



We've Come This Far by Faith

The Season after Pentecost: Stewardship 2022
November 14, 2021

**St. George's Church
 Glenn Dale Parish
 The Episcopal Diocese of Washington**

"We always give thanks to God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers, continually remembering before God your work of faith and labor of love and steadiness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3a)

Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. Zoom participants are encouraged to leave your video camera on or turn it off; 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: My Lord! What a Morning, arr. Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

Opening Hymn: Hymnal # 665 All My Hope on God is Founded

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All my hope on God is found-ed; he doth still my trust re - new, me through
 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be - tray our trust; though with
 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom, pas - sing thought: splen - dor,
 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on us be - stow; his de -
 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of praise be done, high a -



change and chance he guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
 care and toil we build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
 light and life at - tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of naught. Ev - er -
 - sire our soul de - light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
 - bove all prais - es prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



- known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
 - more from his store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
 call one and all; ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

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: Hymnal 1982 #S280

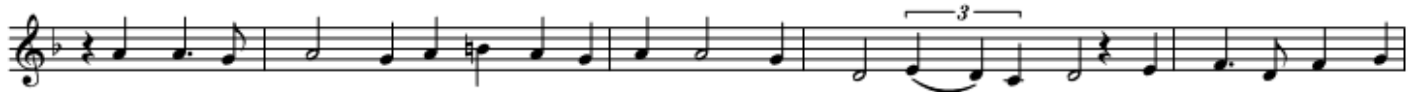
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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-



- might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our



prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-y One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most



High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.

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: **Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

A Collect for Stewardship

Good and gracious God, at baptism we accepted the call to follow Jesus. As we continue to live out that call to love, serve, pray and grow in Christ, we ask you to transform us through the power of your Spirit and nurture in us a stewardship way of life. May we be inspired to continue our work of faith, our labor of love, and our steadiness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, and may our lives be marked by prayer, service to our neighbor and generous sharing of what we have. Amen.

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory.

“There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you;

there is no Rock like our God.

Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth;

for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength.

Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,

but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.

The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts.

He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap,

to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world.

“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;

for not by might does one prevail.

The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven.

The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king,

and exalt the power of his anointed.”

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

PSALM 16

Preserve me O God: **for in you I have taken refuge.**

I have said to the Lord, “You are my God: **from you alone comes all my prosperity.**

All my delight is in the faithful who dwell in the land”: **and in those who excel in virtue.**

But as for those who run after other gods: **their troubles shall be multiplied.**

Libations of blood I will not offer to those gods: **nor will I take their names upon my lips.**

You Lord are my allotted portion and my cup: **you yourself have cast my lot.**

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land: **indeed I have a noble heritage.**

I will thank you O Lord for giving me counsel: **at night also you teach my heart.**

I keep you always before me: **you are on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.**

So my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices: **my body also shall rest in safety.**

For you will not give me up to the power of death: **nor suffer your beloved to see the Abyss.**

You will show me the path of life, in your presence is the fullness of joy:

and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.

Gospel Hymn: LEVAS #13 *My Lord, What a Morning*

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My Lord, what a morn-ing, My Lord, what a morn-ing, O my Lord, what a morn-ing,



When the stars be-gin to fall. You'll hear the trum-pet sound to wake the na-tions un-der



ground. Look-ing to my God's right hand, When the stars be-gin to fall.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Mark 13:1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs." The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon Brother Ed Munro, BSG



The Creed *We Believe in God Our Creator*

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We be-lieve in God our Cre - a - tor, mak - ing ev - 'ry u - ni - verse,
We be-lieve in Christ our Re - deem - er, God from God and love from love,
Christ now con- quers death on the third day, and as - cends to God's ho ly throne,
We be-lieve in God's Ho - ly Spi - rit, Breath of Life sus - tain - ing Earth.
We are sim - ple, bro - ken peo - ple, gath - ered in one Church and made whole.



