MORNING PRAYER RITE II

The Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020
10:45 A.M.

+ THE GATHERING RITE +

Voluntary: “Here I am to Worship”

Welcome and Announcements

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.

DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN

Somos una comunidad Cristiana que da la bienvenida con entusiasmo y acogedor, comprometida con la unidad de toda la gente con Dios a a través de Cristo.

Sacred Silence

At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray or engage in another silent activity.

Opening Sentence

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

At the tolling of the bell, please play your instruments until the gong sounds.

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Confession

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.

Absolution

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

Opening Versicle

Lord, open our lips. And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Antiphon

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed; Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Canticle: Christ our Passover

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast, Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.
Antiphon
Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed; Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalmody: Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

The cantor will sing the refrain first, then invite the congregation to join.

Refrain

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."

Refrain

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.

Refrain

13. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his servants.

14. 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.

Refrain

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!

Refrain

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

+ THE LESSONS +

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a,36-41

Lector A Reading from Acts of the Apostle.

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.

Lector Here ends the Reading.
Hymn: “Emmaus-Bound”  

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Emmaus-bound on Easter Day, two travelers walked along the way.
When you appeared beside the two, they could not see that it was you;
For as you spoke to them God's word, explaining all they'd seen and heard,
They shared their home; You broke the bread. They saw you, risen from the dead!
In scripture and at table too, O Risen Lord, may we know you.

They'd once had hope, but hope had died when you, O Lord, were crucified.  
but as they talked and shared their pain, You gave them hope and joy again.
they understood what God had done and that a new day had begun.  
That moment's grace helped them to see the gift of God's eternity.
And may your presence give us grace to share God's love in every place.

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Traditional English melody


Lector A Reading from the Gospel of 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.

Lector Here ends the Reading.

Sermon

The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Creed: “The Apostles’ Creed”

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.
The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Suffrages B

Intercessor  Save your people, Lord and bless your inheritance;
People       Govern and uphold them, now and always.
Intercessor  Day by day we bless you;
People       We praise your Name for ever.
Intercessor  Lord, keep us from all sin today;
People       Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor  Lord, show us your love and mercy;
People       For we put our trust in you.
Intercessor  In you, Lord, is our hope;
People       And we shall never hope in vain.

Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; especially for the ministries of those churches in the
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: All Saints’, Duncan
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Edward our Bishop, Poulson our Bishop Coajutor-elect, and for all
bishops; for Fr. Joseph, Fr. Tony, Deacon Robby, and all other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.
For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions.

**For those with medical issues:** Gayla Schwenke, Teaghan, Parker, Chandler, Carla Harrison, Maria & Lary Candido, Julio Bega Morua, Pat Current, Karen Meites, Joe Jackson, Ruben Horsford, Nancy Howard, Ken McKee, Sandi, Stella, Bill, Sandy Dentico, Chuck & Sabrina Evans, Anna, Sheradon & Baby Mabry, Claude & Grace Mathews, Joe Pointer, Margaret Lapham, Sue Foreman, Joan Shock, Paula Overton, Kim Hatcher, David Montgomery, Magnolia, Penny Montgomery, Richard & Cynthia Ledbetter, Edit Scambler, John Scambler, Irma M. Vazquez, Roger Badertscher, Sharlene Hill, Sharon Feland, Danny Wehr, Mitch Weaver, Scott Mills, Jessica Valentine, Randy Keef, Tucker Spear, Elizabeth Sutton, Dick Hackley, Agatha Westerhoff, Phoenix Cribbel, Raelene Hayes, Bill Collins, Dick Hackley, Drue Eliot, Donny Trammell, Melinda Myers, Elizabeth Myers, Dicheal Talley, Anita Poole, Myrna Gray, Camilla Nicole Manning, Tom Current, Rick & Randy Pair, Ann Chambers, Nicole Pair, Franz Lauffer, Evelyn Thrower, Don Moon, Bill Kerr, Janice Wilson, Joice Thompson.

**For those with other needs or concerns:** Mark Mintor, Jodell Moon, Chelsea Hurt, Cyndi Valentine, Guy & Virginiah Nembhard, Domenica Lovera & Family, Willa Mae Rowley, Andrew Sterling, Debbie Sterling, Russell Paine, Brandon Riggs, Sandy Dentico, Larissa Harsagay, Bob, Cassie, C.G. Residents, Stephanie Sherwin, Cody Bond, Jay Scambler & Bridget Roush, Michael Talty, Valerie Lewis, Cornerstone Counseling, Jada Miles Smiley, Travis, Kristen, Lee, Evin Cole, Tony Harris, Elizabeth Anderson, Cassie Sherwin, Neva Sutton, Bob Brioti, Evan Harjo & Family, Rickard Hackley McNeal & Hammons Family, Keith, Hodges Family, Cherokee Ballard, Andrea Conrad Cheek, Mike Holloway, Aimee Ann, Heather & Jeff Gabelsberg, Dennis, Jason & Traci Eliot, Aimeeann Vanek, those needing the services of the Guild of St. George, St. Francis Community Services, the Infant Crisis Services, residents of the Jess Dunn, Joseph Harp and Davis correctional facilities; the Lionwood Senior Living Center, the Harbor and Gateway Homes for the mentally impaired, the Jesus House, and for all people of the world in these times of worry and illness.

**For those in the military:** J.R. Singleton, Bryce Singleton, Derek Gabelsberg, Cody Branson, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfro, Rev. Octavia Lindsey, McKenna McCullough, Noel Puryear, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Andrew Long, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stiendl, James Roberts, John Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Chase Biel Weishaupt, Perry Harding, Nate Phillips, Ashley Adkins, Matt Lake, Derek Wolf, our troops at home and abroad and their families.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.


We will exalt you, O God our King.

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

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 for ever. Amen.

Prayer for Mission I

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Choral Meditation: “Healer of My Soul”  

John Michael Talbott

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The General Thanksgiving
Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Benedicamus
Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Concluding Sentence
Glory be to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more that we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20,21

Voluntary: “Improvisation” John Potter

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Officiant & Preacher: The Reverend Joseph Alsay
Lector & Intercessor: Marcy Taber
Musicians: Scott Chard & John Stephen Potter
Camera: Chris O’Leary