



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Christ-Centered Community of Practice Awaking to the Abiding Presence of God

April 11, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

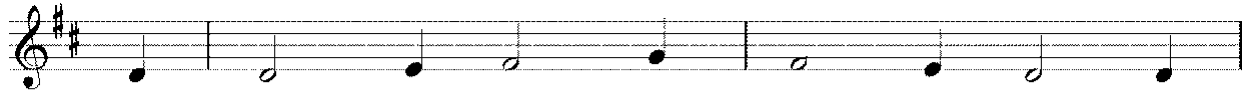
After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept.

OPENING SENTENCES

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, PAGE 78

HYMN

THE HYMNAL 193, v. 1 - 3



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
 2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his
 3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
 4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in
 5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
 2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
 3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
 4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon
 5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
 2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
 3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
 4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
 5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

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THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant

Lord, o - pen our lips.

People

And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Except in Lent, add:

Al - le - lu - ia.

ANTIPHON

Officiant: Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed.

People: **O come, let us adore him.**

THE JUBILATE

1. Be joy - ful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his pres - ence with a song. 2. Know this:

The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pas - ture. 3. Enter his gates

with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and

call up - on his Name. 4. For the Lord is good; his mercy is ever -

last - ing; and his faithfulness en - dures from age to age.

Officiant: Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed.

People: **O come, let us adore him.**

PSALM 133

**1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!**

**2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,**

**3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**

**4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

**5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.**

Following the Psalm:

Officiant and People: **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Following the Lesson...

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE A Song of True Motherhood

Julian of Norwich

**God chose to be our mother in all things *
and so made the foundation of his work,
most humbly and most pure, in the Virgin's womb.**

**God, the perfect wisdom of all, *
arrayed himself in this humble place.**

**Christ came in our poor flesh *
to share a mother's care.**

**Our mothers bear us for pain and for death; *
our true mother, Jesus, bears us for joy and endless life.**

**Christ carried us within him in love and travail, *
until the full time of his passion.**

**And when all was completed and he had carried us so for joy, *
still all this could not satisfy the power of his wonderful love.**

**All that we owe is redeemed in truly loving God, *
for the love of Christ works in us;
Christ is the one whom we love.**

SECOND LESSON

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

THE HYMNAL 209

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1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
 we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found;
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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GOSPEL LESSON

John 20: 19-31

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.

Following the Lesson...

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Mary D. Lindquist

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us 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 for ever. Amen.**

Cantor or Officiant
V. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine her - i - tage;

People
R. Govern them and lift them up for ev - er.

V. Day by day we mag - ni - fy thee;

R. And we worship thy Name ever, world with - out end.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;

R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;

R. As our trust is in thee.

V. O Lord, in thee have I trust-ed;

R. Let me never be confound-ed.

THE COLLECTS

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Please use this as a time of reflection to gather your intercessions and thanksgivings and offer them silently or "in the chat."

INTERCESSIONS

HYMN

THE HYMNAL 205, v. 1, 3, 5

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1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
 *2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

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

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A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

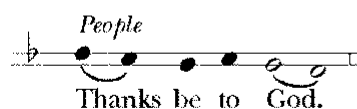
We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

CONCLUDING VERSICLE AND RESPONSE



CLOSING SENTENCE

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PARTICIPANTS TODAY

Jeff Hiam and *Annie Landenberger*, Readers
Margery McCrum, Prayer Leader.

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKDAY WORSHIP ON LINE OR BY TELEPHONE

Morning Prayer, 8-8:30 am, Monday-Friday

Evening Prayer, 5-5:30 pm, Monday-Friday

Contemplative Worship, 5:30-6:00 pm, Thursday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: *Peter Johnson* and *Kurt Johnson*, Today; *J. Michael Wilmott* and *Devin Starlanyl*, Monday; *Diane Clouet*, *Ron Bell* and *Lyndsay Hesselbach*, Tuesday; *Ian McBean* and *Emily Brown*, Thursday.

ADULT FORUM TODAY, APRIL 11: “THE JERUSALEMA CHALLENGE!” In January of 2020 a South African spiritual “Jerusalema,” sung in Zulu, became a hit in southern Africa. When Angolan dancers choreographed it in February and recorded themselves dancing while they ate lunch, the song and the dance began to go viral. People danced it in law offices in Zimbabwe, a Catholic church in Montreal, a monastery in Israel, on the streets of Havana. Firefighters danced, and street kids, and pilots; the Swiss police challenged the Irish Garda. An Australian dance teacher made an instruction video. So we will explore why the Jerusalema Challenge became a global response to the pandemic, why cloistered Irish nuns took up the Challenge not only “to cheer people up” (as the Kenyan Parliament did), but as “a creative way to pray.” We might also dance.

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY, NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 8:30 AM, ST. MICHAEL'S: All hands on deck for St. Michael's Spring Clean Up Day, Saturday, April 17 at 8:30 am at St. Michael's. Don't forget to wear your mask and bring rakes and gloves if you have them. Many hands make light work! Rain date is April 24.

ADULT FORUM, NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 18: “Monarch Gardening: Being a good host for migrating butterflies” — In early spring, Monarch butterflies in eastern North America leave their overwintering home in Mexico to start a migration they'll never complete. Three generations are born along a route of thousands of miles as they make their way to Vermont and the north east. Each generation needs milkweed plants to nourish caterpillars, and the adults need plenty of flowers' nectar as fuel. This remarkable natural spectacle requires a careful choreography of weather and habitats. Human activities threaten the dance and are threatening the Monarch population. We'll discuss how, through gardening and advocacy, we can be good stewards of these beautiful butterflies. Led by *David Treadwell*.