



# The Second Sunday of Eastertide

## St. George's Church

### Glenn Dale Parish • The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

**April 11, 2021**

Welcome to St. George's! This service booklet has everything you need to participate in today's worship service, including scripture readings as well as prayers and music. Those **participating via Zoom** are welcome to keep their **video camera on** during the service. At certain points as we worship today, the gallery view on Zoom will be seen on the large TV by the members of the congregation in the sanctuary. If you prefer, you may also turn your video off. It is our hope that our incorporation of the Zoom component into the service will create a greater sense of connection between those of us participating via Zoom and the people in the sanctuary. You will also be asked to keep your **microphone muted** throughout the service unless you have a speaking role that is presented remotely. As always, you are encouraged to engage in the responses and sing—though with your microphone muted.

### **Prelude: *The People That Walked in Darkness* from Handel's *Messiah***

*The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light,  
and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.*

### **Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #182 *Christ is Alive!***

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Christ is a - live! Let Chris-tians sing. His cross stands emp - ty to the sky. Let  
Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant years in Pal - es - tine, he  
Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un - moved by hu - man pains, but  
In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor, scorn or wealth di - vide, he  
Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and ev - ery fu - ture age, till



streets and homes with prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
comes to claim the here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
dai - ly, in the midst of life, our Sav - ior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
suf - fers still yet loves the more, and lives though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
all cre - a - tion lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

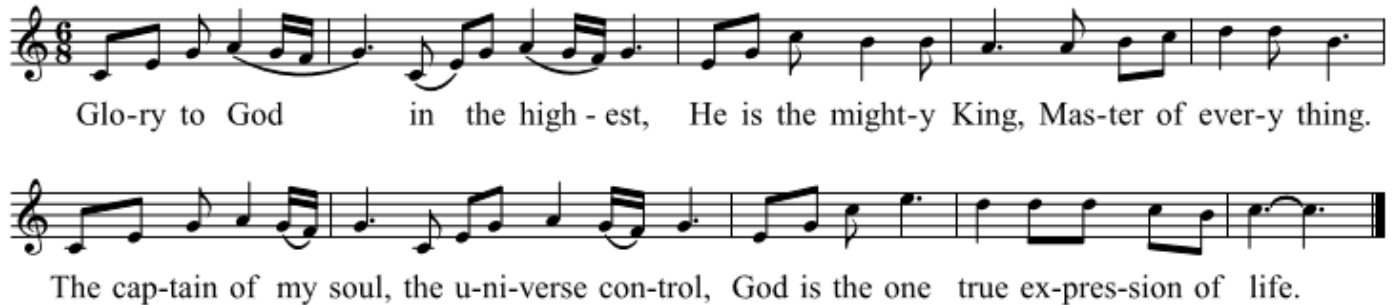
**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

**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: LEVAS #53 *Glory to God in the Highest***

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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: **Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**1 John 1:1 – 2:2**

*Read by Terry Doyle*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 133

How good and pleasant a thing it is: **when God's people live together in unity.**

It is like the precious oil on Aaron's head, which ran down on to his beard:

**and over the collar of his vestment.**

It is like the dew of Hermon: **falling upon the hill of Zion.**

For there the Lord promised the blessing: **which is life for evermore.**

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

Words: Donald Fishel. Music: Alleluia No. 1 by Donald Fishel, arr. Betty Pulkingham, Charles Mallory and George Mims.

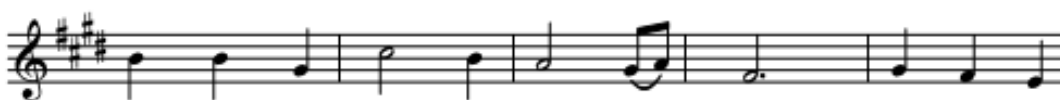
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Al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord, Al-le-



- lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia! Give praise to his Name.



Je - sus is Lord of all the earth. He is the  
Spread the good news o'er all the earth; Je - sus has  
We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ. Now we shall  
Come, let us praise the liv - ing God, joy - ful - ly



King of cre - a - tion.  
died and has ris - en.  
live for - ev - er.  
sing to our Sav - ior.

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

### John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and

put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## 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.  
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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 -

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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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## The Prayers of the People

*Led by John Rebstock*

Celebrating the gift of new life in Christ in the power of the Resurrection, we offer our prayers for the world, the Church, and all in any need, saying, To you, living Christ:  
**We offer our prayers and praise. Alleluia!**

God of new life, in thanksgiving we pray for our church and its leaders, for Michael our presiding bishop, for Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and for Thelma and those who minister to us and support us. We lift up the community of St. George's as we reach out to support one another, thankful for the gifts of lay ministry that we employ to serve one another: To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayers and praise. Alleluia!**

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 we praise you with open hearts. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayers and praise. Alleluia!**

God of new life, because of the Resurrection, each day contains your promise. May we seize every opportunity to share your compassion and justice. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayers and praise. Alleluia!**

