

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

April 26, 2020 10:30 AM

The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert, Rector The Rev. Jim Enelow, Deacon Ms. Mi-Young Kim, Music Director

The mission of St. George's Episcopal Church is to worship God and share our faith through word, action, and service.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE WITH US. In this difficult and uncertain time, our commitment to one another as the Body of Christ is more important than ever. We are blessed to be able to join together in prayer, even as we are unable to be together in person as we would wish. Our online services are all available from the <u>Online Worship</u> page of our website.

EASTER is the feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faith in Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday or third day following his crucifixion is at the heart of Christian belief. In the northern hemisphere, Easter sets the experience of springtime next to the ancient stories of deliverance and the proclamation of the risen Christ.

Easter is not merely one day, but a season of fifty days of rejoicing, culminating on the Day of Pentecost. During the GREAT FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER, our worship will reflect the earliest traditions of Christian worship, omitting the usual Prayer of Confession. The Council of Nicaea in 325 declared during the Easter season, Christians would neither kneel nor fast, instead focusing on the joy of the resurrection and our own status as a redeemed Easter people. May God bless you throughout the Easter season. PRELUDE

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (Roland Diggle)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



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People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Officiant 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.

People Amen.



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

- Officiant The Lord be with you.
- People And also with you.
- Officiant 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.

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People Amen.

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FIRST READING

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader	The Word of the Lord
People	Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17

DILEXI, QUONIAM

Please join in reading the psalm responsively by half verse.

- 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.

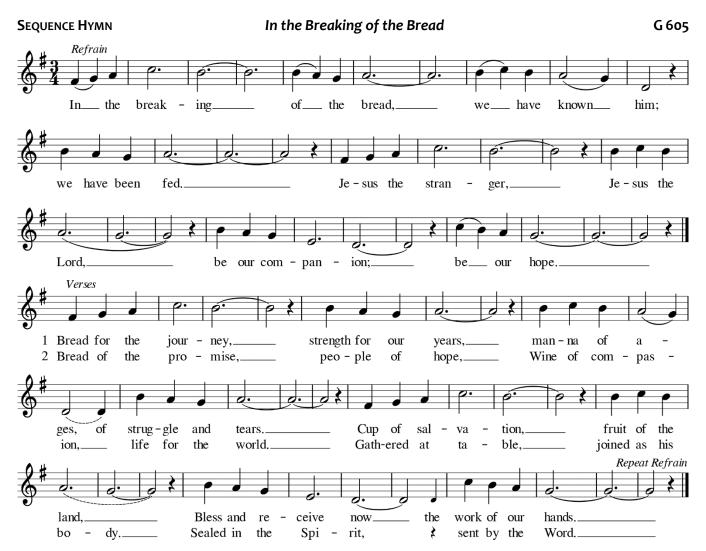
SECOND LESSON

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.

The Word of the Lord. Reader People Thanks be to God.



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THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord. People Praise to you, Lord Christ.



GOSPEL ALLELUIA

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THE SERMON

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

Deacon Father, we pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East and all your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Deacon Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

- *Deacon* We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai our bishops; Kevin our rector; Jim our deacon; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;
- People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Deacon	We pray for Donald, our President; Greg, our Governor; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;		
People	That there may be justice and peace on the earth.		
Deacon People	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.		
Deacon People	Have compassion on Pat, Sister Mary Jean, Ann, Jean, Amber, Gladys, Charles, Ralph, Kirk, Ann, Makena, Polly, Divesh, Bailey, Hans, Mary, Martha, Shubh, Pam, Ben, Gail, Colleen, José, Tom, Michael, Alfred, Valerie, the Dalton Family, all those suffering from COVID-19, and on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.		
Deacon People	Give to Josey, Carolyn, those who have died from COVID-19, and all the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them.		
Deacon People	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.		
Deacon	Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.		
	(The People may add their own petitions. The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.)		
THE PEACE			
Officiant People	The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.		

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant	And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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.

THE EASTER BLESSING

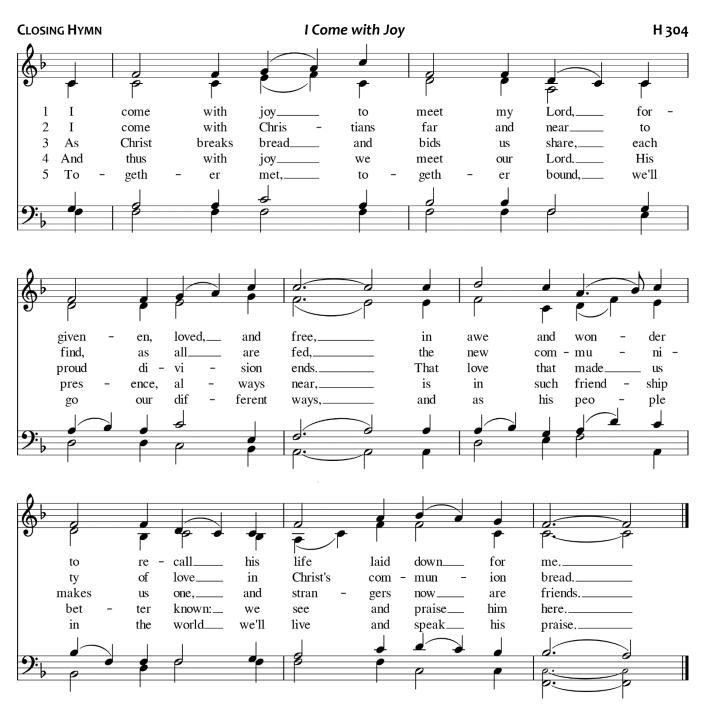
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Officiant God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

