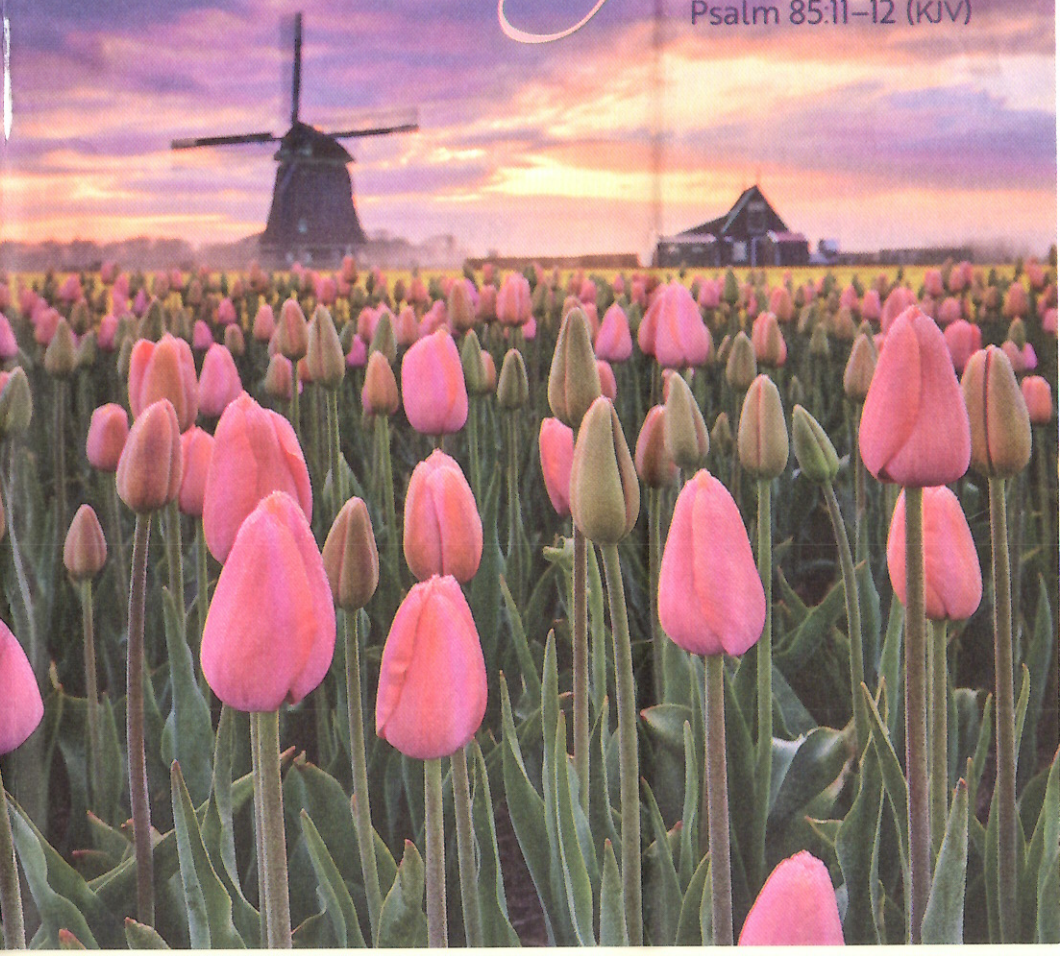


Truth shall spring out of the earth;
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

*Yea, the Lord shall give that
which is good.*

Psalm 85:11-12 (KJV)



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2026

MORNING PRAYER – RITE 11
11:00 A.M.

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Dismissal



Lay Readers: Linda Bulls and Joseph Samuel
Meditation: Cornelius Smith



FELLOWSHIP HOUR

The Christian Gathering continues after this service with fellowship and refreshments in the undercroft.

PLEASE JOIN US!!!!!!

