

# EASTER: THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS

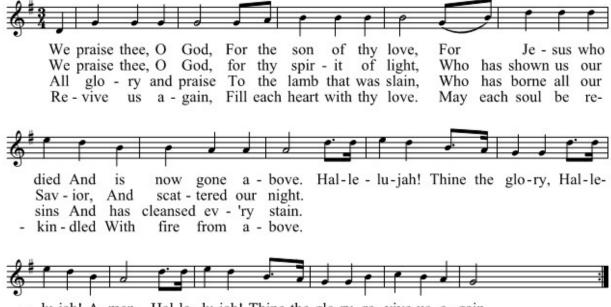
# **St. George's Church** Glenn Dale Parish • The Episcopal Diocese of Washington May 7, 2023

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: The Church's One Foundation

### **Opening Hymn: LEVAS #157** Revive Us Again

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- lu-jah! A-men, Hal-le-lu-jah! Thine the glo-ry, re-vive us a-gain.

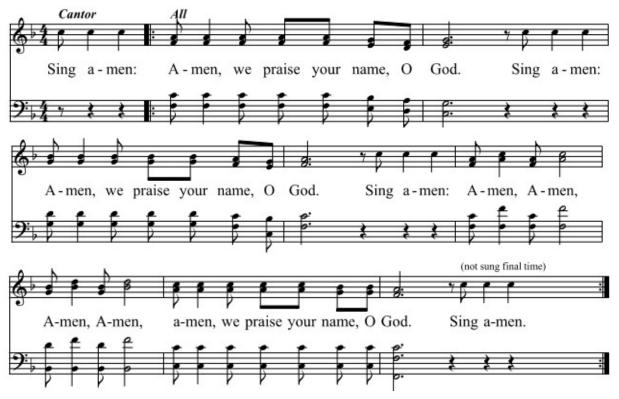
### *Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

### *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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### 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: **Generous God, whose way is love, whose truth is searching, whose life is freely given in Jesus Christ our Lord: as you have opened for us your house of many rooms, so may we make a place for the rejected and unloved, and share the work of peace; through Jesus Christ, the image of God.** *Amen.* 

### 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, as they were destined to do.

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. **People: Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In you Lord I have taken refuge: let me never be put to shame,

deliver me in your righteousness: **incline your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue.** Be to me a rock of refuge: **a stronghold to keep me safe**.

You are to me a rock and a fortress: for your name's sake lead me and guide me.

Release me from the net they have secretly laid for me:

### for you O Lord are my strength.

Into your hands I command my spirit: **For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.** But my trust is in you O Lord:

I say, You are my God, my times are in your hands.'

Make your face to shine upon your servant: and in your loving kindness save me.

# Gospel Hymn: LEVAS #55 In God We Trust

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Celebrant:The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.People:Glory to you, Lord Christ.

### John 14:1-14

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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-I be-lieve, I do be-lieve, tru - ly I be-lieve it! be-lieve it. Truly I ty Lord Cre - a - tor. Ι be-lieve in God, the Al - migh-ty Lord Cre - a - tor, Mighvior of the peo-ple, I be-lieve in Je-sus, the Sa - vior of the peo-ple, Saer 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

God of Resurrection, as we celebrate your victory of love over death, in this season of Easter, we rejoice with Mary Magdalene, the other Mary, and all of those named and unnamed who celebrate the new life you have given Jesus. 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 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 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, Sudan 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 you call us to feed those who are hungry, care for those who are poor, and serve those who are oppressed. We pray now for those we support and serve – the guests of the Warm Nights, the Bowie Food Pantry, and for the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School. May the light of your new life shine in their hearts and bring grace to their lives. We pray saying, We give thanks to you O God: **for you have done marvelous things**.

