

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

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020 ~ 9:00 A.M.

Morning Prayer: Rite Two



1225 DeGroodt 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 26, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

H = Hymnal 1982; BCP = Book of Common Prayer

Opening Hymn ~ Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing (H 182)

- 1 **Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.**
- 2 **Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
He comes to claim the here and now and conquer every place and time.**
- 3 **Not throned above, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life, our Savior with the Father reigns.**
- 4 **In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn or wealth divide,
He suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.**
- 5 **Christ is alive! His Spirit burns through this and every future age,
Till all creation lives and learns his joy, his justice, love, and praise.**

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 116:1-3, 10-17 (BCP 759)

Leader The Psalm appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 116, verses 1 thru 3 and 10 thru 17, found on pages 759-760 in *The Book of Common Prayer*. We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse, with the congregation reading the even verses.

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 **The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.**
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”
- 10 **How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?**
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 **I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.**
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants.
- 14 **O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.**
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 **I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,**
- 17 In the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

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, 36-41

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2, verse 14a and verses 36 thru 41.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

- 2 **Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before His throne;
We will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone.**
- 3 **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.**
- 4 **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 ~ Luke 24:13-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 24, verses 13 through 35.

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

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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Brenda Taylor

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. If you would like a copy of the bulletin via email, please share your email address with me. We can also print and deliver some copies to members' homes. Or if you would like to pick up a prayer book or a hymnal from the church, Hyacinth or I can help with those arrangements.
2. Fr. Brian and the Vestry will be meeting by phone this week to reevaluate when it is safe for us to worship again in person at the church, based on the 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. Birthday blessings are offered this week for Don Hurlston, Elsada Wilson, and Yvette Sinclair.

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 has 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 Third Sunday of Easter (BCP 224)

Deacon 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.**

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 Grace (BCP 100)

Deacon Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; 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 Church of the Holy Apostles in Satellite Beach and St. Elizabeth's Church in Sebastian. 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 priest, Brian; 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, Vilma, Rev. John, Milton, Dorothy, Lucy, Kaiwan, Winsam, Norma, Judd, Joseph, Evelyn & Vincent, Donna, Beverly, The Lee 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 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 and states. 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.

Be with those affected by this virus and time of separation in other ways: those dealing with addictions and in recovery; those in abusive relationships or situations; those in prison or nursing homes where disease spreads quickly and they're unable to leave; those who have been furloughed or lost their jobs, income, and health insurance; and those who must put themselves and their families at risk as essential workers in hospitals, grocery stores, fast food restaurants, retail chains, transportation, and as cleaners, social workers, home health aides, and first responders. Keep them and their families safe and secure in your arms that they may know your peace, protection, and providence.

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. And 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 Lorraine Campbell, Sidney Fairweather, 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 of 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 ~ **The Day of Resurrection!** (H 210)

- 1 **The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.**

- 2 **Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
And, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.**

- 3 **Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth the song begin,
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.**

The Blessing (BCP 102)

Priest 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.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*