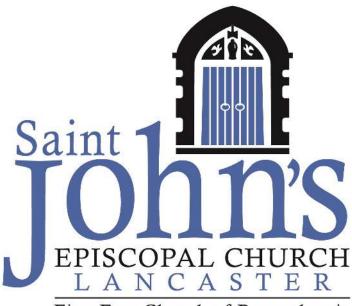
# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

MORNING PRAYER: RITE II APRIL 19, 2020 AT 10:00AM



First Free Church of Pennsylvania Est. 1853

During this time when we aren't able to be together physically, we invite you to join us in other ways. Please check our <u>Website</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>YouTube</u> pages regularly for new information and video messages. If you are in need of groceries, medicine, or any other essentials please let us know by calling (717) 299-1188 or emailing equilla@stjohns-lancaster.org. We have a number of volunteers and staff members willing and able to run errands as needed.

## MORNING PRAYER II

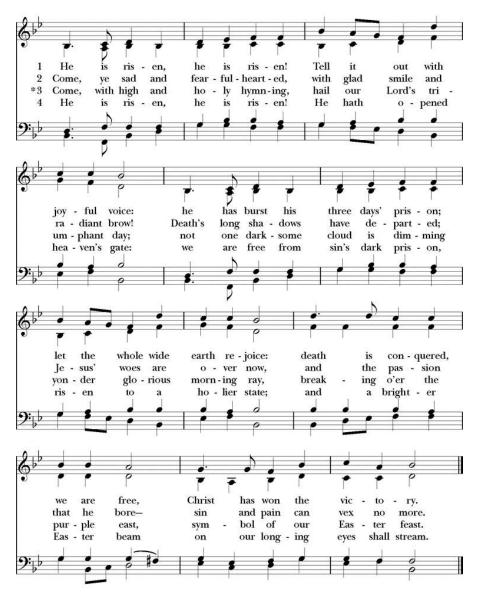
**PRELUDE** 

Christ, the Lord, is Risen Today

arr. R. Coleman

**OPENING HYMN** 

He is risen, he is risen!



# OPENING SENTENCES BCP 77

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Officiant On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

#### THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

**BCP 80** 

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

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.

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

# FIRST CANTICLE: CHRIST OUR PASSOVER (spoken)

**BCP 83** 

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \* therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with 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 in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

# PSALM 16

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*
  I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
  my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \* upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods \* shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \* nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \* it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \* indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \* my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; \* because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \* my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \* nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*
  in your presence there is fullness of joy,
  and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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.

# **FIRST LESSON:** ACTS 2:14A, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

## SECOND CANTICLE: A SONG TO THE LAMB

**BCP 93** 

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, \*
and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \* and to Christ the Lamb,

Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \* for ever and for evermore.

# **SECOND LESSON:** 1 PETER 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faithbeing more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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## THE SEQUENCE HYMN

We walk by faith, and by sight



Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-30

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.

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#### THE HOMILY

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

**BCP 96** 

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church. the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### THE OFFERTORY

During this unprecedented time, giving is crucial to our health and viability. Please consider this a time of reflection and an opportunity to contribute to the ongoing ministries of St. John's. Contributions can be mailed to the church office (321 W. Chestnut Street, Lancaster, PA 17603) or given online at https://stjohns-lancaster.org. Thank you!

## R.V. Williams

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise without delayes, Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with him mayst rise: That, as his death calcined thee to dust, His life may make thee gold, and much more, just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art. The crosse taught all wood to resound his name, who bore the same. His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long: Or, since all musick is but three parts vied and multiplied, O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part, And make up our defects with his sweet art.

—George Herbert

Musical Offering Easter

## THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 97

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us prove

Officiant Let us pray.

# Officiant and 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.

SUFFRAGES A BCP 97

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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*.

## A COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE

**BCP 99** 

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

#### A COLLECT FOR THE MISSION

**BCP 100** 

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen*.

## **BCP 101**

#### 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.

# THE CLOSING HYMN HYMN 193



DISMISSAL BCP 102

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen. Romans* 15:13

**POSTLUDE** Toccata on Easter Hymn

D. Bish

# **UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:**

# SUNDAY, APRIL 19

11:00 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)

# WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

12:00 p.m. Prayer (Facebook Live) 4:30 p.m. Youth Group (Zoom)

# THURSDAY, APRIL 23

12:00 p.m. Last Lesson on Psalms (Facebook Live and Zoom)

# SUNDAY, APRIL 26

12:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

# WEEKLY SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you for your continual support of our food pantry ministry. From March 18 through April 16, we have distributed over 100 boxes of food! The most to date being 19 boxes in one day this week. Your contributions of nonperishable items (left on the back porch of Becker House and collected by staff) and donations allow us to feed so many neighbors struggling to make ends meet during this difficult time. Thank you for being good news to those in need.

Toiletries distributed include dental care items, bar soap, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream, deodorant. All are greatly appreciated.

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