

**The Episcopal/Anglican Church of the Blessed Redeemer  
Mission Church in the Diocese of Central Florida**

**Easter Day**

**April 12, 2020 ~ 9:00 A.M.**

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two with Spiritual Communion**

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1225 DeGroot Road SW, Palm Bay, Florida 32908

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise: give thanks to Him and praise His name.” (Psalm 100:4)

**Blessed Redeemer’s Mission:**

Our mission is to nurture, love, teach, and grow a loving community in Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others.

**Blessed Redeemer’s Vision:**

Our vision is to inspire belief and renew faith for those seeking God.

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II on April 12, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.**

*H = Hymnal 1982; BCP = Book of Common Prayer*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**The Lighting of Easter Candles**

*You are invited to light a new candle in your home at the beginning of our service this morning to be used by you in our worship throughout this Easter Season.*

Priest            Let us pray. O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Bless our Easter candles, and grant that in this Paschal feast today we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn ~ H 207 ~ Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

*You are invited to ring bells during the Alleluias in the hymn and at other points in our worship.*

- 1        **Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**
  
- 2        **Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!  
Unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**
  
- 3        **But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**
  
- 4        **Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

**Opening Sentences** (BCP 355)

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

**The Collect for Purity** (BCP 355)

Priest            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 356) (*sung*, S 280)

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Collect for Easter Day** (BCP 222)

Priest           The Lord be with you.

People           **And also with you.**

Priest           Let us pray. O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson ~ Jeremiah 31:1-6**

Reader           A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah, chapter 31, verses 1 through 6.

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

Reader           The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm ~ Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** (BCP 760)

Leader           The Psalm appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 118: verses 1 and 2 and verses 14 through 24, found on page 760 in *The Book of Common Prayer*. We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse, with the congregation reading the alternate (bold) verses.

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

2 **Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever."**

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

15 **There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:**

16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

17 **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.**



**Sequence Hymn ~ We Will Glorify**

**We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;  
We will glorify the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.**

**Hallelujah to the King of kings, Hallelujah to the Lamb;  
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Brian Turner**

**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows (BCP 292)**

Priest Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Priest Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People: Form III** (BCP 387)

Leader The Prayers of the People, Form III for this morning are found on page 387 in the Book of Common Prayer.

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Leader In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the congregations and clergy of Grace Church in Port Orange and Church of the Nativity in Port St. Lucie. In Palm Bay, we pray for Joy Lutheran Church, Church of Our Savior, and the other Christian churches in this community. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for our bishops, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Greg, our Diocesan Bishop; Lloyd, Bishop of our companion Diocese of Honduras; our priests, Brian and Amy; and our deacon, Brenda. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for Donald our President, Ron our Governor, William our Mayor, for Congress, and for the Courts. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader We pray for the students, teachers, staff, and parents of Westside Elementary School, and the children in Brevard County who are being served by The Children's Hunger Project. As we pray for and seek to support them and others in our community and world, give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader We pray for the sick, for those recovering, and for their caregivers, especially all those suffering from the coronavirus and those on our parish prayer list, who we pray aloud for by first name: Hildred, Ella, Jean, Makhari, Melissa, Oscar, Christopher, Esmerell, Rocco, Edly, Jennifer, Robert, Melissa & Valtonio, Erdley, Norma, Irma, Rev. John, Milton, Dorothy, Kaiwan, Winsam, Norma, Judd, Joseph,

Evelyn & Vincent, Beverly, Tatlyn, Clarence, Phyllis, Joanna, Raeburn & Yvonne, Rev. Ron & Leila, Nelly, Doreen & Lauren, Beverly, Vanessa, Desiree, Lloyd, Norma, Pearlina, Joyce, Albert, Theresa, Barbara, Pansy, Kaye, Hampden, Neville, Keanna, Stephanie, Michael, Michael, Doris, Tiffany, Annette, Ruddy, Howard, Charmaine; and those we name now. (*Your own petitions are invited either aloud or silently in your heart.*)

Leader

We pray also for the immigrant families and children at our country's borders, those continuing to recover from natural disasters, and those dealing with political unrest during this time. We also offer a special set of prayers during this time of pandemic.

Lord Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Lord Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Lord Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

People

Have compassion on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader We pray for those who have died, especially Yvonne John, Andres Pastrana, Patrick Shippey, Pauline Williams, and Jane Molleson Wolf; those being remembered this year at Easter: Oscar Boyd, Iphogene Douse, and Joyce Douse; and those we name now. (*Your own petitions are invited either aloud or silently in your heart.*)

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;  
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader We give you thanks for the blessings, healing, and protection that you have provided—especially during this difficult time of pandemic—and for all the prayers which you have answered, especially those we name now. (*Your thanksgivings and praise reports are invited either aloud or silently in your heart.*)

Leader And now let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Deacon 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** (BCP 360)

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

1. We will continue to worship together on Sunday mornings via Zoom at 9 a.m., with 15 minutes of fellowship time beforehand starting at 8:45 a.m. The Zoom phone number, meeting ID, and password will remain the same. While we are unable to worship together in person, we will be using a form of Morning Prayer for our Sunday service, except for today when we are trying out something called “spiritual communion.”
2. I encourage you today, if you’re able, to watch the National Cathedral’s webcast of their Easter service at 11:15 a.m., for a full and glorious worship celebration of the resurrection. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will be preaching for this service.
3. Fr. Brian and the Vestry will reevaluate when it is safe for us to worship again in person at the church based on recommendations from the governor and our bishop.
4. Financial offerings can be mailed in to the church or dropped off in the church mailbox. Treasurer Hyacinth Roberts will be checking the mailbox at least once a week.
5. Please continue to pray for your fellow church members and to support and call upon one another during this time. If there are special physical or financial needs that the church help with, please don’t hesitate to contact Fr. Brian or one of our Vestry members. If there are special

prayer requests during this time—especially for family members or friends sick or dying from the coronavirus—please let Fr. Brian or Deacon Brenda know. And please know that all of our church members are in their prayers as well. May God strengthen us all during this time and keep each of us safe, healthy, and hopeful.

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

### Offertory Sentence

Priest            Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

### Doxology ~ Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (*sung*, H 380, v.3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving ~ Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP 361)

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant        It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your 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.

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:

### Sanctus (BCP 362) (*sung to S 130, Schubert setting*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God

and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People           **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant       We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you ourselves this day. Sanctify us that we may faithfully receive your holy Sacrament spiritually, and that we may serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 say:

**The Lord's Prayer** (BCP 364)

**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, forever. Amen.**

**The Rite of Spiritual Communion**

Priest           In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And so I invite us all to pray together, saying:

People           **I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.**

**Communion Hymn**

**H 178 ~ Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord**

**Refrain           Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

- 1           **Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the king of creation. (Refrain)**
- 2           **Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)**
- 3           **We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live for ever. (Refrain)**
- 4           **Come, let us praise the living God,  
Joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)**

**Easter Blessing** (BOS 12)

Celebrant    May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

              May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

              May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

              And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn** ~ H 208 ~ **The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- 1           **The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
The victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!**
- 2           **The powers of death have done their worst,  
But Christ their legions hath dispersed:  
Let shout of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!**
- 3           **The three sad days are quickly sped;  
He rises glorious from the dead:  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!**
- 4           **He closed the yawning gates of hell,  
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;  
Let hymns of praise his triumphs tell! Alleluia!**
- 5           **Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,  
From death's dread sting thy servants free,  
That we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Dismissal** (BCP 366)

Deacon        Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People        **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**