



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday of Easter ❖ April 26, 2020

Liturgy for Worship ❖ 10:00 a.m.*

Hymn 325 Let us break bread together on our knees

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Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Celebrant may say

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.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 for ever. **Amen.**

The Epistle **1 Peter 1:17-23**

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Peter

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

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1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 **The cords of death entangled me;**
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
- 10 **How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?**
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 12 **I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.**
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 **O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 16 **I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,**
- 17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

The Gospel Reading Luke 24:13-35

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily The Rev. Eleanor Wellford

The Prayers of the People

Leader In this holy season of the Resurrection of Jesus who will never leave us alone or comfortless, give us the eyes of faith that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; and with all our hearts say,

People **Let us call upon the Name of the Lord.**

Leader We hold before God those for whom life is very difficult right now:

(Silence.)

Leader We hold before God all those who are sick or suffering especially during this worldwide outbreak of illness, that each may know the comfort of your loving, healing Spirit.

People **Let us call upon the Name of the Lord.**

Leader We hold before God all doctors and nurses, nursing assistants and all care-givers, all public health officials and those whose wisdom is needed to guide us towards renewed health and life.

People **Let us call upon the Name of the Lord.**

Leader We hold before God all those who may be especially vulnerable and who may be lost or forgotten, that the Spirit of the Good Shepherd may be alive among your people and bring them home.

People **Let us call upon the Name of the Lord.**

Leader We hold before God all those who hold the public trust as our elected representative and leaders, that you would endue them with your wisdom and love, for the benefit of the whole human family and for your glory.

People **Let us call upon the Name of the Lord.**

Leader We hold before God this parish family and the mission of your Church throughout the world, that you would knit us together in the powerful bonds of your love that draw your Kingdom near.

People **Let us call upon the Name of the Lord.**

Leader We hold before God those who are disappointed in something which they had hoped for very much, and for those who are sad because someone they loved has died, especially remembering Ray Cardello.

People **Let us call upon the Name of the Lord.**

Leader We hold before our loving God, our Shepherd who supplies our every need, our grateful hearts in thanksgiving for the unexpected joys of this life, for the gifts of human kindness we see every day, and for new life.

People **Let us call upon the Name of the Lord.**

Leader O God who raised your blessed Son from the tomb of death and has made the whole creation new, grant that we may hear his voice and lead us, even now, from death to life, for his tender mercy's sake.

People **Amen.**

Leader These and all our prayers we offer as we pray together,

Leader and People

**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.
And 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.

Confession of Sin

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Leader Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Blessing

Life is short and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessings of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude



Here is a collect that you may find speaks for your heart in this time of uncertainty, and is food for your soul.

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

--*The Book of Common Prayer*, page 461



Participants in this morning's service

Preacher: Eleanor Wellford; **Celebrant:** David H. May; **Lay Readers:** Laurie Croft and Deedi Trabosh; **Intercessor:** Kitty Williams; **Musicians:** Rochelle Jordan, Katharine and Ryan Tibbetts, *Organist and Choirmaster*



The Parish Prayer List

Lacy Slabaugh Abbott, Jane Anderson, Bill Ashey, Agnes Atwill, Maggie Bassett, Charles Bryan, Barbro Caperton, Elizabeth Cary, Bill Collins, Nick Costas, Kendall Cray, Elaine Crisskus and family, Ann Robertson Davis, Betty Dixon, Stacy Dove, Melissa Evans, Ralph Fisher, Kristine Fitzgerald, Jim Frye, Laura Gilliam, Gordon Graham, Howen Greeley, Frank Grier, Bettsy Heggie, Lolly Hetherington, Cindy and Dave Horowitz, Donna Marie Joy, Betty and Clyde Lamond, Terry Lardizabel, Ross Mackenzie, Katherine Mezger, George Moncure, Dover Moore, Harry Moore, Wende Patton, Alex Peavey, Randy Reynolds, Susan Reynolds, Elizabeth Romeo, Lori Rowland, Kelly Ryan, Shelby Slaughter, Bruce Spain, Josh Spain, John Stallings, Jackson Steele, Emma Grace Stiff, Otissay Thompson, Robin

Underwood, Ruby Walton, Addie Waters, Judy Wei, Whitley, Sigrid Whittle, Trish and Gary Wilkins, Jack Williams, William Wilson, and Katherine Youell. **For all the blessings of this life**, especially for the birth of Michael Sutherland Tickle, son of Chelsea and Philip Tickle. **For those expecting children**, especially Claire and Adam Hahn. **For those who have died**, especially remembering Ray Cardello. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East and The Most Revd Michael Lewis –Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf. **For those serving in the military or diplomatic service:** Stuart Hughes, Jack James, Alec Mackenzie, Alex Newsome, Randy Reynolds III, C. Russell Timmons, and David M. Tonacci.