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DISMISSAL

Deacon	Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen, Op.122 No.6 O how blessed are the faithful (Johannes Brahms)

MI-YOUNG KIM, ORGAN

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

For those who are sick or facing medical issues, especially:

Pat Beckham Sister Mary Jean Bludau Ann Casstevens Jean Dalton Amber Dupuy Gladys Dykes	Ann Kaupp Makena La Polly Littre Divesh Ma Bailey McH Hans Mue	andgraf ell nohar Kennon Iler	Pam Schubert Ben Sears Gail Snyder Colleen Stark José Trejo Tirado Tom Wooten	
Charles Foster Ralph Hausser	Mary Parker Martha Sahs		Michael Worcester All those suffering from	
Kirk Hoffman	Shubh Schiesser		COVID-19	
For those who have died and their families, especially				
Josey Krebs Carolyn Roseboom	All those v	vho have died from COVID-	19	
For those facing difficult circumsta	nces, especially	y:		
The Dalton Family	Alfred Dav	valos	Valerie McKesson Lara	
For those serving in the armed forces and their families, especially:				
Zach Mertz	Dustin Wo	rcester	Maddison Worcester	
Those who celebrate birthdays, especially: Chloe Carrera (Apr 28) Claire Jones (Apr 29) Matt Curtis (May 2)		Those who celebrate anniversaries, especially: Carolyn Porter & David Stuart (Apr 30) Heather & Kevin Schubert (May 1)		
In the Anglican cycle of prayer: Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & T The Most Revd Michael Lewis		In the Diocese of Texas of San Pedro/St. Peter's, St. Alban's, Houston St. James, Houston		

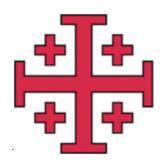
Names can be added to this list by emailing Jennifer at <u>stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com</u>.



THE BANNER – April 26, 2020

GIVING TO ST. GEORGE'S – We are grateful for your financial support as we navigate new ways to stay connected in these challenging times. Your gifts enable us to use modern technology to connect to each other, as well as to continue to pay our ongoing expenses, including salaries. If you have been giving to St. George's by putting a check or cash in the plate on Sundays, please consider giving online by clicking the DONATE button on the Stewardship page of the church's website: www.sgchurch.org/stewardship. You can set up regular weekly or monthly donation using a credit card or a bank account. Thank you for your generosity.

- WEDNESDAY WEAVINGS The Wednesday Weavings adult discussion group will gather this Wednesday, February 19th, for a Zoom meeting from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. All are welcome to join the group for a service of Compline and a discussion of the evening's reading from the Forward Movement publication, The Social Justice Bible Challenge. Frances Rickard will send out the Zoom invitation prior to the meeting to the group's email list; to be added to the email list or with any other questions, contact Frances at fajrickard@gmail.com. We hope you can join us!
- CHRISTOPHER HOUSE BASKETS Christopher House Volunteer Coordinator Philip has asked that we reduce our deliveries to just one basket per week. Shelter-in-place rules have limited them to six patients at a time and only one visiting family member per patient. Since fewer family members are there to get baskets, the baskets may sit a while before being delivered, so no perishable items should be included. The delivery method has also slightly changed. Park in the back of the building as always, but you may need to ring the bell to get admitted to the courtyard. Someone will meet you at the door and take delivery of your basket. Philip stressed again how much the baskets mean to the recipients, and that all the items are appreciated.



FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon, April 27	Zita of Tuscany, Worker of Charity, 1271
Wed, April 29	Catherine of Siena, Mystic and Prophetic Witness, 1380
Fri, May 1	The Apostles Saint Philip and Saint James
Sat, May 2	Elisabeth Cruciger, Poet and Hymnographer, 1535
Sun, May 3	Athanasius of Alexandria, Bishop and Theologian, 373

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMON LIFE

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR A PERSON UNABLE TO TAKE THE EUCHARIST

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant/Preacher – The Rev. Kevin Schubert Deacon – The Rev. Jim Enelow Lector – Mary Stewart Miller Vestry Person of the Day – Hye Na Lucy Organist/Pianist – Mi-Young Kim Singers – Stephanie Craven, Hye Na Lucy, Jan Phillips

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