Wednesday in Easter Week
April 4, 2018

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. Amen.  

Collect for Wednesday in Easter Week

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our risen Lord!

Are your hearts still burning within you, these first days after our celebrations of Easter morning? Have the eyes of your faith been opened again to the presence of our risen Lord in our midst?

So much work goes into the preparation and offering of worship during Holy Week and on Easter morning.  This year, it was my pleasure to keep the Easter Triduum with three of our churches in Fayetteville: Maundy Thursday worship with the people of Holy Trinity; Stations of the Cross with St. Joseph’s on Good Friday; the Great Vigil of Easter with baptism and confirmation at St. John’s on Holy Saturday. I am grateful to everyone …musicians, altar guilds, lay worship leaders and preachers, church office staff and volunteers, Christian formation leaders, lectors, acolytes, greeters and most certainly our clergy …who worked so hard to share in the proclamation of the good news of Easter this year, in Fayetteville and across our diocese.

Are your hearts still burning within you?  While I would never suggest that we keep the pace of Holy Week worship each week of the year, we are clearly called to proclaim the good news of Easter every day of the year!  In everything that we do, our words and actions ought to bear witness to God’s love for all people, a love that has been given full expression in the life, death and resurrection of God’s son Jesus, a love that frees us from the burden of our own sinfulness and transforms us for life in God’s beloved community.

As we continue to move through this season of Easter, I pray that the eyes of our faith will remain open in order that we might recognize our risen Lord present in our midst.  I pray that our hearts will burn within us, firing us up with the passion to proclaim God’s good news of Easter in every word and action of our lives.  May we, as congregations and diocese together, be faithful witnesses to the good news of the resurrection!

Yours in the name of our risen Lord,

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