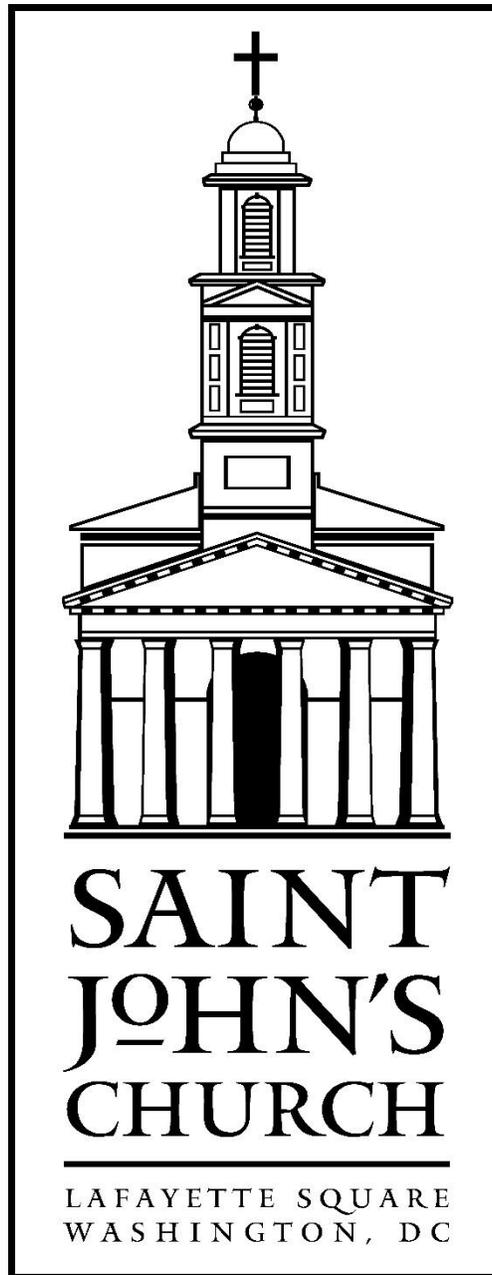


**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**April 26, 2020**

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Priest:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

*Priest:* On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*-Psalm 118:24*

## INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*Priest:* Lord, open our lips.

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Priest and People:*

**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.**

## CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

*Led by Christina Wilson.*

*Pascha nostrum*

**1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22**

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

*People:* **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with 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 in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

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

*People:* Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

## THE READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

**Luke 24:13-35**

Now on that same day two of Jesus' 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 180

*He is risen*

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
 \*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
 ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,  
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion  
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the  
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.  
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.  
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

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## THE HOMILY

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Led by Tony Anikeeff and family.*

*The People stand or kneel.*

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

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

**Leader:** Let us pray.

**Leader and People:**

**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.**

### THE SUFFRAGES

*Read by Carolyn Crouch and Thea Crouch.*

**Versicle:** Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**Response:** **And grant us your salvation.**

**Versicle:** Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**Response:** **Let your people sing with joy.**

**Versicle:** Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**Response:** **For only in you can we live in safety.**

**Versicle:** Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**Response:** **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

**Versicle:** Let your way be known upon earth;

**Response:** **Your saving health among all nations.**

**Versicle:** Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**Response:** **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

**Versicle:** Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**Response:** **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## THE COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Priest:** O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Led by Betsy Danello.*

*Please stand.*

**Leader:** Gracious God, we thank you for giving us power through your Holy Spirit to reveal your life to the world; strengthen, bless, and guide us to make you known by word and example. For our companion relationships with the *Anglican Church of Southern Africa\** and *the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem*. We pray especially for *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, for *Mariann and Chilton*, Bishops of Washington, and for all bishops and other ministers.

**People:** **We are your Church, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

**Leader:** We thank you for your creation, and pray for the earth which you have given us to cherish and protect; nourish in us your love for all you have made.

**People:** **We are your stewards, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

**Leader:** Guide and bless us in our work and play, and shape the patterns of our political and economic life; we pray for *Donald*, our President, the leaders of *Congress*, and the *Supreme Court*, and all who are in authority; for the people of the *Middle East, Latin America, and all affected by the Coronavirus*; that all people may be fulfilled through the bounty of your creation.

**People:** **We are your servants, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

**Leader:** Awaken our hearts to your presence in all people: those we love easily and those with whom we struggle, those different from us and those similar to us, those familiar to us and those unfamiliar to us.

**People:** **We are made in your image, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

**Leader:** We thank you for calling us to the glorious heritage of your holy people. Free us from lack of vision, and from inertia of will and spirit. By your life-giving Spirit, lead us out of isolation and oppression, redeem and restore us.

**People:** **You are the life within us, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

*\* In particular, the Kwasa Centre in the Diocese of the Highveld.*

**Leader:** We thank you for the gift of life, with all its blessings and sorrows. Shield the joyous, especially those who are celebrating a birthday this week, *William Bader, Barbara Burkhardt, Victoria Cherry, May Faris, Anne Formanek, Keith Gardner, Carrie Garland, Kay Gilley, Katie Guerin, Cecil Hornbaker, Hannah James, Mac Johnston, James Kirchenbauer, Daniel Kroese, Jeffrey Lovelace, Emily Lucio, Aidan Maher, Noah Mehrkam, Patrick Sissman, Henrik Lehmann Weng, Anita Woehler, and Evie Yi*; and for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially *Casey and Le Evans, Amanda and Eric Eversole, Jeanne and Dick Grimmert, Katherine and Keil Green, Katie and Hunter Guerin, and Susan and Jake Parcell*. Comfort and strengthen those in any need or trouble, especially those who are sick and who are shut-ins. Bless those who will be born today. Bless those who have died, especially *Nancy Lancaster* who died April 21 and *Edwarda Johnson* who died April 23, that by joining with the company of all your saints we may rejoice in one unending song of praise.

**People:** **In you alone we have eternal life, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

**Priest:** O God our strength and salvation, hear all our prayers this day, and grant that we may live in the joy of the Resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

## A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

*Read by Desirée Stolar.*

**Leader:** Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

**Priest:** Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

**Priest:** Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**People:** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## THE BLESSING

**Priest:** Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Deacon:** May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*-Romans 15:13*

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