



The Sixth Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday

May 9, 2021

9:00 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



St. Paul Baptizes St. Cornelius the Centurion

Prelude

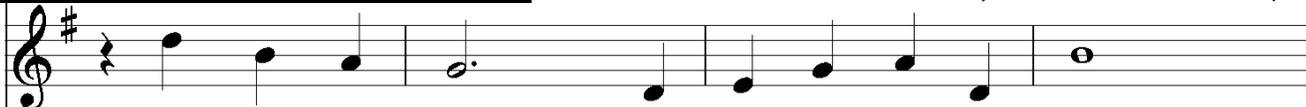
Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter Gancicle: Pascha nostrum

Wonder, Love and Praise, 880



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, whom truly to know

All: O God, you have prepared for those who love you

such good things as surpass our understanding:

Pour into our hearts such love towards you,

that we, loving you in all things

and above all things,

may obtain your promises,

which exceed all that we can desire;

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lessons

The congregation sits.

First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Remaining seated, all say together [in unison] the

Gradual: Psalm 98

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.**
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.**
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.**
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**

Second Lesson: I John 5:1-6

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

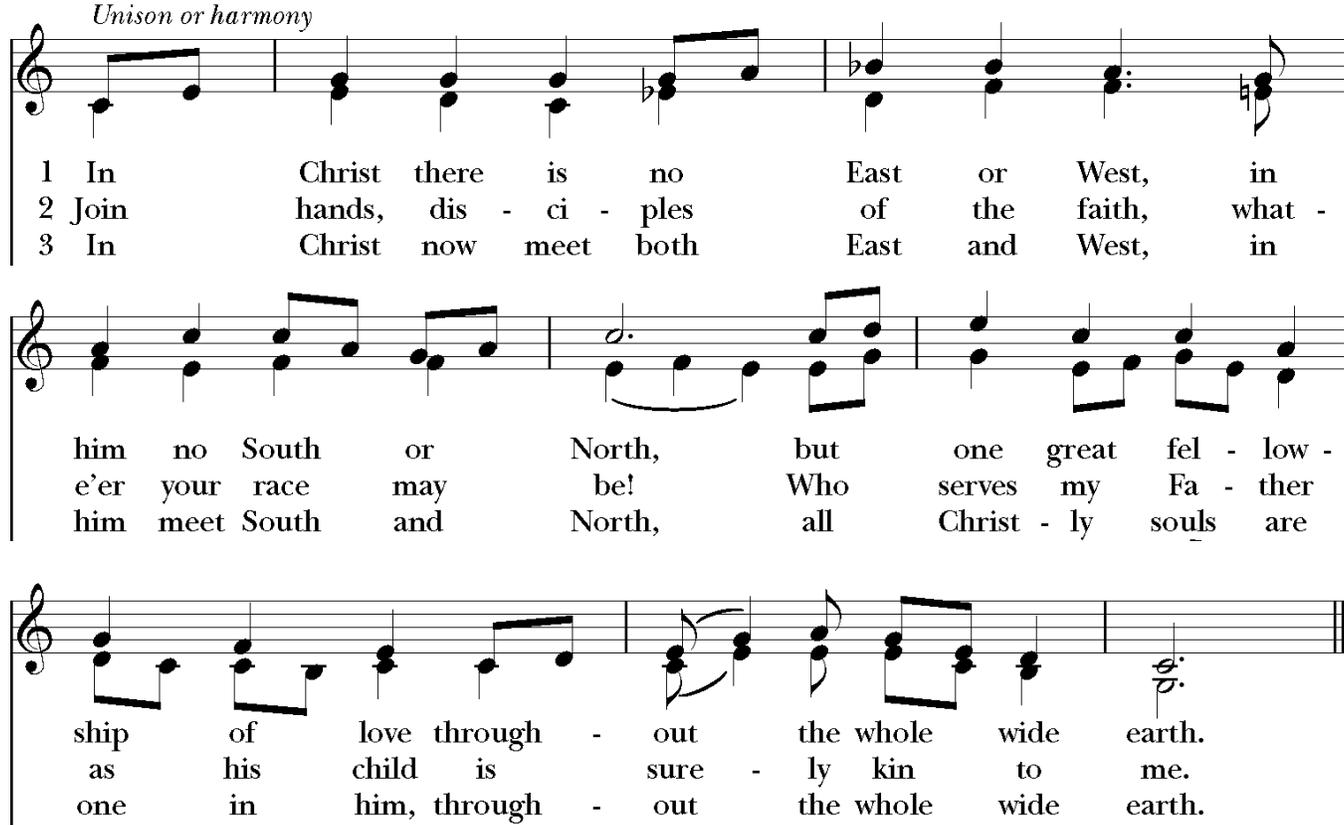
People: Thanks be to God.

