



# Easter

## The Great Fifty Days

### The Seventh Sunday of Easter

St. George's Church

Glenn Dale Parish •

The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

May 24, 2020

**Prelude** *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling* by Wayne Barlow. Piano Dr. Joshua Fishbein

### Welcome and Introduction

### Opening Hymn: Hymnal # 495 Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus

John Bakewell and Martin Madan. *In Babilone*, from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*.

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Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal-i - le - an King!  
Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point-ed, all our sins on thee were laid:  
Je - usus, hail! en-throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er to a - bide:  
Wor-ship, hon - or, power, and bless-ing thou art wor-thy to re - ceive;



Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; thou didst free sal - va - tion bring.  
by al - might - y love a - noint - ed thou hast full a - tone - ment made.  
all the heav-en-ly hosts a - dore thee, seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side.  
high - er prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, right it is for us to give.



Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame!  
All thy peo - ple are for - giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood:  
There for sin - ners thou art plead-ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare;  
Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spi - rits, all your no-blest an - thems raise;



By thy mer - it we find fa - vor; life is giv - en through thy Name.  
o - pened is the gate of hea - ven, re - con-ciled are we with God  
ev - er for us in - ter - ced-ing till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
help to sing our Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

*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:

God 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 bring 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.*

### **Psalm 68:1- 7-10, 33-36**

O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

**Sing to God, sing praises to our God.**

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; you refreshed the land when it was weary.

**Sing to God, sing praises to our God.**

Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

**Sing to God, sing praises to our God.**

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

For you O Holy One ride in the heavens, the ancient heavens; you send forth your mighty voice.

**Sing to God, sing praises to our God.**

Ascribe power to God; whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

**Sing to God, sing praises to our God.**

How wonderful are you O God, in all of your holy places, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

## Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. 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 -

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- 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 -  
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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



The Contemplative Prayer Group will gather on Zoom on Tuesday of this week, May 26 beginning at 7:30 pm. We will not hold the 6:00 pm Evening Prayer Service that evening. The next Evening Prayer service will be on Thursday, May 28. Details can be found on the St. George's website – [www.stgeorgesglenndale.org/announcements](http://www.stgeorgesglenndale.org/announcements). Go to the calendar for links to the Zoom space.

## Offertory Hymn: LEVAS 203 There is a Balm in Gilead

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There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed



whole. There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, And think my work's in vain,  
If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, If you can - not preach like Paul.  
Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged For Je - sus is your friend.



But then the ho - ly spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
You can tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all.  
And if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

## 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** *Melodious and Progressive Studies for Flute #6 En La Majeur*  
mm. 1-32 by G. Gariboldi performed by Rachel Willingham, Flutist

## 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 gives us the same assurance that he shared with his disciples: that we like them would receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. 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.**

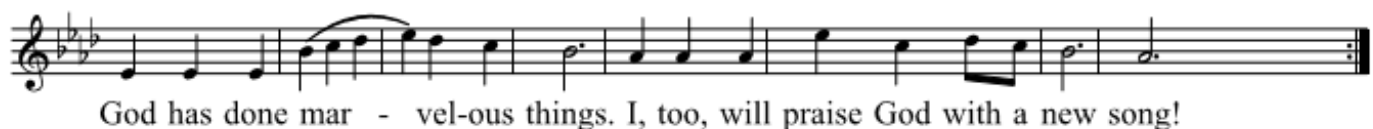
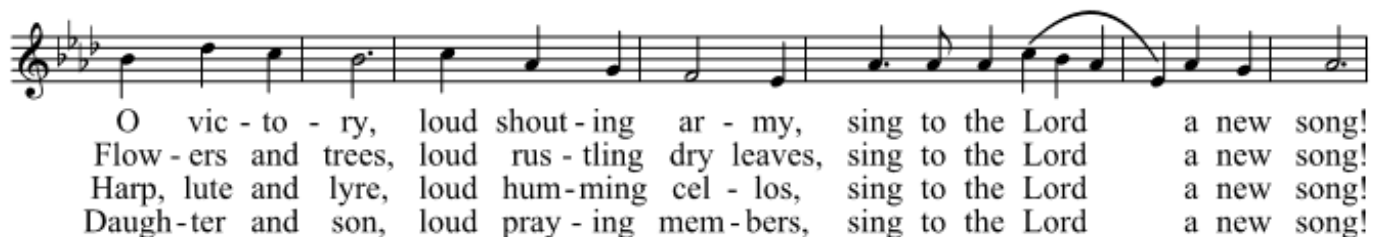
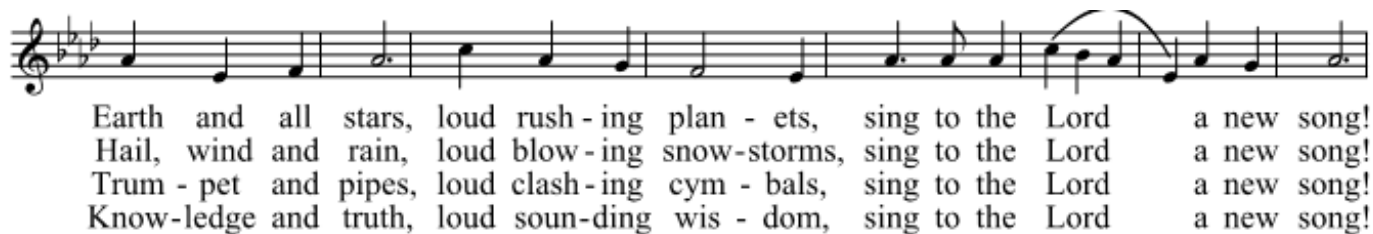
May Jesus the Christ, uphold you in grace and love. **Amen.**

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: Hymnal # 412 Earth and All Stars

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## 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!**