who was and will be for - e - ver, source of all that live and breathe. All things vis - i -
one in be - ing with the Cre - a - tor, and the Spir - it three in one. Je - sus born of
God tri - une now rules for all time as the course of stars will run. Christ now comes a -
For the Spir - it groans in la - bor as cre - a - tion gives new birth. And the Spir - it
One with seek - ers, saints, and sin - ners, trust - ing in God's mer - cy and love. As God's lov - ing



- ble and all that is un - seen come to be through God the One.
Ma - ry from the Spir - it formed, shared our flesh and died our death.
- gain as judge of all on Earth, re - con - cil - ing all to God.
now re - news all life on Earth, in God's end - less flow - ing love.
kind - ness knows no hu - man bounds, be - yond death we're raised to new life.

The Prayers of the People

O God, you have brought us this far by faith. We know that trusting in you and your holy word has never failed us. You have shown us many times over that you are a God of graciousness and generosity; and you call us to give with gratitude from what we have, knowing that everything comes from you. For all the abundance of our lives, with faith in you we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world, for the church, and for our community, offering our thanks and praise to you, and asking for your guidance and wisdom. With faith in you we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

You give us responsibility to govern and lead. We pray that all in authority may use their power justly for the good of all people and of the earth. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the whole church and its leaders who model faith in you. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Connie our rector, Anne-Marie, Sarah and Thelma as they offer pastoral support, and for the lay leadership and congregation of St. George's. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are hungry, for those caught in violence and war, for those experiencing homelessness, and for those who suffer storms and natural disasters. We pray especially for the families of Gaywood Elementary School and the guests of the Warm Nights program. Inspire us to put our faith into action by serving those in need. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick, and those who are in any need or trouble. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name now in our hearts. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died and for those whom we love but see no longer, and ask for your presence with those who mourn. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray in thanksgiving as we celebrate the joys of our lives. Accept our gratitude for the abundance of your grace, as we pray especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for other blessings of this life. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We acknowledge you, O God, as the source of all that we have and all that we are, with the sure knowledge that it is you who has brought us this far and with you we will be able to face any discouragement. Continue to nurture our faith and grant us the wisdom and courage to live lives of generosity, today and always. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

After a time of silence, all pray together: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements and 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

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

Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible. You can use your phone to text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give. If your bank offers Zelle, you can use your banking app to send a donation via Zelle to donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net. There are also baskets at the entrance and exit doors of the Sanctuary for donations of checks or cash.

Offertory Anthem: *My God Is a Rock* arr. Ruth Morris Gray (b. 1961)

*My God is a rock in a wary land, a weary land, a weary land.
My God is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm.*

*My God is a rock in a wary land, a weary land, a weary land.
My God is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm.*

*Now stop and let me tell you 'bout chapter one, the Lord God's work has just begun.
Now stop and let me tell you 'bout chapter two, the Lord's gonna keep his eye on you.*

*My God is a rock in a wary land, a weary land, a weary land.
My God is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm.*

*Now stop and let me tell you 'bout chapter three, the Lord he died on Calvary.
Now stop and let me tell you 'bout chapter four, the Lord he visit among the poor.*

*My God is a rock in a wary land, a weary land, a weary land.
My God is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm.*