Holy and Living One, this Easter 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 you remind us that Jesus is not in the tomb but has risen. We pray for all who have died, 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 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, 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**

### The Celebrant says the offertory sentence

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

#### Wonder, Love and Praise #754 When from bondage we are summoned Words: Delores Dufner, OSB (b. 1939)© 1996 Sisters of Saint Benedict. Music: Haywood's Home, Carl Haywood from Tunes for Grace © 1997 Carl Haywood Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323 1.When frombond-age we are sum-moned 2.When our God names us a peo - ple, 3.Through all stag - es of the jour - ney must not lose sight of Je - sus; 4.We 5.See the prize our God has prom-ised: of dark - ness in - to light. must go in hope out we and leads hand Je sus us by the through a lone - ly, bar - ren night and Christ is with us, day, with com - pas - sion for our who ac - cept - ed pain and loss, who. for joy of love un end - less life with Christ our Lord. Now fix our eyes we on by ience, walk faith and not by sight. pat des ert great and glor ious land. to a weak ev - 'ry long the ness step a way. dared em brace shame - ful meas ured, the cross. walk by faith in Je Je sus' word. sus. -Let us throw off all that hin-ders; let us run the race to win! Let us 1.-4. 5. to our home-land and, re - joic - ing en-ter in. in. hast - en

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 <u>donations@stgeorgesglenndale.org.</u> 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.

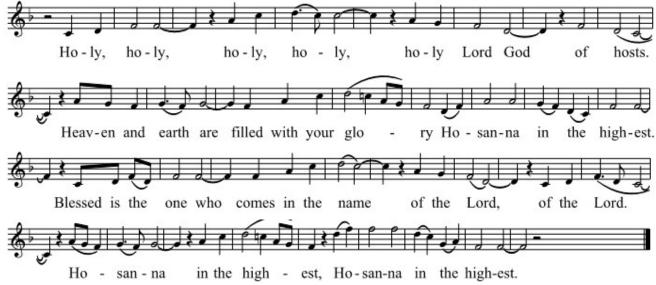
### The Celebrant continues

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:

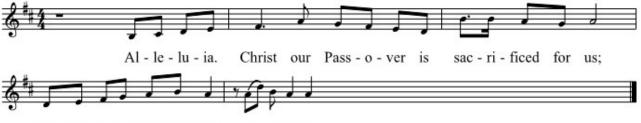
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

# The 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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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.

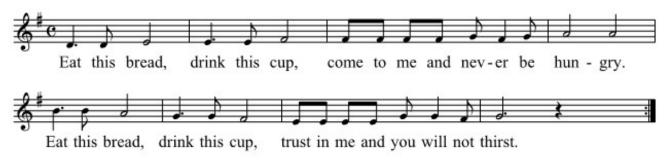
Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are invited to receive the Holy Communion. Whatever you believe or don't believe, you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.



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.

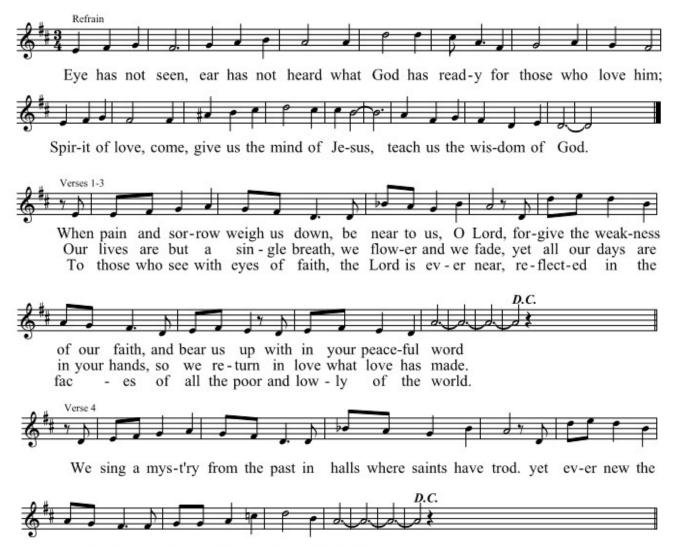
### Communion Hymn 1: Gather #588 Eat This Bread

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### Communion Hymn 2: Gather #450 Eye Has Not Seen

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mu-sic rings to Je-sus, Liv-ing Song of God.

### **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 #313 Sing to the Mountains

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### The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia! **People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: I Surrender All