All then stand to sing the following

Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal 1982,, Hymn 529

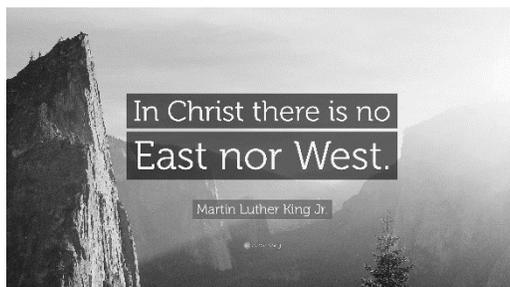
Unison or harmony



1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.



All remain standing for the reading of the

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All sit to hear

The Sermon

The Rev. Tom Wand

All stand to say

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

All remain standing for the
Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Gracious and loving God, your Son Jesus has laid down his life and called us his friends, and you have promised to give whatever we ask of you in Christ's name: Hear our prayers for the whole human family and for the world, as we say: Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

Sing to the Lord a new song;
People: for God has done marvelous things.

Leader: Loving God, your Church is the community of those who believe that Jesus is the Christ, and you have taught us that we have been born of God: Help us to show our love for you by loving your children and thus fulfilling Christ's command to us.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; for Daniel, our Bishop; for Tom, our Priest; for all the baptized in this parish, ministering here and in the world; and for all lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons. We give thanks for the parish mission and goals we have discerned and ask that they may guide our congregation as we more fully carry out God's call to service and build up our life together as Resurrection parish.

Sing to the Lord a new song;
People: for God has done marvelous things.

Leader: You have shown your righteousness openly in the sight of the nations, O Mighty One, and with your right hand and your holy arm have you won for yourself the victory: Extend your dominion over all the earth and imbue all in authority with your Spirit of love and compassion, that they may serve the world in peace and justice.

We pray for Joseph, our President, along with the members of Congress and the judges of our courts; Tom, our Governor, along with the General Assembly and the Courts in our Commonwealth; the leaders of this Township of Aston, and the leaders of all the townships and boroughs in which we live.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: **for God has done marvelous things.**

Leader: All creation witnesses to God's goodness; the sea and the lands, the rivers and hills ring out with joy before the Lord: Bless and protect this world and its fragile environment, and grant to all your children their necessities for daily life and peaceful freedom from all that may threaten.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: **for God has done marvelous things.**

Leader: You have taught us to keep your commandments by abiding in your love, O Gracious One: Bless this community with such faithfulness that your joy may be in us and that our joy may be complete.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: **for God has done marvelous things.**

Leader: Hear our prayers for our friends and for all who suffer, especially, Bob Spencer, Wendy Dargay, Billie Jean Adams, Roxie Koerner, Stephen Perrera, Eric Brunner, and Jacob Blake; those over 32 million of our fellow Americans who are infected with the COVID-19 virus; for those unemployed, or whose businesses are in distress because of this pandemic; those who face the terrifying choice of entering work environments that jeopardize their health; those imperiled by harsh weather, both in our country and elsewhere; for those grieving or menaced by violent acts of hate in our country and around the world, especially those whose lack of resources and whose suffering under the inequalities of our society cries out to us for justice, redress, and support; children and families separated or interned at our nation's borders; those mentioned in our parish's prayer list, and those we name before You now:

Silence is kept.