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.**

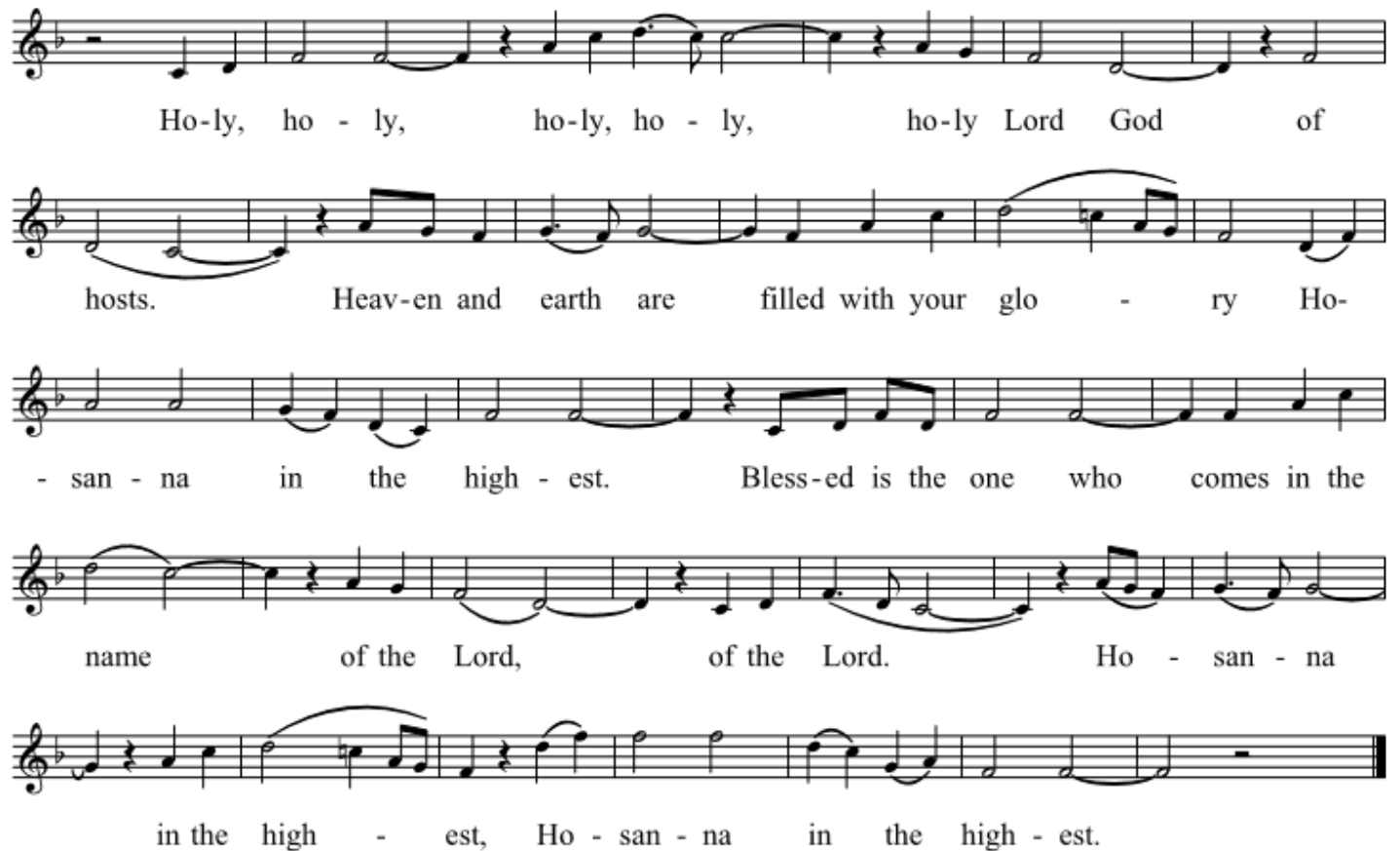
The Celebrant continues:

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, holy God, creator of heaven and earth, and author of all good gifts. You are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

In this new life, Jesus calls us to the work of faith, to labor in love of him, and to the steadiness of hope we find in his life, death, and resurrection. Therefore we praise you, lifting our voices with all creation as we sing:

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

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Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry Ho-
- san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord, of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues:

We thank you, loving God, because when we turned away from you, you did not reject us but sent us Jesus, your Son. In his life, he revealed to us the way of compassion; before he was handed over to suffering and death he embodied for us self-giving love as he washed the feet of his disciples; in his laying down his life for his friends, he opened for us the way of new life. He gave himself for us on the cross, and continues to show us the way to live in love.

