

**The Episcopal/Anglican Church of the Blessed Redeemer
Mission Church in the Diocese of Central Florida**
The Second Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2020 ~ 9:00 A.M.
Morning Prayer: Rite Two



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.

MORNING PRAYER: RITE II on April 19, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

H = Hymnal 1982; BCP = Book of Common Prayer

Opening Hymn ~ Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice (H 212)

- 1 **Awake, arise, lift up your voice, let Easter music swell;
Rejoice in Christ, again rejoice and on his praises dwell.**
- 2 **Oh, with what gladness and surprise the saints their Savior greet;
Nor will they trust their ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,**
- 3 **Those hands of liberal love indeed in infinite degree,
Those feet still free to move and bleed for millions and for me.**
- 4 **His enemies had sealed the stone as Pilate gave them leave,
Lest dead and friendless and alone he should their skill deceive.**
- 5 **O Dead arise! O Friendless stand by seraphim adored!
O Solitude again command your host from heaven restored!**

Opening Sentences (BCP 77)

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*

The Confession of Sin is traditionally omitted during the season of Easter as part of our celebration of the resurrection, new life, and grace offered to us through Jesus Christ.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Invitatory Sentence (BCP 80)

Priest Lord, open our lips.

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

All **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 *Pascha nostrum* (BCP 83) (*read in unison*)

Priest We continue by saying together the Christ Our Passover anthem found on page 83 in *The Book of Common Prayer*, and we will begin and end the anthem using the following antiphon:

Antiphon 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 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 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 also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Antiphon Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:
People Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

The Psalm ~ Psalm 16 (BCP 599)

Leader The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 16, found on pages 599-600 in *The Book of Common Prayer*. We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse, with the congregation reading the even verses.

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
- 2 **All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**
- 3 But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 **Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 **I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 **For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.**
- 11 You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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.

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson ~ Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2, verse 14a and verses 22 thru 32.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my

The Second Canticle ~ We Will Glorify (*sung*, PCB 49)

**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.**

**Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before His throne;
We will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone.**

**He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live;
He is Lord above the universe; all praise to Him we give.**

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

The Gospel Lesson ~ John 20:19-31

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 20, verses 19 through 31.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Amy Turner

The Apostles' Creed (BCP 96)

Deacon And now let us reaffirm our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed, found on page 96 in *The Book of Common Prayer*.

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.

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.
2. 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.
3. Thank you to everyone who has been mailing in or dropping off financial offerings at the church mailbox. We are receiving and depositing them. We greatly appreciate you keeping up your offerings during this time as we continue to pay the church's bills.
4. During this time when we are unable to gather, we also cannot collect food items for our offering basket to support The Children's Hunger Project. However, The Children's Hunger Project is continuing to serve children throughout Brevard County, and are now providing over 5,800 meals a week. Their budget has increased from \$9,200/week to over \$23,000/week during this pandemic. If you are able to provide financial assistance to this important local ministry, you can donate online at <https://thechildrenshungerproject.org/donate>, or you can send donations to the church marked for TCHP (The Children's Hunger Project), and we will send what is received on to them.
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 of 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.
6. April birthday blessings are offered this week for Joyce Jones, Edna Rowe, and Erdley Davis. Belated birthday blessings to those earlier this month: Faith Abrams, Preston Thomas, Barbara Woodbine, and Rev. Amy Turner.

THE PRAYERS

The Salutation (BCP 97)

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us pray, in the words our Savior Jesus Christ taught us.

The Lord's Prayer (BCP 97)

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.

Suffrages A (BCP 97)

Verse Show us your mercy, O Lord;

Response **And grant us your salvation.**

Verse Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

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

Verse Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

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

Verse Lord, keep this nation under your care;

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

Verse Let your way be known upon earth;

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

Verse Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

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

Verse Create in us clean hearts, O God;

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

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter (BCP 224)

Deacon Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays (BCP 98)

Deacon O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life (BCP 99)

Deacon O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our

hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ 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 Holy Faith Church in Port St. Lucie and Holy Cross Church in Sanford. 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 still 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, Lucy, Kaiwan, Winsam, Norma, Judd, Joseph, Evelyn & Vincent, Donna, Beverly & Family, Tatlyn, Clarence, Phyllis, Joanna, Raeburn & Yvonne, Rev. Ron & Leila, Nelly, Doreen & Lauren, Beverly, Vanessa, Desiree, Lloyd, Norma, Pearlina, Albert, Joyce, Theresa, Barbara, Pansy, Kaye, Hampden, Neville, Keanna, Stephanie, Michael, Michael, Doris, Patricia, Byron, 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 and peace.

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 and friends 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.

Have compassion on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader

We pray for those who have died, especially Millicent Brown, Ruby Brown, George Lee, 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, peace, 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 Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving (BCP 101)

Deacon And now let us give thanks to God using The General Thanksgiving found on page 101 in *The Book of Common Prayer*.

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.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom (BCP 102)

Deacon We continue by praying together A Prayer for St. Chrysostom on page 102.

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.

The Dismissal (BCP 102)

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn ~ H 180 ~ He Is Risen, He Is Risen!

1 **He is risen, he is risen! Tell it with a joyful voice:
He has burst the three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice:
Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.**

- 2 **Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now,
And the passion that he bore—sin and pain can vex no more.**
- 3 **Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day;
Not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray,
Breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.**
- 4 **He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate.
We are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state;
And a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.**

The Blessing (BCP 102)

Priest 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*