



The Seventh Sunday of Eastertide

The Sunday after the Ascension St. George's Church

Glenn Dale Parish • The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

May 16, 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: *Thou Art Gone Up on High* from Messiah by George Frideric Handel

Thou art gone up on high, Thou art gone up on high, Thou hast led captivity captive, Thou hast led captivity captive,
and received gifts for men; yea, even for Thine enemies,
yea even for Thine enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them,
that the Lord God might dwell, might dwell among them.

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Opening Hymn: Gather # 337 *Sing Out Earth and Skies*

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1. Come, O God of all the earth; Come to us, O
2. Come, O God of wind and flame: Fill the earth with
3. Come, O God of flash - ing light: Twin - kling star and
4. Come, O God of snow and rain: Show - er down up -
5. Come, O Jus - tice, Come, O Peace: Come and shape our

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Right - eous One; Come, and bring our love to birth:
right - eous - ness; Teach us all to sing your name:
burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:
on the earth; Come, O God of joy and pain:
hearts a - new; Come and make op - pres - sion cease:

7
In the glo - ry of your Son. Sing out,
May our lives your love con - fess.
In your light we all are one.
God of sor - row, God of mirth.
Bring us all to life in you.

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earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you! Raise your

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joy - ful cries! Dance to the life a - round you!_____

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

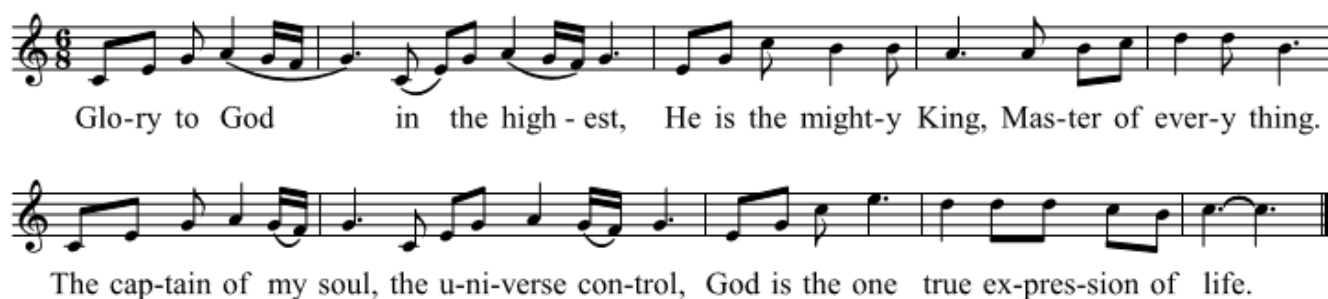
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Ephesians 1:15-23

Read by Cathy Coburn

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

Psalms 47

Clap your hands all you peoples: **cry out to God with shouts of joy.**

For the Lord most high is to be feared: **and is the great sovereign over all the earth.**

The Lord has subdued the peoples under us: **and the nations under our feet.**

The Lord chose a land to be our heritage: **it is the pride of Jacob whom God loves.**

God has gone up with shouts of triumph: **the Lord has gone up with a fanfare of trumpets.**

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

For God is the king of all the earth: **sing praises with your utmost skill.**

God reigns over the nations: **God is seated on a holy throne.**

The princes of the nations assemble: **with the people of the God of Abraham.**

For the mighty ones of the earth have become the servants of God:

the Lord is exalted over all.

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

Luke 24:44-53

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

The Creed: *I Believe I Do Believe*

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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 - might - 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 Spi - rit, pow-

- ly I be-lieve it! I be-lieve, I do be-lieve, tru - ly I be-lieve it. Tru-
- ty Lord Cre - a - tor, I be-lieve in God, the Al - might - ty Lord Cre - a - tor, Migh-
- vior of the peo - ple. I be-lieve in Je - sus, the Sa - vior of the peo - ple, Sa-
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- ly I be-lieve it, Tru - ly I be-lieve it!
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- vior of the peo - ple, Sa - vior of the peo - ple.
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The Prayers of the People

Led by Dan Ryan

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



Online Services this Week on Zoom:

Evening Prayer at 6:00 pm Tuesday

Compline at 8:00 pm Wednesday

Evening Prayer at 6:00 pm Thursday

Links for these services as well as for the Sunday Live Stream via Zoom can be found on the Calendar page of the parish website.

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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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

Offertory Anthem: O Clap Your Hands by Michael Jochen

O clap your hands all ye people and shout unto the Lord. For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised. O sing and shout, sing alle, allelu!
Clap your hands and sing unto the Lord.

With hands and voices lift up your song,
clap your hands, clap your hands to the Lord.

With hands and voices lift up your song,
shout your praise, shout your praise to the Lord!

The Lord has gone up with a trumpet sound,
with a trumpet sound, allelu!
The Lord has gone up with a trumpet sound,
with a trumpet sound, allelu!



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

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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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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 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 Hymn: Hymnal 1982 # 468 *It Was Poor Little Jesus*

Traditional Spiritual. Tune: *Songs and Games of American Children*. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

It was poor lit-tle Je-sus, yes, yes; he was born on Christ-mas, yes, yes;
It was poor lit-tle Je-sus, yes, yes; child of Ma-ry, yes,
It was poor lit-tle Je-sus, yes, yes; they nailed him to the cross, Lord, yes, yes;
It was poor lit-tle Je-sus, yes, yes; he's ris - en from dark-ness, yes,

and laid in a man-ger, yes, yes; was-n't that a pi-ty and a
yes; didn't have a cra-dle, yes, yes; was-n't that a pi-ty and a
they hung him with a rob-ber yes, yes; was-n't that a pi-ty and a
yes; he's 'scend-ed in - to glory yes, yes; no more a pi - ty and

shame, Lord, Lord, was-n't that a pi-ty and a shame?
shame, Lord, Lord, was-n't that a pi-ty and a shame?
shame, Lord, Lord, was-n't that a pi-ty and a shame?
a shame, Lord, Lord, no more a pi-ty and a shame.

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.**



Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 # 216 *Hail Thee, Festival Day!*

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Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day that art hal - lowed for ev - er,



day when the Christ a-scends, high in the heav-ens to reign.



He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the ru - ler of na - ture;
Spir - it of life and of power, now flow in us, fount of our be - ing,



all things cre - a - ted on earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
light that dost light-en all, life that in all dost a - bide:



Dai - ly the love-li-ness grows, a - dorned with the glo - ry of blos - som:
Praise to the Giv-er of good! Thous Love who are au - thor of con - cord,



heav-en her gates un - bars, fling-ing her in - crease of light
pour out thy balm on our souls, or - der our ways in thy peace;

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Postlude: Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise by Robert Williams (1781-1821),
arr. Cindy Berry (b. 1949)**