April 19 - A Parishioner



3 EASTER

Third Sunday of Easter



Revised Common Lectionary

Sunday, April 19, 2026

COLLECT

Traditional

O GOD, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

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.*

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

PETER, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Therefore 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.

Refrain

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 *from The Book of Common Prayer*

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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. | 12 | I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people. |
| 2 | The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; * I came to grief and sorrow. | 13 | Precious in the sight of the LORD * is the death of his servants. |
| 3 | Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: * "O LORD, I pray you, save my life." | 14 | O LORD, I am your servant; * I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. |
| 10 | How shall I repay the LORD * for all the good things he has done for me? | 15 | I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving * and call upon the Name of the LORD. |
| 11 | I will lift up the cup of salvation * 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! |

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

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.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

NOW ON that same day two of the 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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, April 20, 2026

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Friday, April 24, 2026

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Sunday, April 26, 2026

11 a.m. - No Service

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

April 13 - Mario Lightfoote
23 - George B. Bulls

**NEWS FROM AROUND THE EPISCOPAL
& ANGLICAN DIOCESES**

See www.anglicannews.org for the latest Anglican Communion News

Diocesan Vestry Training will be held *Saturday, April 18, 2026, 10 am – 3 pm* at Church of the Ascension, Birmingham. Registration is required online at www.dioala.org.

NEWS/EVENTS - T.U. (www.tuskegee.edu)

T.U. Graduate/Professional School Commencement-*Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 9:30am – 12:30pm*

T.U. Undergraduate Commencement-*Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 12:30 pm – 2:30pm*

COMMUNITY EVENTS (Tuskegee)

The 21st Annual George Washington Carver Arts & Crafts Festival is scheduled for *Saturday, May 2, 2026*, downtown Tuskegee-on-the-square from *10am – 6pm*, featuring a parade, entertainment, food vendors, science fair, prizes, awards and more events. Visit <https://carverfestival.org>

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10, 2026

Primary Elections will be held in Macon County *Tuesday, May 19, 2026*.

The following local positions are open:

State Senate District 28

State Representative District 82

U.S. Representative 2nd District

District Court Judge, Place 1

Macon County Sheriff

Macon County Revenue Commissioner

Macon County Coroner

Macon County Commissioner District 2

Macon County Commissioner District 4

Macon County School Board District 2

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*Local Parishioners

** Shut-In Parishioners

THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd; Bridge Ministries, Birmingham; St. Anne's Home, Birmingham; Welcome Center, Millbrook; St. Mark's, Birmingham; St. Mark's, Boligee; St. Mark's, Prattville; and St. Catherine's, Chelsea.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!!

- **ARMED FORCES:** Please pray for our service men and women stationed in the U.S. and overseas, especially, DeRitha Marbory Green, Sam and Margaret Gunn Bunton, Christopher Childers, Kyle F. Graham, Shavone Marbory Hogan, Jabar and Kenya Lee Steward.
- **PRAYERS:** Continue to pray for those on the Prayer List, friends, family and all humankind afflicted by disease, war and famine. Pray for peace!
- **REMINDER:** Please continue to furnish our Food Basket with non-perishable food items (located on the ground floor of the Education Building).
- **NEW:** The link for the Sunday ZOOM Companion Service can be reached by dialing: 1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 882 671 9532, Passcode 008810 or click on your email invite. Mark your calendar for the next Holy Eucharist *Sunday, May 3, 2026*, at 11am with Rev. H. Mawande Mzongwana.
- **NEW:** Thank you to all who brought fresh cut flowers for Easter Sunday 'flowering of the cross.' Pictures are available on the church website. Doris Okere won 1st place and Valerie Burston won 2nd place for the Easter bonnet parade. All the ladies looked fabulous! Pictures are available on the church website and the bulletin board in the Education Building of Rev. H. Mawande Mzongwana's Ordination and those parishioners who attended the service.
- **NEW:** Work will begin very soon on repairing the church elevator. Thank you for your patience.



