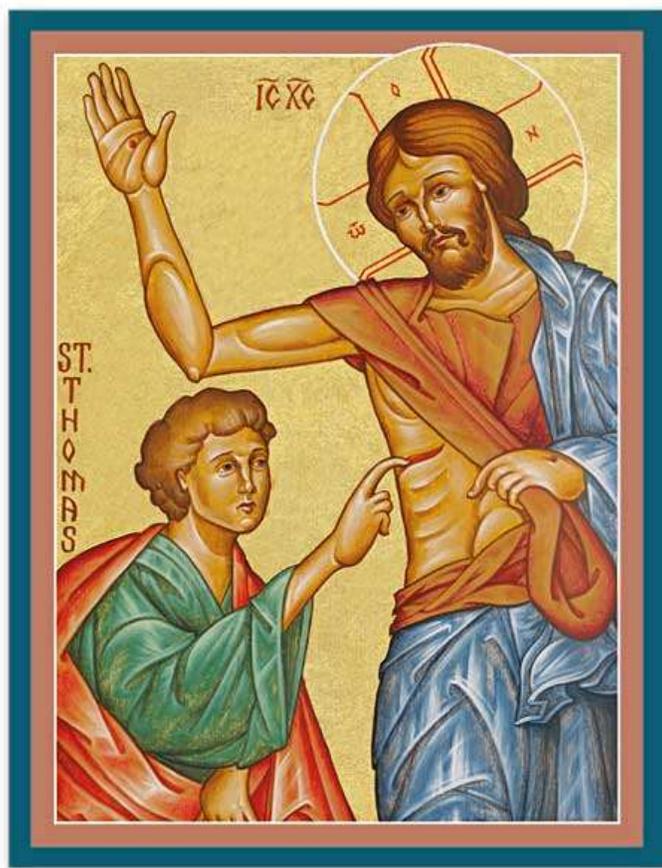


April 11, 2021

9:00 am

Second Sunday of Easter



The Holy Eucharist - Rite II

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THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Strife is O'er (verses 1-3)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed.

Gloria in Excelsis

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the

apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

Psalm 133

Please read responsively by half verse.

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
 that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
 that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
 life for evermore.

The Second Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Please stand for the Gospel.

GRADUAL HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

The Gospel: John 20:19-31

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

The Sermon

Rev. Dr. Flora Keshgegian

A Time of Reflection and Silence Follows.

The Nicene Creed

**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,**

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "God of resurrection," and respond with, "fill us with new life."

God of new life, we pray that the risen Christ may fill us with the joy and glory of new beginnings for all the world.

God of resurrection...

fill us with new life.

God of new life, we pray for the Church Universal, her members and her mission; and we pray that isolated and persecuted churches around the world might find fresh strength in the Easter Gospel that proclaims, "Christ is alive."

God of resurrection...

fill us with new life.

God of new life, we pray for this Nation and for all in authority, that they may make wise and just decisions on policies to govern that would benefit the least and the most vulnerable amongst us.

God of resurrection...

fill us with new life.

God of new life, we pray that through the power of the risen Christ you might cause wars and famine to cease through all the earth; may we replace empty words of hate and violence with words of hope and peace. May we extend our hands outward in an embrace of love.

God of resurrection...

fill us with new life.

God of new life, we pray that the risen Christ may grant us humility and courage to show our love for our neighbors in word and in action.

God of resurrection...

fill us with new life.

God of new life, we pray that through the power of the risen Christ you might provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter; may we learn how to provide a living wage to in our society. We pray for those working tirelessly on the frontlines; give them strength and courage. We pray for all peacekeepers and peacemakers around the world, and their families.

God of resurrection...

fill us with new life.

God of new life, we pray that the light of the risen Christ might be revealed to all who are sick, dying, mourning or in need of comfort. We name all those on our Prayer List and all we now mention...

(Pause to allow people to speak out loud prayers)

...God of resurrection...

fill us with new life.

The Presider concludes with an appropriate collect.

The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Absolution

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord, staying in your pew and making a bow or gesture of peace from it towards others. Those worshiping online can write in the comments their offering of peace.

