



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH DUPONT CIRCLE



Second Sunday of Easter – April 19, 2020

Opening Hymn 178 “Jesus is Lord of All the Earth”

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

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1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
 Now we shall live for ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

Repeat Refrain

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen!
 People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
 People: And also with you.
 Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 16

- 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.

The Holy Gospel

John 20: 19-31

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Lisa Ahuja

✠ *Please observe a moment of silence following the sermon*



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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Hymn

“O Lord Hear My Prayer”

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O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r.

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O

Lord hear my pray'r, Come and lis - ten to me. O

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Prayers of the People

Let us empty our hearts and minds and make room to recognize the Risen Lord in our lives, praying, **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, in times of unrest and uncertainty, help us to not look backward in fear at what seems lost, but rather forward with conviction, trusting that with you there is redemption and strength. **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

The book of Hebrews teaches us to “run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” We pray for our Priest in Charge, our Vestry and lay leaders, and our bishops. We pray that they may be filled with Divine stamina as they minister to your people. **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord, the Apostle Peter said, “If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.” We pray for the leaders of this city, this nation, and this world, and particularly for all healthcare workers, first responders, and other personnel essential to our daily lives. **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord, the Psalms offer that “He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge.” We pray for those who are underemployed, unemployed, homeless, or hungry. Reveal to those of us who are able how we can uphold our brothers and sisters in need. **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord, Isaiah says, “Then your light will break forth like dawn, and your healing will quickly appear.” We pray for the sick that they may be made well, and for the dying that they may find peace. **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord, when we are separated physically, remind us that none of us is truly alone. Bless us in our brokenness, mend our hearts when they ache, and let us rejoice in the resurrection of our Savior. **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list.
(The people are invited to offer prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud, ending with)
Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died. Give rest, Risen Christ,
to your servants with your saints,
*where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.*
Comfort those who grieve with your love and peace. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

✠ *The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*

Offertory Anthem

“Rise Again”

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from
the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Closing Hymn 208

“The Strife is O’er, The Battle Done”

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o’er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death’s dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven’s high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



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Announcements for Sunday April 19, 2020

A Note from Our Priest in Charge

***Alleluia, Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Dear Friends,

As I sit and reflect on our first Holy Week together, I respond with such gratitude! We have felt the power of the resurrection through the holy scripture we have read, the hymns we have sung, the prayers we have said, and the zooming time of celebration. I am grateful to all of you who have recorded and sent in readings, prayers, music, photos, welcomes, and words of peace. I am grateful to all of you for showing up, as your presence certainly overflowed our Easter joy.



Holy Week always takes a lot of energy from the members of a parish and her staff. I believe that we put in the energy to set the stage for our worship, and welcome Jesus fully in our worship. So many have shared so much creativity, flexibility, hours, dedication, and care. The experience of a powerful Holy Week, this time online, was an experience of participating with God through sharing of ourselves.

Eastertide lasts for 50 days, until the celebration of Pentecost on May 31. This Eastertide, I invite you to look for signs of the Risen Lord in your daily life, and in our community. Look for signs of new life in nature. Look for signs of new life to spring forth in our new ways of being family, church, friends online and while social distancing.

During the Easter season, we read much of the book of the Acts of the Apostles in our worship. I invite you to join us for a small group Bible study of the book of Acts each Sunday starting at 9:30 on the same Zoom channel we use for worship and coffee hour. (Link below). The Rev. Becky Zartman designed the curriculum we will be using. As the Rev.

Becky Zartman shared in a video message to us this week, reading the Acts of Apostles in Easter is appropriate this year as the early Church we hear about was in a “Now what?” situation, which is exactly where we find ourselves today.