And so we remember that on the night that Jesus was betrayed, he gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, shared it with them and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way after supper he took the cup, blessed and shared it saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

It is the mystery of our faith, O God, that with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

And now we ask you, O God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us Christ's body and blood. As you feed us with these gifts, we pray that you send your Holy Spirit upon us also, that we may more closely live and walk in the way of Jesus, our Savior.

Help us to love one another, to give generously to those in need, to welcome the stranger, and to give rest to the weary, as we look forward to that day when all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

With all your saints we give you glory O God, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now let us pray with confidence the words our Savior has taught us:

**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 silence is kept, all sing the fraction anthem.

Fraction Anthem: *Be Known to Us Wonder Love and Praise # 875*

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Cantor or choir

Be known to us Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the

1. Congregation | *2. Cantor or choir*

bread. be bread. One bod-y are we, al-le-lu-ia, for though

Congregation

man-y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the

break - ing of the bread.

WLP 875

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

If you would like to receive the Eucharist, you may choose to receive both the bread and wine or only one of them. If you receive the wine, please drop your empty cup into the recycling bin at the door. Note that hand sanitizer is available as you exit. Please follow the arrows to go through the narthex (hallway) and back into the Sanctuary and on to your seat.



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.

Communion Anthem: *Steal Away* arr. by H.T. Burleigh (1866 – 1949)

*Steal away, steal away,
Steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home,
I ain't got long to stay here.*

*My Lord calls me;
He calls me by the thunder;
The trumpet sounds within my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here.*

*Green trees are bending;
Poor sinner stands a-trembling,
The trumpet sounds within my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here.*

Communion Hymn: Voices Found # 21 *God of the Women*

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God of the wo-men who an-swered your call, trust - ing your pro mise,
God of the wo-men who walked Je - sus' way, giv - ing their re-sour-ces,
God of the wo-men long put to the test, left out of sto-ries, for-
God of the wo-men who ran from the tomb. prayed with the oth-ers in
O God of Phoe-be and min - is - ters all, may we be joy-ful in



giv - ing their all, wo - men like Sar - ah and Han-nah and Ruth
learn - ing to pray, Ma - ry, Jo - an - na, Sus - an - na, and more
- got - ten, op-pressed, qui - et - ly ask - ing: "Who smiled at my birth?"
that up - per room, then felt your Spir - it on Pen - te - cost Day
answer-ing your call. give us the strength of your Spir - it so near



gave us their cour-age to live in your truth.
may we give free - ly as they did be - fore.
in Je - sus' dy - ing you show us our worth.
may we so glad - ly pro-claim you to - day.
that we may share in your min - is - try here.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray: **Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread and wine. May this holy Communion give us strength and courage, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may be renewed for your service to others, embody your desire for justice, and live lives of generosity in the steadiness of hope through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us; so be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And may the God of all Grace, the God who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, bless you and keep you in peace, this day and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS #208 *We've Come This Far by Faith*

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The musical score is written in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the first line of lyrics: 'We've come this far by faith, Lean-ing on the Lord; Trust-ing in his ho-ly'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'word, He's nev-er failed me yet. O can't turn a-round,'. The third staff is labeled 'Verse 1' and contains the lyrics: 'We've come this far by faith, Don't be dis-cour-aged when trou-ble's in your'. The fourth staff concludes the piece with the lyrics: 'life. He'll bear your bur-dens and move all mis-er-y and strife. That's why we've'. The score includes various musical notations such as triplets, slurs, and a 'D.S.' (Da Capo) marking at the end.

We've come this far by faith, Lean-ing on the Lord; Trust-ing in his ho-ly
word, He's nev-er failed me yet. O can't turn a-round,
We've come this far by faith, Don't be dis-cour-aged when trou-ble's in your
life. He'll bear your bur-dens and move all mis-er-y and strife. That's why we've

Just the other day I heard someone say
He didn't believe in God's word;
But I can truly say that God had made a way
And he never failed me yet
That's why we've (refrain)

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*, arr. Thomas Keesecker (b. 1956)