

The Third Sunday of Eastertide St. George's Church

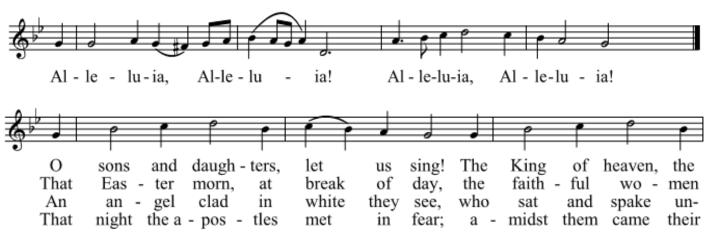
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Welcome to St. George's! This service booklet has everything you need to participate in today's worship service, including scripture readings as well as prayers and music. Those **participating via Zoom** are welcome to keep their **video camera on** 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: Good Christians, Rejoice and Sing by Eberhard Wenzel, arr. Paul Kickstat

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #203 O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

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glo - rious King, o'er death and hell rose tri-umph-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia! went their way to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al-le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia! - to the three, "Your Lord doth go to Gal - i - lee. Al-le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia! Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be on all here." Al-le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia!

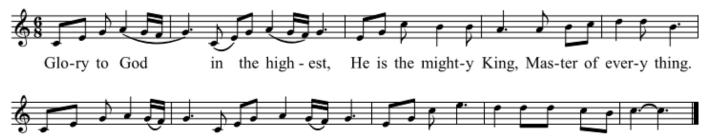
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

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 cap-tain of my soul, the u-ni-verse con-trol, God is the one true ex-pres-sion of life.

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: O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1 John 3: 1-7

Read by Ernie Lawley

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**



Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God, the defender of my cause:

You set me free when I was in distress, be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.

How long, O mortals, will you defame my honour:

how long will you love what is worthless and seek after lies?

Know this, that the Lord has chosen those who are righteous: **the Lord hears me when I call.**

Stand in awe, and cease from sin:

commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.

Offer the sacrifices that are appointed: and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, 'O that we might ' see prosperity:

lift up the light of your face on us O Lord.'

But you have put gladness in my heart:

more than they have when corn and wine are in plenty.

I lie down in peace, and sleep comes at once:

for O Lord, it is you only who make me dwell in safety.

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

Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "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.

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

The Sermon: Brother Ed Munro, BSG





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The Prayers of the People

Led by Karen Horrocks

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.**



Online Services this Week on Zoom: Evening Prayer at 6:00 pm Tuesday and Thursday Compline at 8:00 pm Wednesday

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 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. 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.

Offertory Anthem: Teach Me, O Lord by J. Paul Williams and Douglas Nolan

Teach me, O Lord, the way I should go. Let me walk the path that you prepared for me.

O come take my hand, I'm at Your command.

Lord, teach me today. Teach me O Lord, I pray.

Show me, O Lord, the way I should go. I will follow in Your footsteps as You lead.

Though the road may be long, I'm never alone. Lord, teach me today, teach me, O lord, I pray.

Come teach me, Lord.

Your ways are sure and your word is true. Your law is my delight.
You are my guide and my friend. Your love will never end.
You are the Way, the Truth, the Life. You are Life!
Lead me, O Lord; I give you my life.
I will serve You, Lord, with gladness all my days.
Lord, use me, I pray, and have Thine own way,
O lead me, Lord. Show me, O Lord.
Teach me, O Lord, I pray.

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.

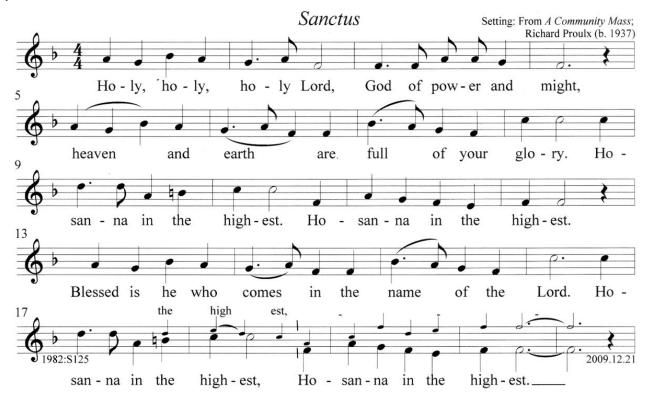
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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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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.

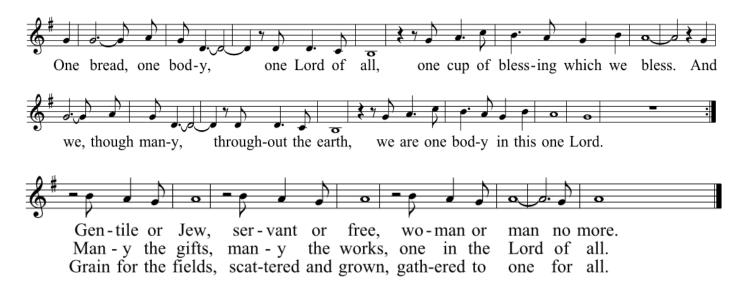
The Communion

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 Hymn: LEVAS # 151 One Bread, One Body

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray:

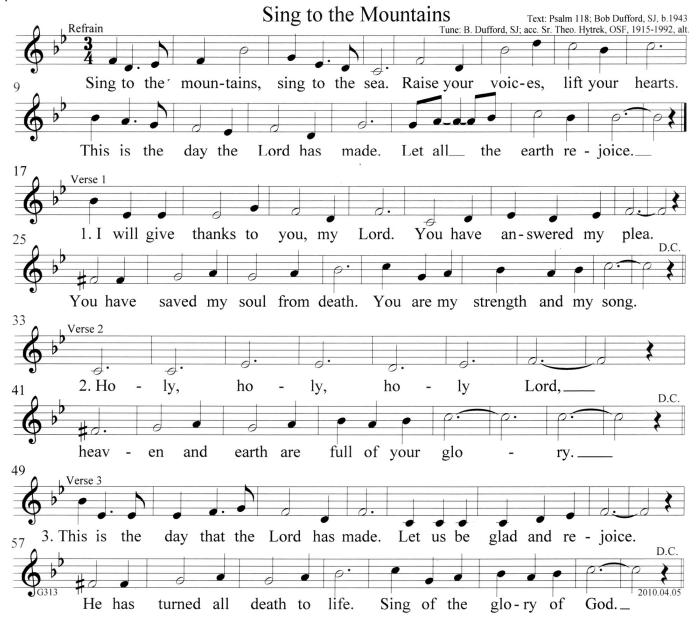
Holy and gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the bread of life, and sustaining us with the presence of the Risen Christ. Grant that we who have been fed at this table today will go out as people of hope and new life to do justice and love kindness. May the meal we have shared revive us in 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: Gather # 313 Sing to the Mountains

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The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: Come, Christians, Join to Sing by Jeff Bennett, arr. Benjamin Carr