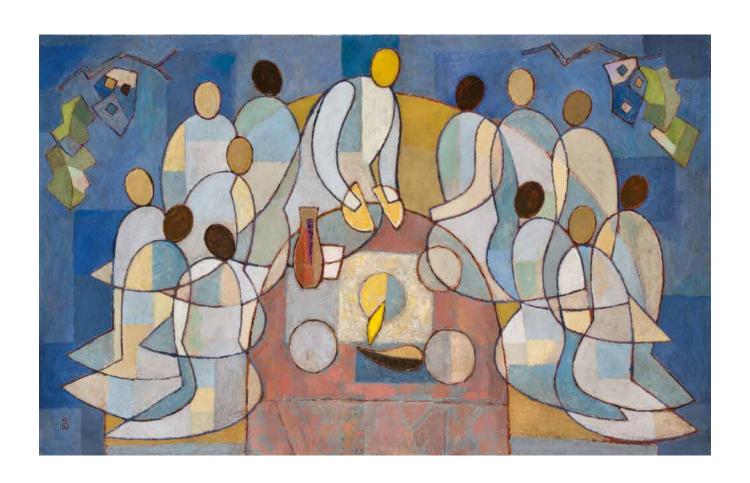
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church the episcopal diocese of maryland 10:45 A.M. \$\delta\$ April 14, 2024

The Liturgy of the Word at 10:45

Be thankful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord.

During the service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another.

The people standing,

Celebrant I see you.

People We are here.

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.

People Amen.

Hymn 193

That Easter Day with joy was bright



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OPENING PRAYER

Father, send your Holy Spirit upon us as we come together to hear your word and to receive your sacrament. Keep us mindful that we are one with you and each other and help us to live our lives joyfully sharing the grace you have shown us and the life you have brought us. Mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do; and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Response

We offer ourselves to you, O Lord, and to each other, that we may serve in your Name. Amen.



Words: Swahili Text; tr. Howard Olson Music: Haya Tune; *Tumshagilie Mungu*, Makumira, Tanzania; harm. Carl Haywood

(b. 1949), from Songs of Praise

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

People Amen.

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 3:12-19

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."

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

Psalm 4 Cum invocarem

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE SECOND LESSON:

1 John 3:1-7

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.

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

Easter Gospel Acclamation

L. DeLauder









2024

All standing,

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 24:36B-48

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus himself 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.

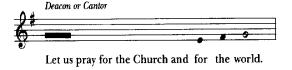
Celebrant People The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All stand for

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: 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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





Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us true repentance; forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and grant us the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please warmly greet one another with the peace of Christ

Parish Life

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) N. as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Please stand as the Offering is brought to the Altar

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be

with you all.

PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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 God thanks and praise.

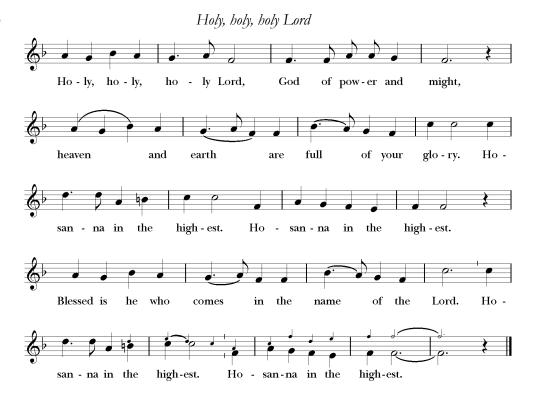
Celebrant We thank you, Lord, for the beauty of this earth, our island home. We thank you especially for this

place in which we live; for our lakes and our forests, our farmland, and the life which flourishes here. Guide us in the care of all you have given us, especially in our care of each other. You have given us

much, and for that we are grateful. And so we join with Angels and Archangels, and all the

company of heaven, evermore praising you, and singing:

HYMN S-125



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."

Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

As we come to this table, Lord, grant that we may share your Spirit together, renew our strength, and reveal your love to a waiting world because we were here. 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**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant 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.

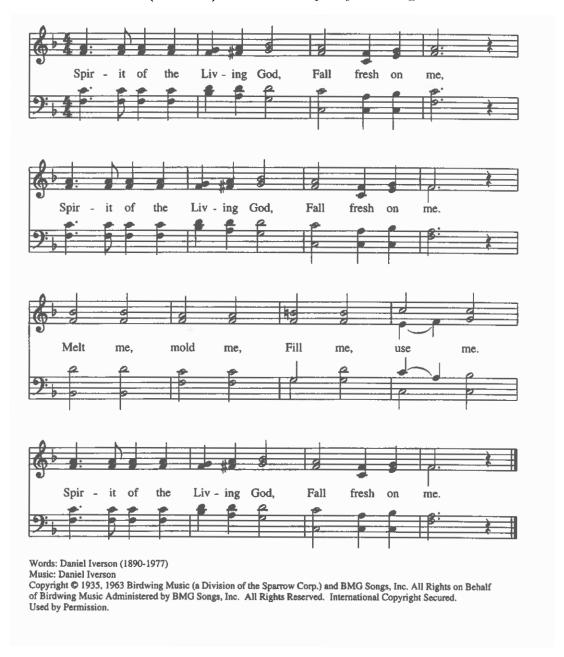
HYMN 149 (LEVAS)



All here are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips. You may receive the bread only, if you prefer. After consuming the bread, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine. You may also "intinct" by dipping the bread into the chalice. If you desire only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when you come to the rail.

