



Easter

The Great Fifty Days

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

St. George's Church

Glenn Dale Parish •

The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

May 17, 2020

Prelude: *Memories of Youth* by Enrique Granados (1867-1916)

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn: Hymnal # 405 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Cecil Frances Alexander. *Royal Oak*, melody from *The Dancing Master* adapt Martin Fallas Shaw

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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. God
The pur - ple head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by, the
The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun, the
God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how



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

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 (*sung twice*) David Haas

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, Sing! Glo-ry to
 God! Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth!

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray:

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.*

Psalm 66: 7-11, 14-18

Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of praise to our God be heard;
 Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.

For you bring us to a place of refreshment, O God.

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.
 You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

For you bring us to a place of refreshment, O God.

Come and listen, all you those awed by God,
 and I will tell you what the Holy One has done for me.

For you bring us to a place of refreshment, O God.

I called out to our Protector with my mouth, and praise to our God was on my tongue.

For you bring us to a place of refreshment, O God.

If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;
 But in truth God has heard me and has attended to the voice of my prayer.

For you bring us to a place of refreshment, O God.

Blessed are you O Holy One, for you have not rejected my prayer, nor withheld your love.

For you bring us to a place of refreshment, O God.

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

Creed: I Believe, I Do Believe

South African

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
- 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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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
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

Celebrating the gift of new life in Christ, we offer our prayers for the world and all in need, saying, To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayer.**

God of new life, because of the Resurrection, your light breaks into our darkness; your love breaks down our fear; your presence breaks open our lives, and so even in this time of pandemic, we praise you. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayer.**

God of new life, because of the Resurrection, even now each day contains your promise. May we seize every opportunity to share your compassion. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayer.**

God of new life, because of the Resurrection you give us the strength to confront poverty and hunger, corruption and abuse of power. May we act for good in the world, trusting your life-giving promise. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayer.**

God of new life, we ask your healing touch to those who suffer in any way, especially those affected by the Covid-19 virus. We pray for those who are isolated, lonely, or afraid; we pray for those who are sick; we pray for those on our parish prayer list, and those whom we name silently or aloud. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayer.**

God of new life, we pray in thanksgiving for all that is good and gracious in our lives, even now. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayer.**

God of new life, because of the Resurrection death does not have the last word. We pray for all who have died, that they find rest in your arms, and for those who mourn, that they be comforted. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayer.**

In all thanks and praise to you O God, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead and offers us new life, we pray. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements and Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries



A special Evening Prayer Service to mark the Feast of the Ascension will be held on Thursday of this week, May 21 at 7:00 pm on the Zoom platform. Details about this service can be found on the St. George's website –www.stgeorgesglenndale.org/announcements. Go to the calendar for links to the Zoom space.

Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 204 Now the Green Blade Riseth

John Macleod Campbell Crum. *Noel nouvelet*, Medieval French carol. The hymns are used by permission. One License.net A-701323



Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain, wheat that in dark earth
In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain, think - ing that nev - er
Faith he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain, he that for three days
When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain, thy touch can call us



man - y days has lain; love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
he would wake a - gain, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
in the grave had lain, quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
back to life a - gain, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

Prayers for Communion in Spirit

Celebrant: Though we are separated from one another spatially, we remain connected to each other in heart and spirit as we contemplate the real presence of Christ in our midst. We remember that Christ is truly present with us, not only in bread and wine, but in our daily lives. Through this period of our physical separation, we fast from a literal participation in the sharing of communion, while also knowing that we receive the presence of Christ through our desire to share the sacrament. In that spirit let us pray:

Jesus, I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Though we cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Instrumental Meditation - *Arabesque 1* (excerpt) by Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord, who brings us a place of refreshment, and promises never to leave us comfortless. We offer to you our humble thanks and praise for the blessings we have received this day through our worship of you; we pray that the week to come may be spent in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Easter Blessing

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

May Jesus the 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 # 196 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms St. George's Virtual Choir

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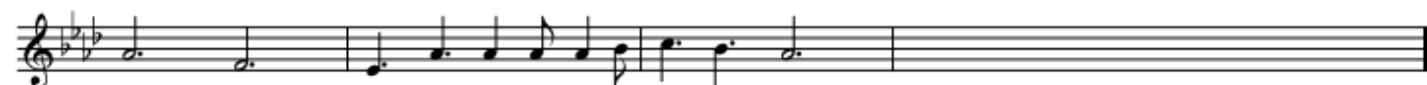
What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



What a bless-ed-ness, grows from day to day, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
O how bright the path grows from day to day, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



Lean - ing, lean - ing safe and se-cure from all a-larms; Lean - ing,



lean - ing, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!