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MORNING PRAYER II
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 26, 2020



Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

~ Psalm 36:5

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Officiant If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ~ 1 *Colossians 3:1*

Confession of Sin

(BCP Pages 79)

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

Officiant

(BCP Page 80)

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life *Amen.*

... everyone who
**BELIEVES
IN HIM**
receives
**FORGIVENESS
OF SINS**
through His name.

Acts 10:43

The Invitatory and Psalter

(BCP Page 80)

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

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

Officiant and People :

*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.*

Pause.

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

Christ our Passover

(BCP Page 83)

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.*

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

(BCP Pages 759-760)

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

A Reading from Acts 2:14a, 36-41

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."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Officiant The word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God*



Hymn: In The Garden



1. I come to the gar-den a - lone, While the dew is still on the ros - es, And the
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their sing - ing, And the
3. I'd stay in the gar-den with Him Though the night a-round me be fall - ing, But He



1. voice I hear, Fall - ing on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es. And He
2. mel - o - dy That He gave to me, With - in my heart is ring - ing. And He
3. bids me go; Through the voice of woe His voice to me is call - ing. And He



1. walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the
2. walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the
3. walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the



1. joy we share as we tar - ry there, None oth-er has ev-er known.
2. joy we share as we tar - ry there, None oth-er has ev-er known.
3. joy we share as we tar - ry there, None oth-er has ev-er known.



Easter Lilies in bloom...

~Anne & Bill Page

A Reading from 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

Hymn: We Know That Christ Is Raised

(Hymn #296)



1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em-braced by death he broke its
2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. Re - born we share with him an
3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. The spi - rit's pow - er shakes the
4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows as Christ's new bo - dy takes on



1. fear - ful hold; and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. Al - le-
2. Eas - ter life as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
3. Church of God. Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.
4. flesh and blood. The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



lu - ial Al - le - lu - ial A - men.

A Reading from Luke 24:13-35

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.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

A Reflection

The Reverend Jim Friedel



Apostles' Creed

(BCP Page 96)

*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.*

The Prayers

(BCP Page 97)

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

*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.*

Suffrage A

(BCP Page 97)

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. *And grant us your salvation.*
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. *Let your people sing with joy.*
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. *For only in you can we live in safety.*
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. *Your saving health among all nations.*
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

The Collect of the Day: Third Sunday of Easter

(BCP Pages 224-225)

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 Peace

(BCP Page 99)

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

(BCP Page 100)

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A time of silence is offered as an opportunity for us to reflect on our petitions and thanksgivings.

Offertory

(BCP Page 377)

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. ~Revelation 4:11

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

(BCP Page 101)

Officiant and People

*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*

Hymn: We Walk By Faith

(Hymn #209)



1. We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gra - cious words we hear from
2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor fol - low where he trod; but
3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - licf; and may our faith a - bound, to
4. that, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clear - er light we



1. him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
2. in his prom - ise we re - joice; and cry, "My Lord and God!"
3. call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:
4. may be - hold you as you are, with full and end - less sight.

The Blessing

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*

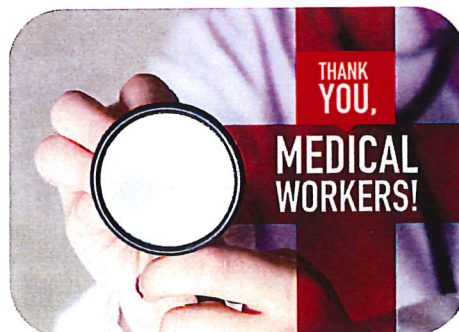
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

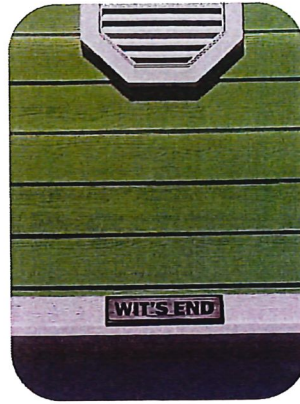
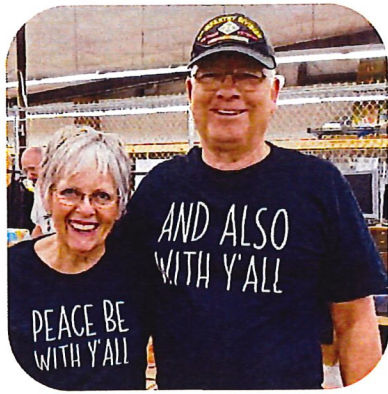
Officiant Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Officiant

May the God of hope fill us all with joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*



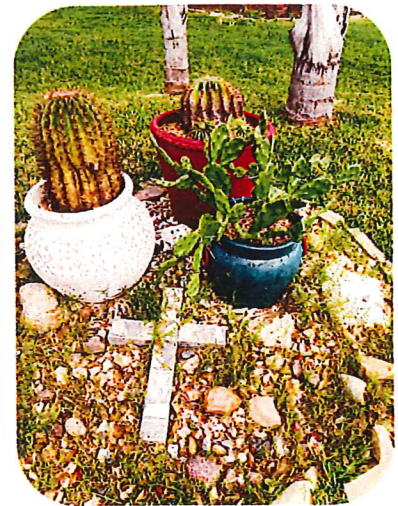


As you can see from the background, this photo was taken B.C. (before Corona) when we could mingle with the good folks at Castaways pricing. Since we bought a 100 year old bungalow to restore many years ago, and christened it "Wit's End", every place we have lived has been named Wit's End. Having been imprisoned for weeks now, the Medleys really are at wit's end at Wit's End. ~Karen & Mike Medley



Anne and Bill Page's precious grandchildren in Houston.

ALL THINGS BRIGHT
AND
BEAUTIFUL FROM OUR
PARISH FAMILY
& FRIENDS

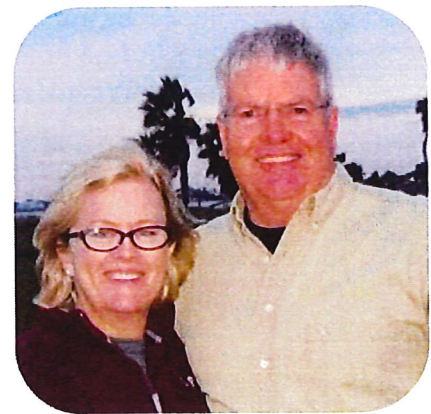


A little bit of joy found on my sister, Becky's, morning walk.
~ Betty

Be a blessing to someone with each passing day
by the works that you do or the words that you say.
Take the hand of another in need of good cheer
and give him (her) to feel that a brother is near.

Be a blessing to someone, it matters not who
for someone has oft been a blessing to you.
When burdens oppressed you and long
seemed the road
remember how others have lightened your load.
Oh, be a blessing to someone,
a blessing in time of need.

~Sent with blessings of Joy and Peace
By Lynna Thomas



Our Father Jim
and Christy
celebrate their
wedding anniversary