The People may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: **for God has done marvelous things.**

Leader: Accept our grateful thanksgivings as we lift up our voice, rejoice and sing, especially for Leigh Oppelt, Ruth Donlan, and Carolyn Osborn, as they celebrate their birthdays this week; for Val Fedena, as we commemorate his baptism; for Tom Wand and Connie Allison, as we commemorate their confirmations; for the first responders and health care workers who strive to protect us from dangers to our health, including the COVID virus; for the

essential workers who put their health at risk for us; for the hope and help given by vaccines to ease the COVID pandemic; this parish's fellowship and its ministry; for the mission you have given us to accomplish, and to which we have dedicated ourselves; and for those blessings we remember before You now:

Silence is kept.

The People may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: for God has done marvelous things.

Leader: Let our faith in you witness to the victory that conquers the world. We entrust to your never failing victory those who have died, especially Joan Allen, Ed Hess, Sr., Carolyn Watson, Estherine Craig, Jean Latch, Ellie Evans, Heidi Osborn, Edward Kurt Rappold, Jr., Dorothy Laxton, Gene Adamuski, Anthony Grisaffi, Matthew Aber, Cathy Pannabaker, Nik Rajagopal, Brian Sicknick, Walter Wallace, Jr., James Fennimore, Aaron Danielson, George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, Breonna Taylor, and Joe Ritchie-Bennett; those over 560,000 of our fellow Americans who have died in the Coronavirus pandemic, including John Davis; among these we give special thanks for those who gave their life for others by serving as health care workers, first responders, and essential workers; those killed in mass shootings in our country during the last month; all those killed by unlawful violent acts, both by and against law enforcement officers, and those whom we remember before You now:

Silence is kept.

The People may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: for God has done marvelous things.

Celebrant: Blessed One, you have loved us, chosen us and appointed us to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last: Honor the faithful prayers of your people, that all the earth may abide in your love and know the joy of your friendship, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and Holy Spirit, lives and reigns one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Please note that Christian tradition from the Council of Nicea in 324AD onward discourages kneeling at any point in worship during Easter season.

Announcements

Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with an appropriate sentence of Scripture.

As the gifts of bread and wine are offered at the Altar, all say the following

Doxology

**Let trumpets sound and voices sing!
Let all on earth their praises bring!
For Christ has conquered death and sin
And life eternal us did win.**

At the conclusion of the Doxology, all remain standing; the Celebrant begins the Eucharistic Prayer.

Eucharistic Prayer A (Expansive Language)

Celebrant: God 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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's 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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

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

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

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

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify ✠ them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify ✠ us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People: AMEN!

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional Translation) *The Book of Common Prayer, page 364*

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. This anthem is said by all.

**God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.
Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

The Invitation

The Celebrant raises the elements and says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

“If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but...is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth.”

[*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 457]

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

**All: God of abundance,
 you have fed us
 with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
 you have united us
 with Christ and one another;
 and you have made us one
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.
 Now send us forth
 in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue for ever
 in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant: You are chosen and appointed to go and bear fruit; love one another, for you are infinitely loved.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Abide in Christ's love, that his joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The gift of the Holy Spirit has been poured out upon you, lift up your voice and rejoice.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: And the blessing of our generous God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and cherish you, now and for ever.. Amen.