Post Communion Hymn 115 (LEVAS)

Spirit of the Living God



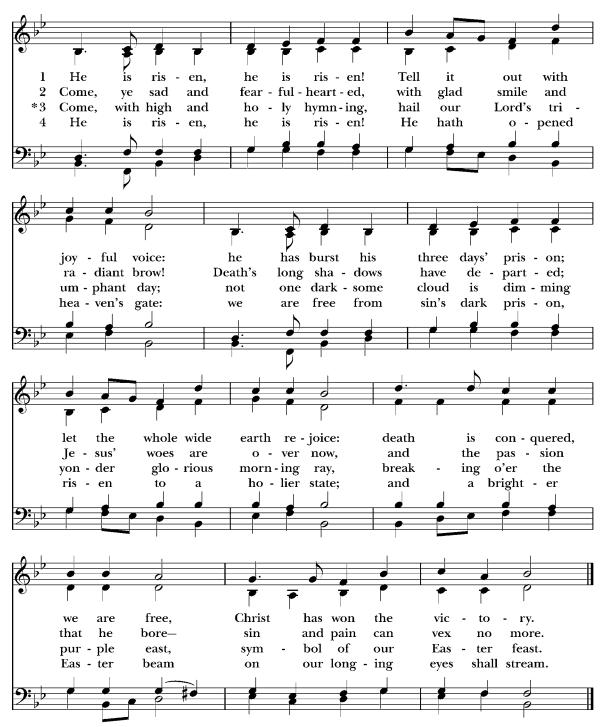
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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



Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: Unser Herrscher, Joachim Neander (1650-1680).

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

announcements

stephen's table

The next meal will be held on **Thursday, April 18th** from 5 pm - 6:30 pm. If you can help in any way (you do not have to stay the entire time), please reach out to **Kip Senholzi** at **kwsenholzi@comcast.net** or simply show up. The **Nearly New** will be open during this time, also!

episcopals

Our next EpiscoPals is **Sunday, April 21st** and will be hosted by Mikey & Jennifer Virts and Mark & Kendall Ludwig. It will be held in the **St. Matthew's parish hall**, and is open to all and kid friendly. The hosts will provide the main course and the drinks. All others in attendance are asked to bring one of either hors d'oeuvres, a side dish, a salad, or a dessert to share. April's main courses will be Guinness stew and corned beef and cabbage.

To help the hosts know how much food to prepare, **RSVP** with how many people will be attending and what you will be bringing. You can find the registration link in the weekly e-news and also under the **EpiscoPals** section on the church app.

If you would like to host an available month (May, October, or November), please call or email the office to let Julie know. If you are unable to host at your home, you are welcome to use the St. Matthew's parish hall.

seekers

Our Seekers had a great time meeting for pasta night and making Easter cards for our 122+ area nursing home residents! The next gathering will be a taco night and is scheduled for **April 28th** at 5pm in the St. Matthew's parish hall. They will be collecting food for the Little Free Pantry located at the Oakland Town Hall. All are welcome and are encouraged to bring friends!

house church

House church meets at 7:30 pm every other Wednesday at the Ludwig home at 101 F Street in Mt. Lake Park. A complete schedule is in the weekly e-news. For more information, contact Kendall Ludwig at mkendallludwig@gmail.com.

nearly new

The Nearly New is always looking for volunteers. The shop is open on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10am - 2 pm. We are also open during Stephen's Table on the next to the last Thursday of each month from 5pm - 6:30pm.

Also, keep us in mind if your teen needs to earn service learning hours. (Note that anyone under 16 years of age must have a parent or other adult with them throughout their shift.)

If you are interested in lending a hand, please let us know in one of the following ways:

Send an email to nearlynewcrew@gmail.com

Contact **Kathy Zimmer** by cell at **412-287-7483** or by email at **kathyzimmer24@gmail.com**

Contact **Maryn Fisher** by cell at **240-409-6845** or by email at **mhffisher@comcast.net**.

