

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
the episcopal diocese of maryland
8A.M. ◊ APRIL 14, 2024

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD AT 8

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, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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
People

The Word of the Lord.
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.**

*All standing,***THE GOSPEL:****LUKE 24:36B-48**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Luke.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 The Gospel of the Lord.
People **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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

Leader 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.

People **For all who serve God in his church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.

Leader Hear us, Lord;

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

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader 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

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:"
Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that
heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

Celebrant and

People **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand

Celebrant All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness,

vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

All 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. If you desire only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when you come to the rail.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant

People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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

People **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: episcopalchurchingarrettcountry@gmail.com

ministers of today's service

Celebrant

The Rev. Dr. Chip Lee

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:

episcopalchurcingarrettcountry@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.episcopalchurcingarrettcountry.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 **episcopalchurcingarrettcountry@gmail.com** to your computer's address book to ensure that our email does not end up in your spam folder.

Sunday, April 14

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish Hall
10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:45 a.m. Coffee hour in the chancel immediately following the service

Sunday, April 21

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10:15 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish Hall
10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:45 a.m. Coffee hour in the chancel immediately following the service

weekly

Sunday

8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 am Sunday School in the Parish Hall
10:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

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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