People: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

The Hymnal 1982, Hymn 204



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Postlude



Participants in Today's Liturgy

The Rev. Thomas C. Wand

Debbie Ney, Organist

Amelia Wilbur, Vocalist

Jude Winters, Reader

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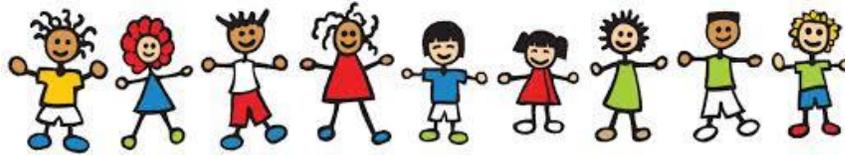
WEEK 18	05/02/2021	ACTUAL	BUDGET 52 WEEKS
Pledge	\$2,131.00	\$42,831.50	\$42,230.77
Contribution	\$10.00	\$1,210.00	\$2,596.15
TOTAL	\$2,141.00	\$44,041.50	\$44,826.92

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IMAGINE, IF YOU WILL, A CHURCH THAT WELCOMES AND INVITES EVERYONE INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD,



BUT NEVER RESORTS TO FEAR, GUILT, OR INTIMIDATION TO COERCE THAT RELATIONSHIP. YOU HAVE JUST ENTERED THE EPISCOPAL ZONE.



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PARISH ALIVE AND DOING ITS GOOD
WORK!**

Presiding Bishop's Easter 2021 Message

When I get to heaven — and I know it may sound presumptuous for me to say it, but I live by grace and believe in amazing grace — when I get to heaven, I certainly want to see the Lord. But I want to see dear members of family and friends, those who have gone on before, the many people I want to sit down and have some conversation with. Of all the biblical people, aside from the Lord himself, when I get to heaven, I want to meet Mary Magdalene. Mary Magdalene, who was one of the people, one of the women, who followed the way and teachings of Jesus and who probably provided much of the funding for his movement. Mary Magdalene, who with some of the other women and only one of the male disciples, stood with his mother, Mary, at the cross as he died. Mary Magdalene, who, even after he died, on that Easter morning, got up with some of the other women early in the morning, before the day had begun, in the dark, got up to perform the rituals of love to anoint the body of Jesus in his grave.

I want to ask her, “Mary, tell me what got you up that day. Tell me what got you to go to the tomb early in the morning when it was dark, and you could barely see. Why did you get up and go to anoint his body? Mark’s Gospel says that you and the other women said to each other, you knew that Jesus had been buried in that tomb that had been provided by Joseph of Arimathea, with Nicodemus’ help, but a large stone had been rolled in front of the doorway, into the tomb. And one of the women said to the other, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us?’ You knew the stone was there. You knew you couldn’t move it. And yet you got up and you went anyway. Mary, tell me your secret.”

I suspect she probably will say, “Well, we didn’t know how we were going to roll away the stone, but we loved him, and we got up and went anyway. It was hard because it was dark, but we loved him, and we got up and we went anyway. Those roads could be dangerous at night, but we love Jesus, and we got up and we went anyway. Who will roll away the stone for us? We did not know, but we loved him, and we got up and we went anyway. And let me tell you what love can do for you. When we got to the tomb, the stone had already been rolled away. And we shouted our hallelujahs, and shouted our hallelujahs. He is risen.”

Last year in March, on March 13th to be precise, another Mary Magdalene, her name, Barbara, Barbara Clementine Harris, bishop of the church, a voice of love, and justice, and compassion, a voice of deep and profound faith, first woman to be consecrated a bishop in Anglican Christianity, died and entered eternal life. This was early in the pandemic. Fortunately for us, Dean Kelly Brown Douglas had worked with Bishop Barbara to make sure that her memoir was completed, and they completed it. She gave it the title from the words of a gospel song that says, and I quote:

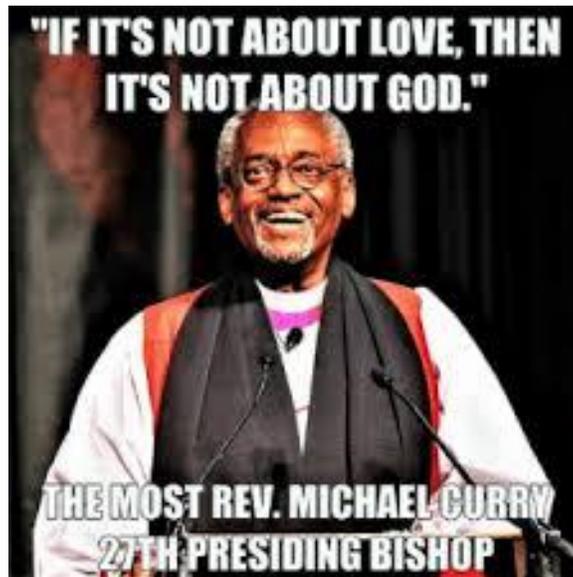
*Hallelujah anyhow
Never let your troubles get you down
Whenever troubles come your way
Hold your hands up high and say
Hallelujah anyhow!*

Those words characterize the life of Bishop Barbara: hallelujah anyhow. In spite of hardship and difficulty, hallelujah anyhow. In spite of injustice and bigotry, hallelujah anyhow. In spite of war and violence, hallelujah anyhow. And that, my friends, is the spirit of Mary Magdalene. That, my friends, is the tenacity of those who would follow in the footsteps of Jesus and his way of love. In spite of hardship and toil, hallelujah anyhow. In spite of the fact that this Easter is the anniversary of the assassination and the martyrdom of Martin Luther King, Jr., hallelujah anyhow. In spite of the fact that these are hard times, hallelujah anyhow.

Our work goes on. Our labor for love continues. We will not cease, and we will not give up until this world reflects less our nightmare and more God's dream where there's plenty good room for all God's children. Hallelujah anyhow.

When I get to heaven, I can't wait to hear Mary Magdalene and Bishop Barbara tell me he's risen. Hallelujah anyhow. Amen.

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop



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WAWA HOAGIE SALE: Our Wawa Hoagie coupon fundraiser continues! We are selling coupons at \$3.50 each for a Wawa "shorti" hoagie, of which we keep a small profit from every sale. The coupons can be used at all Wawa's and have no expiration date. If you are interested, please see Rosemary Bezuidenhout or contact the office.

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Food Outreach Contributions Update:

Through April 11, our congregation has contributed \$16,860 to this ministry (above and beyond regular pledge contributions). Of this, \$15,000 has already been disbursed to assist those suffering from food insecurity. As always, thanks be to God for the generosity of these gifts, and may God help us persist as this need grows ever greater.

Please remember in your prayers
those for whom our prayers have been requested, especially:



Bob Spencer, Wendy Dargay, Billie Jean Adams, Roxie Koerner, Stephen Perrera, Eric Brunner, and Jacob Blake; those over 32 million of our fellow Americans who are infected with the COVID-19 virus; for those unemployed, or whose businesses are in distress because of this pandemic; those who face the terrifying choice of entering work environments that jeopardize their health; those imperiled by harsh weather, both in our country and elsewhere; for those grieving or menaced by violent acts of hate in our country and around the world, especially those whose lack of resources and whose suffering under the inequalities of our society cries out to us for justice, redress, and support; children and families separated or interned at our nation's borders; Wendy A, Ryan Aber, Thomas Adams, Melanie Austin, Bruce, Kylie Benditt, Nancy Berkhiemer, Fr. Barry Boyle. Arthur Brunner, Merry Buffington, Carol Cannon, Carmella Cichetti, Bruce Coffin, Will Currey, Bill and Lynn Davison, Irene Doniger, Annis Dunlap, Stephanie Eckenrode, David Evans, Bettie Fanelli, Lorraine Fenza, Jennifer Finley, Charlie Gaeto, Rebecca Grisaffe Paul Hagy, Maggie Hancock, Susan Harbison and Family, Dawn Hess, Kurt and Wade Kolodi, Patricia McCarthy, Sophie McNeerney; John Miller, Debbie Mazingo, Wayne Mazingo, The Osborn Family, Mike Pelegriano, George Rigby, Ruby, John Ryan, The Schiller Family, Bill Scott, George Smith, Doug and Ruth Soule, Bob Spencer, Gale Spencer, Susan Stretch, Bernice Strohl, Glenda Tate, Dale Tibbetts, Paula Trudell, Candace Ward, Elaine Ward, Bruce Warren, Dale Weaver, Kevin Widrig, Hazel Will, and Lora Lee Wright.

