

EASTER LIFE

WELCOME TO A CELEBRATION OF
GOD'S INCLUSIVE LOVE



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—Year C

May 12, 2019-Worship Booklet

The Book of Common Prayer

Service of Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Upper Room, Old Bag of Nails Pub-3rd Flr., Westerville, OH

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Call to Worship

Prelude

Opening Arts:

Icons—"Faces of Christ in Westerville"

Processional Hymn

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

(See Insert, p. 2)

Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Collect For Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

BCP p. 324

"Glory to God" S 278

(See Insert, p.4)

Collect:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Epistle

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand for the singing of the Sequence Hymn and the reading of the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn

"You Hear the Lambs a-Cryin'"

(See Insert, p. 6)

The Gospel

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Gospeller: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

St. Matthew's Collect

Holy God, whose beloved Son commanded us to go forth and make disciples of all nations, help us to bring the Word to others in our community. Create in us a deep love for You, Dear God, and a growing love for our neighbor. Through outreach at our Episcopal House and Sunday gathering space in Uptown, may we bring those who desire to know you better and share the Holy Eucharist with all who hunger for belonging. Show us our future in the reflection of our present mission, as we celebrate the past that brought us this far. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen..

SERMON

Fr. Joseph Kovitch

The 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

Prayers of the People Form III

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

A Collect at the Prayers

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen***

THE PEACE *The people stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

All greet one another in the name of Christ.

The people are seated

Welcome and Announcements

The Wardens

OFFERTORY

Offertory Sentence: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Musical Selection

**“Gentle Voice” by Lee Dengler
St. Matthew’s Choir**

(The elements are brought up at this time.)

Doxology *The people stand.*

Praise God from all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer *Celebrant and People*

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a [Proper Preface](#) is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Matthew, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing

The Lord's Prayer

Music by David Brandenburg

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven,
hal - lowed be your Name
your kingdom come your will be done on
earth as in hea - ven
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for -
give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of tri - al and de
liv - er us from ev - il For the
kingdom the power and the glory are yours
now and for ev - er A - men

The Fraction

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

The Ministration of Communion

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us. An offering and sacrifice to God.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist, regardless of church affiliation. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, but would like a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms and a priest will provide a blessing. The ushers will guide you to the April Smith, flute

Ephesians 5:2

Communion Music

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen .

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; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

“We’re Marching to Zion”

(See Insert, p. 7)

The Dismissal

Leader: Go in the power of the resurrection and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. John 10:27-28

STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Kovitch, Priest
The Rev. Abeoseh Flemister (Mtr. Abby) Volunteer Assisting Priest
The Rev. Douglas Argue, Deacon
Lindsay Smith, Music Director /Out-reach Musician
Bernice Gruel, Office Manager
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VESTRY

Kevin Aldridge
Clifton Flemister, Sr. Warden
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Jerrilynn Kaiser, Jr. Co-Warden
Doug McCann
Glenn Myres
Harold Patrick
Bryan Swift
Rebecca Wright
Bob Zust Jr, Jr. Co-Warden

PHACE

Press - Kevin Aldridge
House - Doug McCann
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Consulting - Bob Hayes
Education - Erin Rasche

MINISTRY LEADERS

Debbie Wiedwald - Communications
Sandra Weisner & Marie Kovitch - Prayer Ministry
Glenn Myres - Prayer Partner

Monthly Pledge and Plate

| | Apr | YTD |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Budgeted | 7,667 | 30,668 |
| Pledge and Plate | 2,055 | 41,853 |
| Difference | 1,388 | 11,185 |

| Sunday Servant Leaders | May 12, 2019 | May 19, 2019 |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Altar Guild | MaryBeth Ingram Betsy Kintz | Krys Clark JoAnn Smith |
| Crucifer | JoAnn Smith | MaryBeth Ingram |
| 1st Reading & Psalm | Simonair Yoho | Glenn Myers |
| Epistle | Marie Kovitch | Angie French |
| Chalice Bearers | JoAnn Smith Betsy Kintz | MaryBeth Ingram Bob Hayes |
| Prayers of the People | Rebecca Wright | Christine Shields |
| Coffee Ministry | The Roush Family | The Roush Family |
| Greeter & Usher | Glenn Myres Clifton Flemister | Glenn Myres Clifton Flemister |

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