

St. James Episcopal Church Batavia, New York



A Guide for In-Home Morning Prayer for Second Sunday of Easter April 19, 2020

*You are an important part of the St. James Community.
Even though we pray in our homes separated by distance,
we know that we are united in love.*

"BCP" refers to "Book of Common Prayer"

The Invitatory and Psalter

Alleluia! Christ is risen. BCP p. 77
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Lord, open our lips. BCP p. 80
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
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: BCP. P. 81
Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum* BCP p. 83
1 Corinthians 5:7 8; Romans 6:9 11; 1 Corinthians 15:20 22

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

- 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.



The Lessons

The First Reading

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.

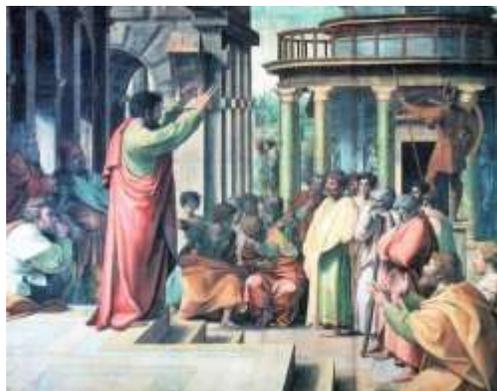
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"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."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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.



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 faith-- being 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 20 Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

BCP p. 94

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Reflection on the Gospel by Mo. Bonnie Morris+

It's Sunday evening, the doors are locked and the disciples are still locked in fear. A week later, when Thomas joins them, they are still in sitting a room with doors shut.

In their fear, Jesus enters the room and walks into the midst of them. No locks, no fears can keep God's love away from the disciples. The story of Easter shows us not instant joy or the immediate changing of circumstances. The disciples had to figure out that they could leave their locked room and encounter the world with hope, partnered with Jesus.

We too, are closed in. We are afraid for ourselves and for others. We don't want to get sick, we don't want to make other people sick. Our Easter story tells us that even though our doors are closed, Jesus can enter and say "Peace be with you." Like the disciples, our outward circumstances may not have changed, but we know that no matter what, we walk, we sit, we dwell with Christ.

Peace be with you in this season of hope and joy. Like the disciples we know that Jesus is in this very room, with us all.



The Prayers

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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.

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.

The Prayers of the People

Jesus Christ is risen today, our triumphant holy day. Alleluia! So, let us pray to our Lord saying, "To you we offer praise eternal; Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Heavenly King, for us you endured the cross and the grave. When we were yet sinners, you redeemed and saved us. May we sing your eternal praises everywhere we go.

To you we offer praise eternal; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Incarnate Love, where hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain, call forth new life by your touch. Bring forth life in the barren places of this world.

To you we offer praise eternal; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Living Savior, you hold the future. Bless and restore our families, communities and our world. Protect those who live to serve and protect others, especially Eric, David, Paul, Brandon, Michael, Alex, Chad, Jim, Devyn and Trevor. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus the health of the world, pour out your balm on our souls and the souls of all in pain or sorrow. Be the source of life for all people.

Especially Douglas, Tim, Aiden, Gabriella, Diana, Carla, Venus, Debbie, Paul, Beth Ann, Cathy, Wendy, Evan, Matt, Travis, Pat, Nicholas, Bob, Charlene, Brian, Rita, Garth, Jessica, Dave, Richie, Luka, Mark, Brett, Harold, Charlie,

Steve, Lew-Ann, Joanne and *(Please add names on your personal prayer list here.)* May God keep our loved ones in his hand.

To you we offer praise eternal; Alleluia! Alleluia!

By your resurrection we all rise in glory. We give thanks to you for the life of our sister, Renate, who has joined the company of the blessed saints.

To you we offer praise eternal; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Loving Father, keep us always in the eternal light of the resurrection of your Son. By your victory, bring us from death to life eternal. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Easter Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you today and always. Amen.

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.



*Thank you for joining the St. James community,
and the whole church in prayer and worship.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



We pray God's blessing be with you on your
special day and every day.

Bill Pierce 4/21, Diana Cooley 4/24

Planned Communications
Week of April 19th through April 26th

April 19, 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

This service will be presented on Facebook.

April 19, 11:00 a.m. "Our Faith" Discussion Group

This group will use Zoom Meeting.

To join go to <https://zoom.us/j/116075920>

or join by phone: (646) 558-8656, and use code 116 075 920

April 22, Noon Bible Discussion Group

This group will use Zoom Meeting.

To join go to <https://zoom.us/j/579180457>

or join by phone: (646) 558-8656 and use code 579 180 457

April 26, 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

This service will be presented on Facebook.

**Monday through Friday Evenings at 7 p.m. join us for
Evening Prayer with the Genesee Deanery via Zoom.**

To join go to <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/725956865> ,

or join by phone: (929) 205-6099 and use code: 725 956 865



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