Those blessings for which we offer thanks, especially:

Leigh Oppelt, Ruth Donlan, and Carolyn Osborn, as they celebrate their birthdays this week; for Val Fedena, as we commemorate his baptism; for Tom Wand and Connie Allison, as we commemorate their confirmations; for the military, fire fighters, police and EMS workers; for the first responders and health care workers who strive to protect us from dangers to our health, including the COVID virus; for the essential workers who put their health at risk for us; for the hope and help given by vaccines to ease the COVID pandemic; this parish's fellowship and its ministry; for the mission you have given us to accomplish, and to which we have dedicated ourselves.

Those who have died, especially:

Joan Allen, Ed Hess, Sr., Carolyn Watson, Estherine Craig, Jean Latch, Ellie Evans, Heidi Osborn, Edward Kurt Rappold, Jr., Dorothy Laxton, Gene Adamuski, Anthony Grisaffi, Matthew Aber, Cathy Pannabaker, Nik Rajagopal, Brian Sicknick, Walter Wallace, Jr., James Fennimore, Aaron Danielson, George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, Breonna Taylor, and Joe Ritchie-Bennett; those over 560,000 of our fellow Americans who have died in the Coronavirus pandemic, including John Davis; among these we give special thanks for those who gave their life for others by serving as health care workers, first responders, and essential workers; those killed in mass shootings in our country during the last month; all those killed by unlawful violent acts, both by and against law enforcement officers.



The Mission and Goals of Resurrection Church

The mission of Resurrection Episcopal Church is to nourish the spiritual lives of our diverse parish family and to follow the example of Jesus through service to our community.

The Internal goal for Resurrection Episcopal Church is to grow stronger in faith, care for those who cannot be present, and unify as a family sharing in faith based activities.

The Resurrection Episcopal Church outreach goal is to become more visible and listen to the needs of the community by doing God's work through service to others.



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Racial Justice and Reconciliation in Our Country—How Do We Actively Help?

A Statement by the Priest-in-Charge, Wardens, and Vestry of Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale

Our Church, our Diocese, indeed all of us are committed by our Baptism into the Christian faith to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” [BCP, p. 305] This means that we must actively oppose and seek to dismantle systems, structures, and beliefs which promote and sustain the privileges of one group or race over another.

Based in the resurrection, our work is not to blame, not to single out individuals or groups to pronounce guilty or sinful [most notably, because we know everyone has sinned, including us]. Jesus calls us not to judge and condemn *others*, but to bring the righteousness of the Reign of God into visible reality. This righteousness comes from right relationships among all people, among all structures of our society, and among us as human beings relating to God and all Creation.

This will be, in our society (and for our parish community), long and hard work. This did not start recently; its repair will not be done soon. We have many broken and distorted relationships in our society and its structures [The Bible calls this “sin.”]. We cannot stand by and refuse the work to transform that because of its difficulty or pain to us. The Cross will not allow that. The time to start is now.

Our parish will be examining the work to which we are called and the ways we can move forward. Your help in the discernment and in the work is essential. Please pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance and support for you, for our parish, and for our country as we seek to:

“Let the whole world know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by [the One] through whom all things were made, ..Jesus Christ.” [BCP, p. 280]



(From top left:) Janet Russello, Jill Graham, Fr. Wand, Phyllis Russell, Barbara Krisack
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