Another series aimed to help us find hope in our current situation starts this Wednesday:

Hope for the Future: Debunking Evangelicals End Times Rhetoric

Join St. Thomas’ Episcopal Parish in Dupont Circle, Washington, DC, for this 3-part series on Zoom

-starting 7:00 pm EDT on **Wednesdays, April 22, 29, and May 13**

-our Compline service at 6:30 pm EDT will precede each session

Present: Hope from the Book of Revelation during trying times (April 22)

Future: The Christian response to climate change is creation care. God's mandate is stewardship of the Earth- not giving up. (April 29)

Action: How to be a creation care activist. (May 13)

Sessions will be led by The Reverend A. Katherine Grieb, Ph.D., Meade Professor of Biblical Interpretation and New Testament, Virginia Theological Seminary.

Easter blessings,
Lisa+

Easter Offering

Some have asked how they may give an extra gift at Easter this year, since we did not have an appeal for Easter flowers or music. If you’d like to make a special gift in response to the good news of the Resurrection of our Lord, we’d suggest a targeted gift toward the repair of our piano. The piano must be retuned very often because the pegs need a repair, which will cost \$2000. This has not been budgeted for, but we’d like to fix it before returning to our worship! If you’d like to make a gift, please add a memo to your check or online Realm gift stating “Easter Music Gift.”



Cindy Adkins Retires from Our Parish Next Sunday, April 26

Cindy’s last Sunday as our Music Director is next Sunday, April 26. While we are used to sharing farewells in person, Cindy and I have been chatting about ways to mark this occasion online. Please do plan to join us for worship on Zoom or

Facebook next Sunday, and then stay on for a Special Zoom Coffee Hour to thank Cindy for her ministry amongst us. And remember, we have postponed Cindy's retirement party to Sunday, June 7. Please plan to join us for worshipping that Sunday and stay for her party!

**In thanksgiving for the birth of William Bishop Whitesides,
born on Monday, April 6, 2020:**

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed Louisa and Boyce with the joy and care of William Bishop Whitesides: Give them calm strength and patient wisdom as they bring Liam up, that they may teach him to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.



Our Online Schedule

*While our church building may be closed, our worship and community life is very much alive!
Details to connect online are found below the calendar.
All are welcome to join in.*

Worship each week:

- **Sunday mornings we will continue to worship at 10:30 am.** You can worship with others via Zoom or our Facebook page. Following our worship, we will continue to have a Zoom coffee hour. *Need help with using technology? Email Lisa. There are volunteers happy to walk you through things prior to using Zoom.*
- **Evening Prayer continues Monday - Saturday evenings at 6:30 pm.**

Bible Study 9:30 am on Sunday Mornings

Starting April 19, during Eastertide we will have a Small Group Bible study on Zoom, using a new curriculum *Acts in Easter* created by Rev. Becky Zartman. To join this Bible Study, just come to the Sunday morning Worship and Coffee Hour link at 9:30 am.

Zoom Small Groups

- The *Traveling the Way of Love* small group continues this Monday right after Evening Prayer on the same Zoom line.
- *The Challenge of Paul* small group continues this Thursday night after Evening Prayer.

Feel Free to invite any of your friends across your communities.

We will use the [Compline Zoom Code](#). Download the Zoom app onto your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

Enter the following: **Meeting ID: 887 621 935 Password: 275440**

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/887621935?pwd=NCtKSThoTGhuV1B4M1VMZ3hqQkpSdz09>

Zoom login/call in info:

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/887621935?pwd=NCtKSThoTGhuV1B4M1VMZ3hqQkpSdz09>

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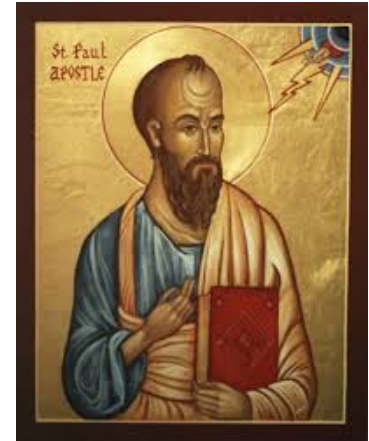
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Using Zoom: The meeting link (for joining from a computer, so you can see everyone) or call in number and code will remain the same each night at 6:30 pm.

