



**ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BRIDGEVILLE, DE**

“The Little Church with a Big Heart”

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 18, 2021

Priest in Charge: Rev. Carl E. Mosley

Deacon: Rev. Deacon Dottie Vuono

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #56 — WE SEE THE LORD (MUSIC ONLY)

FIRST ACCLAMATION – BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Celebrant 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 – BCP 356

Together Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: ...have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: ...receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

Collect 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 THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES

Together Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils, which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

*First
Reading*

ACTS 3:12-19 — Maureen Yocum

PETER ADDRESSED THE PEOPLE, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”.

PSALM 4 — *(Together -- Beginning & ending with the Refrain)*

REFRAIN: *You have put gladness in my heart, O Lord.*

¹ Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

² "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

³ Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

⁴ Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵ Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

⁶ Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

⁸ I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety..

*Second
Reading*

1 JOHN 3:1-7 — Amber Welch

SEE WHAT LOVE the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know 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.

SEQUENCE HYMN #86 — IN HIS TIME (MUSIC ONLY)

HOLY GOSPEL — LUKE 24:36b-48 — Rev. Carl E. Mosley

JESUS 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.

SERMON — Rev. Deacon Dottie Vuono

NICENE CREED – BCP 358

Together

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. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who 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 OF THE PEOPLE FORM VI — BCP 392 – Rev. Deacon Dottie Vuono

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Deacon For all people in their daily life and work;

People *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;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For [Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin our Bishop(s); and for] all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

Silence — 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.

Silence — The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Together Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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.*

PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN #67 — HOW GREAT THOU ART (MUSIC ONLY)

DOXOLOGY (Said Together)

Together Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A — BCP 361

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 him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Together Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Together Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER — BCP 364

Together 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*.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD – BCP 364

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 died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN #55 — HE IS LORD (MUSIC ONLY)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER — BCP 366

Together Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Blessing Rev. Carl E. Mosley

RECESSIONAL HYMN #141 — SINCE I LAID MY BURDEN DOWN (MUSIC ONLY)

Dismissal Rev. Deacon Dottie Vuono

MINISTRIES OF ST. MARY'S PARISH

Celebrant: All the members of the Parish

Sunday 10:30 AM Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

Priest in Charge: Rev. Carl E. Mosley

Assistant: Rev. Deacon Dottie Vuono

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Sherry Rainier

Lay Readers — Tom Brace; Helen Cameron; Conrad Fleck; Diane Fleck; Bill De Haan, Grissell De Haan; Sharon Hawk; Eugene Nichols; Sherry Rainier; Debbie Stogner; Maureen Yocum

Altar Guild Directress — Sharon Hawk

Communications Director (Web & Lay Readers) — Grissell De Haan

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) —Vice President: Diane Fleck

Sunshine Club President – Betty Myers

United Thank Offering (UTO) — Grissell De Haan/Maureen Yocum

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Eugene Nichols

Co-Jr. Wardens:

Charles Hawk & Jerry Stogner

Treasurer: Maureen Yocum

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Eugene Nichols

Betty Myers

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