The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 3, 2020

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting. Refrain.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Refrain.

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The officiant begins by reading an opening sentence of Scripture.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2
The officiant says to the people:

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

The Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

The priest says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

Invitatory

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips;
People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Officiant: O God, make speed to save us;
People: O Lord, make haste to help us.
Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Officiant: Praise the Lord.
People: The Lord's Name be praised.

The officiant and people say:

Pascha Nostrum

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast, not with the 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 firstfruits 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 also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.
The Reading: John 10:1-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “Life Abundant”

Sermon Hymn: Lord I Need You

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You’re the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev’ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev’ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I’ll fall on You
Jesus You’re my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I’ll fall on You
Jesus You’re my hope and stay

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev’ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
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The Apostles’ Creed

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 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.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Officiant: Let us pray.

The Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Collect of the Day

Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.
The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, that we might be joined together by the Holy Spirit with the very presence of the Risen Lord. Though we are unable to gather today in the wake of this pandemic and are temporarily prevented from sharing in the bread and the wine, we proclaim that nothing, in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord and unity in his body, the church, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: Because He Lives

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive; He lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Refrain: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, because He lives, all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living, just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives; But greater still the calm assurance: this child can face uncertain days because He Lives! Refrain.

And then one day, I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain; And then, as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives! Refrain.

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Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of all those working to end the COVID-19 crisis.
Participating in the service:
The Rev. Shay Gaillard, Rector
The Rev. Todd Simonis, Associate Rector for Small Groups and Missions
The Rev. Joe Lawrence, Associate Rector
Jeff Harbin, organist
Michael McIntyre, guitarist
Nicole Harbin, soloist, accompanied by Michael Harbin and Clara Harbin

This Week’s Prayer List

Please pray for all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially the following:

For those in our parish family: Mary Aiana, Cyndi Allison, Elsa and Jere Ayers, Patti Bergeron, Mary Grey Boatwright, Tamy Cargill, Claudia Carucci, Jane Chakides, Jack Clark, Carroll Crowther, Mary Lou Cullen, Suzi Davis, Starr deTreville, Wyatt deTreville, Bill Elliott, Dolly Fulton, Frank Giammona, Kay Gorse, Angel Gray, Mary Lee Grove, Mary Hagy, Lori and Bob Jackson, Ross and Celeste Jones, Carol Kamm, Chuck Knapp, Jeannie Kuhn, Beverly Melvin, Dee Moss, Doadie Parker, Annie Pollak, Margaret Rodgers, Bill Schaphorst, Ric Schwank, Tommy Schwank, Keith Strawn, Bob Tremonte, Jane Ten Eyck, Bill Thompson, Jani Ubelis, and Bill Webb.


For all our U.S. service members defending our country, especially the following who are deployed overseas: Tommy Bardenwerper, Robert Batts, Ryan Burns, Mitchell Greene, Preston Haben, Brad Hipp, Rodney Parker, Joshua Cory Ruge, Michael Joseph Tollison, Milledge Webb, and Glenn Young Jr.

For these expectant parents: Will and Eli Flippen, Gracyn and William Myrick, Gretchen and Jamie Sosnowski (via adoption), and Jim and Yana Thomas.

For our foreign and local missionaries supported by St. Helena’s: Fr. John, Kim, Jim and Susan, Chloe Hatcher, Philip, Roger and Joanne Griffin, Lacy, Marentes, Todd and Patsy McGregor, and Carolyn Wolfenbarger.

Names on the prayer list are the initial communication to the clergy of a need for prayer. In order to keep the list current, names remain on the list for 30 days. Expectant parents remain on the list until their children are born and deployed military until they return home. Please fill out an online Prayer Request form or call the church office at (843) 522-1712 to submit a prayer request and inform the clergy of hospitalizations.

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