Announcements

Thank you for continuing to give generously in pledges, prayers, and service.

OFFERTORY HYMN

O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE.

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 our 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sign this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People say together

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People say together

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time,
put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

People and Celebrant

**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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation

COMMUNION MUSIC

Faith

The Communion

All are welcome. Wait for the ushers to dismiss your row through the center aisle, keeping six feet distance between non-family members (markers on ground), sanitizing your hands as you walk to the aisle. Keeping your mask on, receive the bread in the palm of your outstretched hands. At this time, the wine will not be offered, though receiving the Host is full and complete Communion. Walk to the side where there is an X on the floor. Move your mask away from your mouth to receive the Host. Return mask to covering position before turning around and heading back to your pew via the side aisle. Gluten free wafers are available; please let the priest know. If you would like to receive a blessing

instead of Communion, you may come to the priest with your arms crossed over your chest. If mobility issues prohibit you from walking up to the altar, please alert an usher and Communion will be brought to you.

The Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

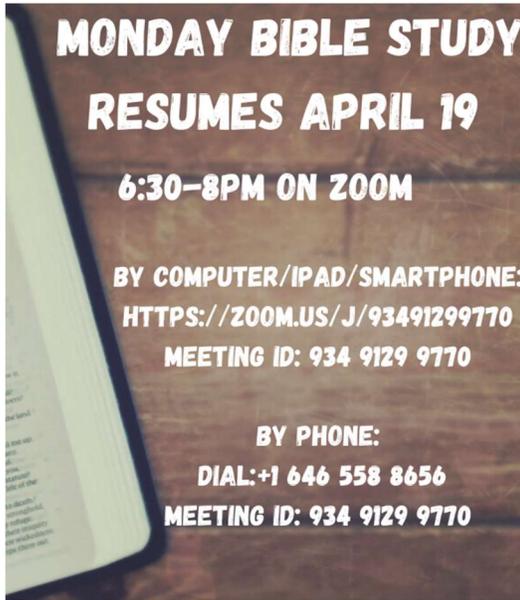
RECESSIONAL HYMN

The Strife is O'er (verses 4-5)

This week at St. James

Monday, April 12	BIBLE STUDY RETURNS NEXT WEEK 4/19!!!
Tuesday, April 13	
Wednesday, April 14	Funeral for Cindi Haws (11:00am) Vestry Meeting (6:30 by Zoom)
Thursday, April 15	
Friday, April 16	
Saturday, April 17	
Sunday, April 18	Worship 9am!!!

Announcements



**MONDAY BIBLE STUDY
RESUMES APRIL 19**

6:30-8PM ON ZOOM

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<https://stjamesprospectpark.org/>

Online giving allows us to better stabilize our finances so we can continue to focus on the mission of our parish.

Church Office Hours Update!

Thanks to a change in the school schedule of his children, Nathan is now able to be in the office on a more regular schedule! His office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am to Noon.

St James Episcopal Church

Covenant for Regathering

In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic, I promise, with God's help and to the best of my ability, to abide by the guidelines of the Diocese of Pennsylvania for participation in the life of my congregation according to the regathering phase in which my congregation is authorized to carry out its mission and ministry.

In fulfillment of the Baptismal Covenant (BCP p. 304-305), I will strive to:

Love my neighbor as myself, I will...

- Wear a mask or scarf over my nose and mouth at all times in church buildings, except momentarily to receive the sacrament or lead worship through an assigned speaking part, and follow public health guidelines for hand sanitizing and disinfecting
- Only attend worship and receive communion if I am non-symptomatic for the COVID-19 virus or any other transmittable disease that could compromise the health of another congregant
- Abstain from attending if doing so would put me at greater risk due to my own health status

Respect the dignity of every human being, I will...

- Make no physical contact with people beyond the members of my own household
- Maintain a six foot or more distance from other members of the congregation
- Respect any requests for distance, masking, cleaning, to ensure the safety and comfort level of others

Seek and serve Christ in all people, I will...

- Trust and support the decisions of both my diocesan and congregational leaders
- Stay connected with others in my community by telephone, video chat, or mail

Many thanks to the Diocese of Maryland for this template.