- Turn on your video on your computer's video capability.
- Go to www.zoom.us/test to test your ability to speak and be recorded during the meeting. Sit near your computer. If you are too far from the camera, we will not be able to see your beautiful face.
- If you cannot see your face in the screen, neither can we. Just adjust your camera up or down so your whole face is visible.
- Please mute your phone or computer when you are not speaking. This helps with outside noise.
- There is a feature to raise your hand, which we will encourage during time of conversation. This helps us not talk over one another

Sunday Lectors (Readers) and Leaders of Prayers of the People

Interested in reading one of the scripture lessons or Prayers of the People in the coming weeks? Email Rev. Lisa, and she'll add you to the rotation.



Forrester Construction was awarded a National Excellence in Construction Award

...for their work on St. Thomas' Parish this week by the Associated Builders and Contractors. Full article here:

<https://www.forresterconstruction.com/st-thomas-eagle-award-2020/?fbclid=IwAR0ReoU8naag71tLB-VwxKj0BeaPPiT1WpHc8zI4qitje5larA6nrUI4MZ8>

Read alouds with our Senior Warden, Jessie

Learning at home can be great, but you'll probably start to get sick of hearing your own voice. As a part of my job, I've begun creating read aloud videos of some of my favorite children's books. All of the videos have to be unlisted due to copyright, but I'm allowed to record them for the duration of the closure and then will take them down when school resumes. The read alouds will range from picture books to chapter books so there will eventually be something for everyone. I hope this helps you have an added resource for your children in this time! Here is my YouTube channel playlist of read alouds:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLdu4f4Nlc25nnjVK0JR-YaMibap28S0la>

Connecting while home with one another

Please check to see if your [Realm](#) (online parish directory) contact information is current. A number of people have reached out to the office to get contact information, as a phone number or email is out of date.

*If you are interested in being part of a social group, please follow [this link](#) to sign up with a google form. If you do not have a **Realm** account, please email Nolan at administrator@stthomasdc.org.*

Baptism

At baptism we are sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked as one of Christ's own forever. If you seek baptism, or would like for a child to be baptized, please be in touch with Rev. Lisa. Our tentative date for baptism at St. Thomas' Parish is Pentecost Sunday on May 31.

Dupont Circle Village Resources

Dupont Circle Village has collated a number of resources including: Medical Information; Transportation, Food / Grocery Delivery / Meal Services; Online Entertainment Resources including Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Online Nature Tours, Movies and Documentaries, YouTube, Podcasts, Online Learning; and Faith Services Online. Click this link and additional pages under the "COVID-19" tab:

https://dcv.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=161481&module_id=392852

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Celebrating Our April Birthdays

Birthdays

Catherine Manhardt (April 4)

Dennis Hobb (April 7)

Jane Saari (April 12)

Eric Scharf (April 22)

Peter Jue (April 23)

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, please let us know at administrator@stthomasdc.org.

Prayer List

Gene Robinson, Cindy Gangler, Annemarie Bohler, Matthew Briggs, Len Hawley, Michael Fitzpatrick (stepfather of Jessie Brewster), Peggy Ann Cohen, Kristin Jones, Dave Kucharski, Steve Parsons, Paula Amadeo, Bill McDonald, Brian Crane, the Dodson family, Chris Hartenau, Donna Norman, Mary Ellen Reed, Trisha Shaffer, Brianna Clifford, David Clayton Montgomery, Teresa Zagami, baby Sabag, Catherine Manhardt, John Paul Clark, Andrew Greer Asheesh Kumar, Hunter Ray, Leighton Honea, Justin Small; for the repose of the souls of Andy Bonilla, Wilfredo Torres, David Yoder, Ed Harri, and Nancy Littlefield Stine.

You may submit a name for the list by sending an e-mail to: prayers@office.stthomasdc.org.



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