from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828) Arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937) Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

hea-ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho-

- san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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. 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 # 866 Christ our Passover

Setting: Carl Haywood (b. 1949) from *Fraction Anthems, Canticles and Chants* © 1997 Carl Haywood Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff is divided into three sections: 'Cantor' (4 measures), 'Choir' (4 measures), and 'Congregation and Choir' (4 measures). The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff continues the lyrics: 'Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the'. The third staff concludes with: 'feast. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. 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.*

Communion Hymn 1: LEVAS # 151 *One Bread, One Body*

Words: 1 Corinthians Music: John B. Foley, SJ (b. 1939) © 1978 John B. Foley, SJ and New Dawn Music. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all, one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And
we, though man-y, through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.
D.S.
Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free, wo-man or man no more. One
Man - y the gifts, man - y the works, one in the Lord of all. One
Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown, gath-ered to one for all. One



Communion Hymn 2: Hymnal 1982 # 321 *My God, thy table*

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751) v. 1-3; Isaac Watts (1674-1748) v. 4

Music: *Rockingham* from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature* ca. 1780. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with love doth o - ver flow; be
O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished well with joy - ful guests; and
Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in count - less num - bers let them come and
Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the world thy truth has run, till



all thy chil - dren thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
may each soul sal - va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
gath - er from their Fath - er's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
with this Bread shall all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

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 are made



The Blessing

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

May Jesus the Risen 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: LEVAS #194 *Lead Me, Guide Me*

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Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, For if you lead me, I can-not



stray. Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.



I am weak and I need thy strength and power to help me o ver my weak-est hour;
Help me tread in the paths of right - eous-ness, be my aid when satan and sin op-press;
I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind with-out thy light to see,



Help me through the dark ness thy face to see, Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
I am put - ting all my trust in thee. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser-vant be. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude: *Finlandia Dance (This Is My Song)* by Thomas Keesecker