St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Shippensburg, Pennsylvania



April 19, 2020 The Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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Dear Friends,

We welcome you to our worship this day in the season of Easter. We are delighted that you have come to worship with us during this celebratory season of Easter which lasts fifty days, during which we acknowledge and embrace the new life offered to us through the resurrection of Jesus. Good morning.

Rather than offering the service of Holy Eucharist this morning we will focus on God's Word, in a simpler way, setting before us a time of focusing our thoughts and opening our hearts on the scripture.

We set this Sunday, and our own lives, of course within this season of the Coronavirus and our ongoing and deepening concern for the well-being of the world. We may find this time of isolation and fear to be a very difficult time, and yet, as others have said, this is exactly the time that our spiritual practices of worship, prayer, living in community, and being formed as Christians has prepared us for. I trust that we will find a way to live out of the truth and strength of God in this very challenging time, for I trust God to be a part of our lives.

And so, we can rejoice that we can gather in a new way, for we hold this prayer within our hearts.

Make us an Easter people, O Christ, whose name is "Alleluia." May we, like Mary, rise in joy when you call our name. May we, like Thomas, see and believe. May we, like Peter, become bold and brace. May we, like Cleopas, meet you in every road. May we, like them, be utterly changed, in the victory of the love by which you left your tomb, and saved us forever from death. In your name, Jesus. Amen.

Liturgy for the Whole Church

To prepare our hearts and minds for worship, we seek to share quiet and silence before our services. We invite you to join us in this spiritual practice.

Faithfully, Mother Barbara

GATHERING ANNOUNCEMENT

TOLLING BELL INVITING SILENCE TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

GATHERING CHANT

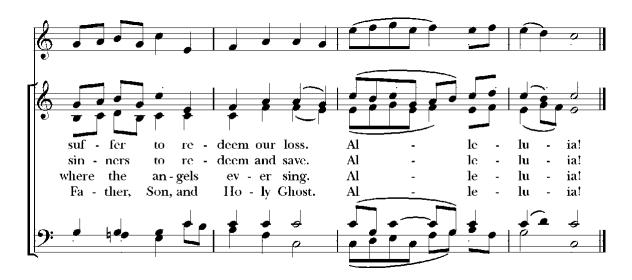
God is in this place



BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN #207 Jesus Christ is Risen today!





THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



PSALM 16 (please say aloud the verses in bold type)

- 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.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

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 Iesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY Mother Barbara

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form II)

We ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry and for our Diocesan Bishop, Audrey Scanlan, for this gathering of hearts; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

We ask your prayers for our visitors today, those new to our worship, who are seeking a closer relationship with God, that they may sense the love and compassion of Christ through our worship and as expressed by our love which knows no bounds and casts away all isolation. Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

We ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

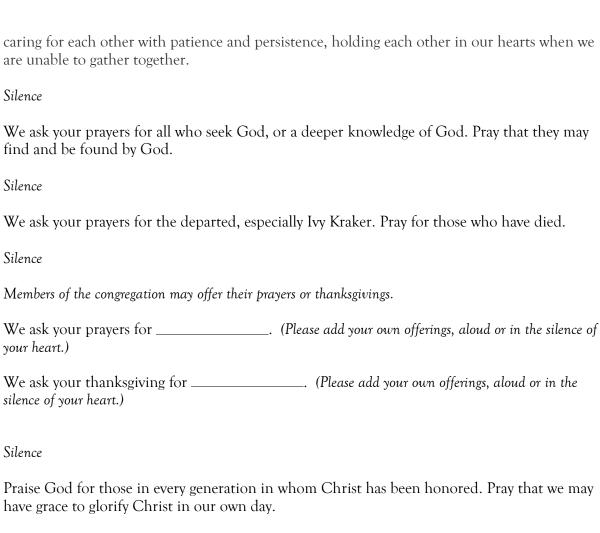
Silence

We ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We especially pray for the residents of the Episcopal Home: Barbara, Frank, Shirley, Mary, Sharon, Jo, Myrtle, Cathy, Mary, Juanita, Gary, Carole, Marietta, Frank, Edna, Ruth, Paula and Geri, and the staff of the Episcopal Home: Mary Grace, Becky, Julie, Donna, Kathy, Tonja, Tamey, Lorrie, Alyssa, Ada, Jen, Sondra, Esther, Wayne, Anita, Tammy, Laurie, Effie, Diane, Mike, and Jane, and all who love them We also pray for Kathy, Julie, Wanda, Brian Rotz, Ellen, Jeanine, Brian Helman, Ellen Harkins and her family, Fred Detschel, Lori, Sherry, Jim and family, Virginia, the Watts family and Pedro, Regina, Patricia and Josh, Nan, Gary, Janet, Daimen, Rachel Mooney, Josh, Mina, Robert Carter, Laura, Cheryl, June, Rose M., Susan, Tom, Matthew, and Connor, Samantha, Stan and Dottie. We also pray for God's peace and protection to be upon those who are in active duty in our military: Kelley Williams, Levi Nelson, Brad Arnold, Kyle Hubert, Brent Welch,

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

We seek God's grace and mercy upon all who are experiencing the effects of the coronavirus pandemic in the world: those who are suffering from physical discomfort, isolation, disrupted routines, uncertainty and fear. We seek the blessings of unity in Christ-like love, praying and



Silence

Officiant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People Amen.

OUR OFFERING TO OUR MISSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 BLESSING

Officiant

The peace of God, which passes all understanding; keep your heart and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father Son and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN #205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!



THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

INSTRUMENTAL OFFERING

Worship Ministers

Officiant The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson

Church Musician Kevin Gorman
Cantor Milan Shepherd

Lectors Ken and Melisa Dotson (Psalm)

Donna Harpster (Reading from Acts)

Dismissal Jonathan and Josepah Luo