Contact Julie Hartman in her office at 301-334-2510 ext. 3 or by email at:

episcopalchurchingarrettcounty@gmail.com

ministers of today's service

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Chip Lee
Reader: Kathleen Gibbs
Prayers of the People: Kathleen Gibbs
Chalicist: Susan Offutt
Coffee Host: Kip Senholzi

prayer list

We pray each Sunday and Thursday for members, relatives and friends of this faith community who have asked for our prayers. Requests should be renewed the first of each month to be kept on our list. You may call Julie in the Church Office at 301-334-2510 or email your request to:

episcopalchurchingarrettcounty@gmail.com

Let us pray to the Lord and for each other, especially for Chip Lee; Kinsley Virts; Bev Maynard; John Jorgensen; Gene & Barbara Wahl; Kathy, Elon, and Mary O'Connor; Sharon Caple; Linda Eisenhart; Dolores Andrew; Jessie Harris; Dave Arnold; Carolyn Germain; Sherri Fredlock; Diane Thayer; Mary Ann Crawford; Lexie Byrne; Bill Seling; Terry Turner; Bobbi & Peter Banse; Bonnie Weiler; Karina Stonesifer; Jacques Hourtal; William Robinson; Larry Glatt; Dale and Sharon Broadwater; Madeline Meister; Kat & Matt Rayner; Jane Newagen; Bill Riley; Vicki Skeen; Jane Hazlett & family; and for all whom we hold in our hearts this day.

(Silence)

In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for St. John's, Western Run Parish; Trinity, Long Green; St. James', Parkton.

We also pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Eugene our Bishop, Carrie our Bishop coadjutor, and for all bishops and other ministers.

In the Anglican communion we pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

For relatives and friends of this faith community serving the victims of disasters and political unrest around the world, for those who are in harm's way in war zones, and for those who are working for peace everywhere.

For all victims of natural disaster, terrorism, war, economic and environmental injustice and addiction.

Members of our Faith Community for whom we are praying

Karen Adams, Hugh Andrew, Thomas Ashby, Linda Ludwig Baker; Mike Barnes, Luke Bowser, Patricia Burkholder, Nick & Oksana Carlson, Joseph R. Clark, Sr., Jenna Conn, Betty Jane Cook, Robert Coughlin, Rev. Crites, Dave Culler, Susie Culler, Harold DeBerry, Virginia Dillsworth, Carolyn Dore, Terry Elliott, Ron Gebron, Mary Jane Germain, Kathleen Gibbs, Mimi Gigax, Laurie Grant, Sherry & Bud Gunter, Lauren Hatcher, Jeremy Henry, Charles Herman, Emily Imgrund, Jane Ann Kane, Paul Keister, Thomas Kovach, Joan Lambert, Evelyn Lamp, Smith Lantz, Charlotte Laumann, Shirley Lotz, Nancy Louie, Carol Mattingly, Carole Maynard, Joe Methany, Pat Michener, Christy Montgomery, Judy Morgan, Janet Mosser, Greg Myers, Derek Parker, Rebecca Paugh, Logan Perry, Brenda Rathgeb, Donald Richter, Doug Roberson, Betty Rundquist, Ralph Schmidt, Irene Schrock, The Scott Family, Tommy Scott, William Seling, Katie Shearon, William Smeltzer, Bob Smith, Joshua Snider, Sean Snider, Alice Soberg, Heidi & Deva Solomon, Kyle Swaim, Darlene Terlizzi, Lillian Wall, Daryl Walters, Tom Watts, Jennie Weeks, Pat Wilkinson, Samantha Hodge-Williams, Kerry Chartrau Willoughby, Nancy Wright, Andrew Yoder, Garrett Yoder, Chuck Zellefrow, and Brian Zerbe.

also

Little ones have a place at St. Matthew's!

Our Sunday school and nursery is open at 10:15, upstairs in the Parish Hall. Please ask anyone for directions.

Stay in touch with us digitally!

To receive the Parish E-news, please add your name, address, phone number, and email address to the guest register just inside the door of the narthex, or use the form on our website home page at www.episcopalchurchingarrettcounty.org. When you are not able to be with us on Sunday, you can watch the televised webcast live at either 8 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. each week, or listen to the 8 a.m. service live, locally, over WMSG, 1050 AM. In case of rare snow closures or sudden changes in our worship schedule, we will send an email to our address list and also an automated telephone message to everyone on our call list announcing the change.

Please note that we delete addresses that report as nonexistent and cause our emails to bounce back. Make sure you add episcopalchurchingarrettcounty@gmail.com to your computer's address book to ensure that our email does not end up in your spam folder.

st. matthew's episcopal church

Sunday, April 14

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

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Wednesday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

11 am It's in the Bag Packing at St. John's

Thursday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Friday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

Saturday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

monthly

next-to-the-last Thursday

5 - 6:30 pm Stephen's Table (April 18th)

third Sunday

6 pm EpiscoPals (April 21st - parish hall)

fourth Sunday

5 pm Seekers (April 28th - parish hall)

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