



Easter: The Great Fifty Days

St. George's Church • Glenn Dale Parish
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The Sixth Sunday of Eastertide: A Service of Holy Eucharist

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.

Prelude: II. "Little Bird" from *Lyric Pieces Op.43*

Music: Edvard Grieg

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #412 *Earth and all stars*

Words: Herbert F. Brokering (b. 1926) Music: *Earth and All Stars*, David N. Johnson (b. 1922) Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Earth and all stars, loud rush - ing plan - ets, sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind and rain, loud blow - ing snow - storms, sing to the Lord a new song!
Trum - pet and pipes, loud clash - ing cym - bals, sing to the Lord a new song!
En - gines and steel, loud pound - ing ham - mers, sing to the Lord a new song!
Class - rooms and labs loud boil - ing test - tubes, sing to the Lord a new song!
Know - ledge and truth, loud soun - ding wis - dom, sing to the Lord a new song!



O vic - to - ry, loud shout - ing ar - my, sing to the Lord a new song!
Flow - ers and trees, loud rus - tling dry leaves, sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute and lyre, loud hum - ming cel - los, sing to the Lord a new song!
Lime - stone and beams, loud build - ing work - ers, sing to the Lord a new song!
Ath - letes and band, loud cheer - ing peo - ple, sing to the Lord a new song!
Daugh - ter and son, loud pray - ing mem - bers, sing to the Lord a new song!



God has done mar - vel - ous things. I, too, will praise God with a new song!

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: Wonder, Love, & Praise #829 *Laudate Dominum (Praise the Lord, all you peoples)*

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Laudate Dominum

Text: Psalm 117
Tune: Jacques Berthier, b.1923

♩ = 116

Lau-da-te Do-mi-num, lau-da-te Do-mi-num om-nes gen-tes, al-le-lu-ia. al-le-lu-ia.

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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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people may be seated.

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song:

for the Lord has done marvelous things.

With your own right hand O Lord, and with your holy arm:

you have gained for yourself the victory.

You have made known your victory:

you have displayed your saving power to all the nations.

You have remembered your faithfulness, and your love for the house of Israel:

and all the ends of the earth have seen your victory.

Shout with joy to the Lord all the earth:

sing and rejoice with the sound of melody.

Sing to the Lord with the harp:

with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets also and horns:

shout with joy before the Lord our king.

Let the sea roar and all that is in it:

the world and those who inhabit it.

Let the rivers clap their hands:

and let the hills rejoice together before the Lord.

For you O Lord are coming to judge the earth:

with righteousness you will judge the world, and the peoples with equity.

At the conclusion of the psalm, all say together

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Gospel Hymn Hymnal 1982 #178 *Alleluia, alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*

Words and Music: Donald Fishel (b. 1950) Music: *Alleluia No. 1* Arr. Betty Pulkingham (b. 1928), Charles Mallory (b. 1950) and George Mims (b. 1938)
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Al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord, Al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia! Give

1.2.3.4. *Final Ending*

praise to his Name. Name.

Je - sus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Spread the good news o'er all the earth; Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
We have been cru - ci-fied with Christ. Now we shall live for - ev - er.
Come, let us praise the liv - ing God, joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

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

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

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **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.

The Prayers of the People

Written by St. George's Teen Confirmation Class - Caleb Matson, Anna Coon, and Nate Charlton.

Let us pray for all people, the church, our communities, and the world.

Holy and Living One, we pray for those who serve you with whole and open hearts. Grant us the strength and courage to know and serve you unconditionally as you do us. In all that we say and do: **We offer our prayers and hearts to you.**

Holy and Living One, we pray for the people of this nation and every nation across this earth. We thank you for valiantly guarding them and their families. We pray for their safety in these trying times of conflict, that no matter where they may be your grace and love protect them. In all that we say and do: **We offer our prayers and hearts to you.**

Gracious and Merciful God, we pray for forgiveness. Forgive us for trespassing against ourselves and others, and assist us in the opening of our hearts to you and to those around us. Please forgive those bringing violence and war, and open their hearts to you. In all that we say and do: **We offer our prayers and hearts to you.**