SERMONS THAT WORK

Easter 3 (A)

[RCL] Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-3,10-17; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Danger, Laughter

There is a very short story Alan Dugan wrote for *Poetry* magazine called “April.” It unequivocally describes spring in a cold climate.

April.

The old man in shining black, with the immense black umbrella, walked down the street like the younger brother of the shadow of death. Each house, as he passed, pulled down its shades, and each tree, as he passed, withdrew its buds. Then on the corner as the rain stopped, he stopped and walked back up the street, the shadow of death disappearing as he closed his overpowering umbrella. The buds popped out, the windows opened, as one bird sang and one child shouted, and all that was left was the black skeleton of the brother of the shadow of death to laugh at and yes, to stone.

Be careful, this is April. It might rain again and the shadow and its slapstick brother might move up and down the spring-bursting, bud-laden, totally confused street all afternoon singing, Danger, Laughter, Danger, Laughter.

The end.

In a cold climate, April is like that. Danger, laughter, danger, laughter. No wonder T.S. Eliot said that “April is the cruelest month.”

Life—in many ways—is April. To be human is to dance between laughter and danger and back again. It might rain again, and it might even sleet or snow, or it might be glorious. A catastrophe might befall you today or you might learn wonderful news. Or maybe even both. Laughter, Danger.

Welcome to the third Sunday of Easter.

Today we get to hear the last of the resurrection appearances appointed for the Easter season. Next Sunday will be what is often colloquially known as “Good Shepherd Sunday,” when all the readings

revolve around Jesus as the good shepherd. That Sunday is a little hinge point in the Easter season, with three Sundays before it and three Sundays after. (The last three Sundays of Eastertide, we will look towards Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit.)

Today's Gospel lesson is intent on proving that Jesus is not a ghost, and that the resurrection appearances are not some collective hallucination, either. Jesus knows that it's hard to believe that someone might come back from the dead, so—just like he did with Thomas—he offers concrete proof in the form of his body, alive and functioning. He eats in front of them.

In this famous story, two disciples meet someone they see as a stranger along the road to Emmaus. They invite him to their house, they feed him dinner, and they recognize him in the breaking of the bread.

It's wild how many of these resurrection appearances revolve around food—and people gathered around food. Jesus even makes the disciples breakfast on the seashore in John's gospel. As theology professor Don Saliers used to say to his students, "Jesus loved meals so much, he became one."

Eating—and even more than mere eating, *nourishment*—is a profoundly human thing. And that is the whole point.

Together, around tables and at the altar, we share laughter and danger and frustration and sadness and joy. This is what it is to be human. We disappoint each other and we make each other's day, sometimes in the same week, sometimes in the same hour. We make each other cry and we make each other rage, with regularity. This is what it means to share life, to share love, to be human. Laughter, danger, laughter, danger.

If there was irrefutable proof that Christ was raised from the dead, it is lost to history. But we can point to what Christ offers in the gospel lesson: his body. He offers it to the disciples on the walk to Emmaus, in the upper room—when he showed Thomas his hands and his side—and in every other resurrection appearance.

In the gospels, the proof of the resurrection is Christ's literal body. In our world, the proof is Christ's body the church. It is Christ's body, as we gather together, around the table, in all of our humanity.

So let us continue to share life here, together, as Christ's body.

Be careful, it is April. It might rain again and the shadow and its slapstick brother might move up and down the spring-bursting, bud-laden, totally confused street all afternoon singing, Danger, Laughter, Danger, Laughter.

Be careful, you are human. You live in a world that sings: laughter, danger, laughter, danger. But you do not live in this world alone. Christ who gathers us also shelters us, gives us to one another, and calls us his body.

Then, as now, Christ's body is the only proof that we need of resurrection.

April will not last. The buds will bloom, and summer will come. Resurrection shows itself in many ways.

Thanks be to God. *Amen.*

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