God of new life, because of the Resurrection, every part of life is bursting with possibility. May we be willing to confront the power of poverty, of hunger, of neglect, of war and all brokenness, trusting your life-giving promise of healing, wholeness, and transformation. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayers and praise. Alleluia!**

God of new life, because of the Resurrection death does not have the last word. We pray that you would use us to extend your healing touch to those who are sick, your strengthening touch to those who serve, and your compassionate touch to those who suffer in any way, especially those on our parish prayer list, and those suffering from the effects of the Covid-19 virus. Give comfort to those who have died, especially the lives lost to the pandemic in our country and around the world. Bring peace and comfort to those who mourn. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayers and praise. Alleluia!**

God of new life, because of the Resurrection, we can live into the abundant life you promise. We ask you to walk with us and guide us on our way, this day and always. To you, living Christ: **We offer our prayers and praise. Alleluia!**

With thanks for all your gifts, we pray these prayers, as well as those hidden in the depths of our hearts, to you, loving God, in the name of the risen Jesus. Amen.

## The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

## Announcements and Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

*The celebrant then offers the following prayer for those celebrating birthdays and 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*

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.*

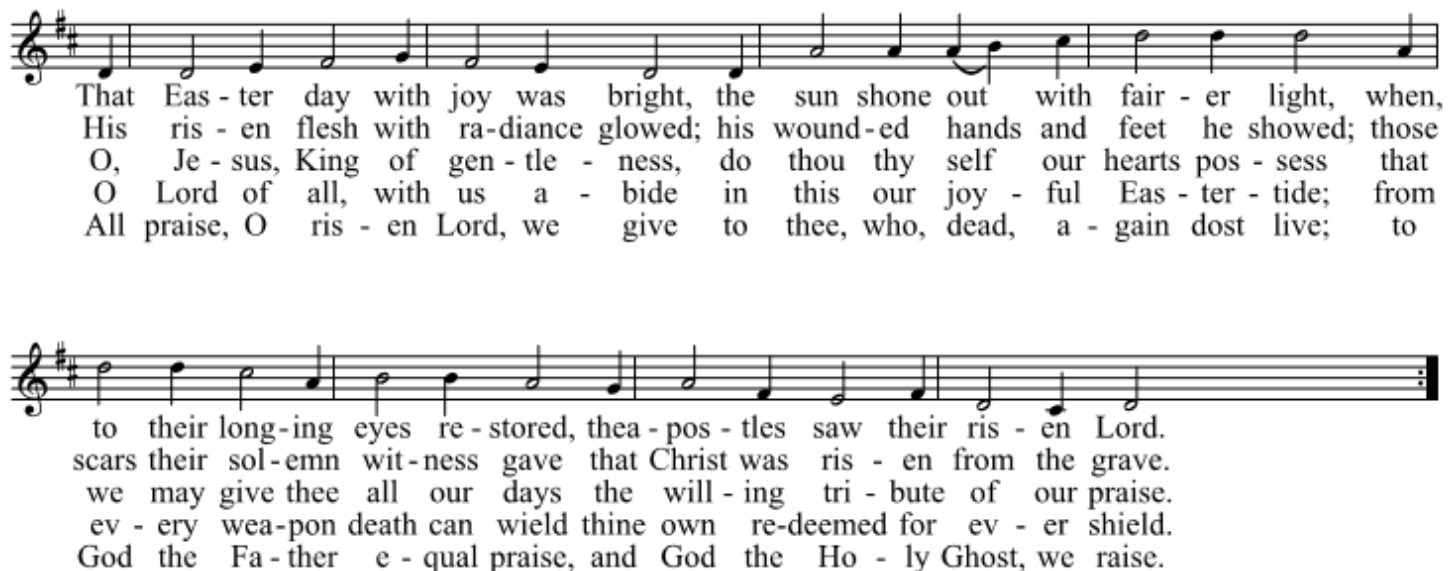
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## **Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #193 *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright***

Words: Latin 5<sup>th</sup> century. Music: *Puer nobis* melody from Trier, 15<sup>th</sup> century adapted by Michael Praetorius.

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That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fair - er light, when,  
His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those  
O, Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do thou thy self our hearts pos - sess that  
O Lord of all, with us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from  
All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to  
to their long - ing eyes re - stored, thea - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
scars their sol - emn wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.  
we may give thee all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.  
ev - ery wea - pon death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.  
God the Fa - ther e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

## **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*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; and we especially praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. For he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By

his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**Sanctus: Hymnal 1982 # S125** Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

*Sanctus*

Setting: From *A Community Mass*;  
Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
the high est, -  
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The Celebrant continues:*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, for your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

**Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.**

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, we ask you to 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.

**Giver of life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home in you.**

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.**

**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*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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 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 to 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.**



## 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.*

**Communion Anthem: *Behold, How Good and Joyful a Thing It Is* by Joshua Fishbein**

From Psalm 133, verse 1:

*Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is: for brethren, to dwell together in unity!*

### 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 been fed at this table today will go out as people of hope and new life to do justice and love kindness. 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.**

### The Blessing

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of Jesus Christ our Lord. And may the blessing of God Almighty, God who created us, Christ Jesus who brings us new life, and the Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**



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