Almighty and Gracious God, we ask that you watch over and care for those who don't have a roof to sleep under tonight and for those whose stomachs are empty. Please show them your love in these challenging times. In all that we say and do: **We offer our prayers and hearts to you.**

Loving God, we ask that you bring hope and care to those in pain, those who suffer, and those in need of your saving grace, including those on our parish prayer list and those we name before you now: *The people may add their own petitions.* In all that we say and do: **We offer our prayers and hearts to you.**

Holy, Understanding, and Selfless God, we pray for those in our communities who may be struggling with substance abuse, that they receive the help they need. Please care for and watch out for anyone inflicting harm on themselves. Help them in loving themselves as you love them. In all that we say and do: **We offer our prayers and hearts to you.**

Great and Powerful God, we humbly request that you look after the departed in our community and across the world, including those we name before you now: *The people may add their own petitions.* May you also give strength to the families of their loved ones so that they may keep their loving memories alive. In all that we say and do: **We offer our prayers and hearts to you.**

We thank you God and praise you for your goodness and all that you bless us with. *The people may add their own thanksgivings.* Thank you for our family and friends and this congregation gathered here today. In all that we say and do: **We offer our prayers and hearts to you.**

In the name of God in whom we live and move and have our being, 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 and sacrifice 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. Baskets for donations by check or cash are located at the corner entrances to the Sanctuary. We encourage you to give electronically: you can text stgeodragon to 73256, use a web browser to go to onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/give, or donate via Zelle to donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org. (*For texts, message and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.)*

Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #492 *Sing, ye faithful*

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893) Music: *Finnian*, Christopher Dearnley (b. 1930) Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Sing ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest, sweet - est strain,
Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to Beth - lehem's cave,
So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man kind the head,
Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's throne the Son



with the prais - es of your Sa - vior let his house re - sound a - gain;
stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture, bore the pain, the cross, the grave,
sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful, Prince of life, a - mong the dead;
rules and guides the world he ran - somed, till the ap - point - ed work be done,



him let all your mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
passed with - in the gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
thus he wrought the full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
till he see, re - newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in to one.

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.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. We praise you for the resurrection of your Son, who is the true Paschal Lamb. For by his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus: S 130 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Setting: from Deutsch Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1787-1828). 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.

The Celebrant continues:

You are holy, O God of majesty, and to you we give thanks and praise for Jesus our Risen Lord, who breathes on us with the gift of the Spirit and the power of forgiveness, and comes among us to walk with us and to eat with us.

Jesus is the good shepherd who taught us to love one another even as he has loved us, and who laid down his own life in love for the world.

And so we thank you that on the night before he died for us 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, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said, "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Teach us to love, not only in word or in speech, but in truth and action also. Show us how to love one another, and to serve each other, so that Christ will abide in us, and we may abide in him. Fill us with your perfect love that casts out all fear, and draw us together into the body of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator, in voices of unending praise:

Blessed are you, now and forever. 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. After a time of silence, all sing together

Fraction Hymn: Enriching Our Music #37 Alleluia. Christ our Passover

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Al-le-lu - ia, 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, al-le lu-ia.

Celebrant: 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.

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 prefer not to receive the Eucharist, you are welcome to come up for a blessing; cross your hands to your shoulders to indicate this to the priest.



Communion Hymn 1: Hymnal 1982 #325 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual Arr. David Hurd (b. 1950). Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, Oh Lord, have mer - cy on me.



3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, Oh Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Communion Hymn 2: Hymnal 1982 #405 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander *1818-1895). Music: *Royal Oak* melody from *The Dancing Master*, adapted by Martin Fallas Shaw. (1875-1958)
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All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings.
The pur - ple head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



God made their glow - ing co - lours, God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 to love kindness, do justice, and walk humbly with you. 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


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 #12 *We're Marching to Zion*


Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Robert S. Lowry (1826-1899) Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our God;
The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred sweets,
Then let our songs a - bound, And ev - 'ery tear be dry;



Join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with sweet ac - cord.
But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King,
Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields,
We're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're march - ing thro' Im - man - uel's ground,



And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.
May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.
Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets,
To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.



We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on;



We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude: V. "May - Starlit Nights" from *The Seasons Op.37a*

Music: Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky