



**26 Washington Street**

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**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**26 April 2020**

**7:30 am - Morning Prayer**

**8:00 am - Holy Eucharist**

**10:00 am - Sung Eucharist**

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*Please switch off all cellular telephones and other electronic devices before the Liturgy begins. Also, kindly refrain from audible conversation to respect those wishing to pray and listen to the organ prelude. Thank you.*

**ORGAN** - *Abide With Us, Lord Jesus*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**THE ENTRANCE RITE**

**HYMN 179** – *Fortunatus*

**EASTER ACCLAMATION:**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia***

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Prayer Book, page 323*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (*Hymnal 713*)

*Prayer Book, page 324*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread; Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON - *A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. (2:14a,36-41)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### GRADUAL - *Dilexi, quoniam*

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord \*  
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

Words: *Psalms 116:1-3, 10-17*

**THE SECOND LESSON** - *A Reading from the First Letter of Peter*

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. (1:17-23)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**SEQUENCE: HYMN 194** - *St. Albinus*

*The people stand and turn to face the Book of Gospels*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*People Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Now on that same day two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned

to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.  
(24:13-35)

*Assisting Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*Prayer Book, page 327*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant* When we are discouraged, God consoles us. When we are troubled, God is with us to help us. In grateful confidence, let us ask God to hear our petitions.

*Assisting Priest* That the church, especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; William, our Diocesan; Daniel, our Bishop retired, and Marshall and Paul, our Priests, will powerfully proclaim to all people the hope which the risen Christ gives them,  
Let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That Christ's message of peace will remove the pain of war and violence from human hearts,  
Let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That we will use the fruits of the earth according to God's plan, and thus help to restore all things in Christ,  
Let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That we will recognize and give thanks to the risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and wherever he reveals himself,  
Let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That all who are affected by the Corona Virus Pandemic will set their faith and hope on God who heals and saves,  
Let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That those who have died, will rejoice for ever in the glory of the risen Christ,  
Let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant* Father, truly your voice speaks of peace: peace for us, your people, and for all who turn to you in their hearts. May our prayers at this Eucharist strengthen us to be more worthy and grateful bearers of your peace to others. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the door of mercy through which we pass day by day. Bless this parish and its leaders as we expand to become a compassionate community among our neighbors. May the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and the work of our hands enable Mercy House to be a home where those in need may live together in the bond of peace and love; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Assisting Priest* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with an Absolution.*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**HYMN 306** – *Sursum Corda*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

*Prayer Book*, page 340

## PROPER PREFACE OF EASTER

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of thy 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.

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT** (*Hymnal 797*), *sung by all*

**OUR FATHER**

*Prayer Book*, page 334

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM**

*Prayer Book, page 337*

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

*Prayer Book, page 337*

**MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**AGNUS DEI**, *from Missa Resurrectionis*

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

**THE CONCLUDING RITE**

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*Prayer Book, page 339*

**PASCHAL 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 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 amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**DISMISSAL**

*Assisting Priest*  
*People*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia.  
*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia*

**HYMN 182** – *Truro*

**ORGAN** - *Fanfare*

*Jacques Lemmens (1823-1881)*

**NOTICES**

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

*Anglican Communion*  
*Diocese of Albany*

Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East  
Vocations to the Priesthood, the Diaconate, and the  
Religious Life

*Our Parish*

All doctors, nurses, caregivers, police, EMTs of the  
Saratoga Springs Community

Even though the church is closed for worship in person, our PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT is working from home and is available for calls and emails from 9am until 2pm Monday and Thursday; 9am until 3pm Tuesday and Wednesday; and 9am until 12:30pm on Friday.

**SUNDAY VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR:** It was great to see those who attended our first virtual Coffee Hour last Sunday. We would love to see you at our next one. To participate

please send an email to [office@bethesdachurch.org](mailto:office@bethesdachurch.org) to request the Zoom link if you have not done so previously. Unfortunately, we cannot post the Zoom link on our website or social media given the well-publicized issues with 'open' meetings, so we need to receive your request. If you want technical help with Zoom, please put that request in your note. We plan to have this virtual coffee hour each Sunday at 12:30.

**SUNDAY VIDEO BY DEAN VANG, APRIL 26:** Dean Vang's Holy Week videos were very well received, and he is again working with Look TV to create videos of similar length for upcoming Sundays, beginning this week. The videos will be available at [bethesda-church.org](http://bethesda-church.org) and [www.facebook.com/bethesdaepiscopalchurch](http://www.facebook.com/bethesdaepiscopalchurch). As always, call the office at 518-584-5980 or email [office@bethesdachurch.org](mailto:office@bethesdachurch.org) with questions or concerns!

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**STIMULUS FUNDS:** Bethesda was the fortunate recipient of stimulus money to help us pay for payroll and related staff expenses for approximately six pay periods (every two weeks). This is a difficult time for many individuals, families and businesses. We are grateful for this blessing and for those who are able to continue the financial support of our church during this pandemic.

**NEW PARISH HOUSE & COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE:** Bethesda's representatives will appear before the City's Design Review Commission on April 29. Bethesda's project is #5 on the agenda and the meeting commences at 6:30 pm. The meeting is being held virtually through Zoom. Your prayers for a successful outcome are welcome.



**THE PARISH**

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