



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Kingston Episcopal Parish, Mathews, Virginia

Ante-Communion of Eucharist: Rite Two

The Liturgy of the Word

Kingston Episcopal Parish Online Worship
April 26, 2020

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Prelude *There is a Balm in Gilead* Arr. Bruce Greer

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Priest Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The following hymn of praise is said by all

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

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

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

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

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day: 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 Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [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.

Priest The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 16:1-3, 10-17

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!

A Reading from the First Epistle of 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.

Priest The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn

There is a Balm in Gilead

soloist: Paul Stimson

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to make the wound - ed

whole, there is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to

1 heal the sin - sick soul. 2 soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and ___
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you

think my work's in vain, but ___ then the Ho - ly
can - not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of

Repeat Refrain
Spi - rit re - vives my soul a - gain.
Je - sus, and say, "He died for all."

Words: Afro-American spiritual
 Music: *Balm in Gilead*, Afro-American spiritual; acc. David Hurd (b. 1950) Copyright ©1982, David Hurd. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

A Reading from the Gospel of 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.

Priest The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Prayers of the People Form III (page 387 in The Prayer Book)

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for +Michael, our Presiding Bishop, +Susan, and +Jennifer, our bishops, Gary+, our priest, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

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

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed, [**especially _____**], eternal rest,

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others: We pray for Donald, our President, and Ralph, our Governor; we pray for those who are ill in body, mind or spirit, especially **our parishioners, Lori, Jimmy, Hank, Mairi, Paul, Peggy, Jo Ann, Martha Anne, Martha, Tom, Gay, Mary Ellen and Martha Ellen**; for all those who have no one to say their name in prayer; and for our families, friends, and neighbors.

We pray for those serving in our armed forces and in our diplomatic corps. We pray for the medical professions and all who are serving at this time in harm's way.

Please add your own petitions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud (*pause*).

The Celebrant adds the concluding collect.

Closing Prayers

Priest: We cannot receive the communion of the Eucharist at this time, but we are in communion with one another and with our God through the power of the Holy Spirit. May your hunger and thirst for the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ draw you to him, and your desire to be one with God and with all the holy people of God bring you to the love of God.

COMMENDED TO THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pray for Our Parishioners

Lori Black	Martha Anne King
Jimmy Eaton	Martha Knight
Hank/Mairi Furniss	Tom Neiger
Paul Gibson	Gay Pfister
Peggy Hudgins	Mary Ellen Stimson
JoAnn Hunley	Martha Ellen Traband

Pray for Our Family and Friends

Mickey Burchell	Skip Lewis
Keith Brown	Don Loving
Duncan Campbell	Emily Lyth
Peggy Carr	Allison Malise
Joe Carter	Dave Martin
Terry Dobson	Melissa McCarter
Nancy Donnelly	Sudy McKnight
Mary Doyle	Linda Monk
Tommy Dutton	Kristen Moran
Mary Ellen Edwards	Kathy Nelson
Stephanie Fleming	Steve Nelson
Glenda Flippin	Mary Newell
Walker Linden Ford	Lisa O'Connors
Lori Fuller	Elizabeth Perkins
Franklin Furey	Stephanie Powers
Peggy/Kevin Gallagher	Josia Raub
Anna Garrett	Norris Richardson
Doris Gibson	Debbie Roberg
+Susan Goff	Ginger Shackelford
Pat Graveline	Bella Silvus
Helen Graves	Sue Ann Singleton
David/Linda Hawkins	Elise Snow
Carole Hirose	Amu Suppes
Grady Hudgins	Marsha Threlkeld
Tom/Nancy Hunley	Joe Tomlinson
Andy James	Grace Van Burkirk
Kyle Johnson	Harry Ward
Eugene Jones	Kate Warfel
John Michael Jones	Jennie Whittle
Rick Jones	Kitty Witty
Andrea Krause	Catherine Worley

SERVING IN THE MILITARY OR DIPLOMATIC SERVICE

Colin Bucknor

BJ Cavazos

Yvette Gaither

Chris Ivy

Megan and Joe Kraynak

Hib McNeilly

Joey Plotino

William Story Scarletk

Jennifer and Zach Schmidt

George and William Truscott

Dawson Turner

Nicholas Webster

CRISIS PRAYER CHAIN

For immediate prayer contact Fr. Gary or Karen at the numbers above

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday April 26	After 8 AM	Worship On Demand
Monday April 27		Pilgrim Class posted on Facebook
Tuesday April 28	7:00 PM	Class Zoom Meeting
Thursday April 23	7:00 PM	AA (PH)

WELCOME TO KINGSTON EPISCOPAL PARISH!

We are happy you are able to worship with us online. If we can be helpful to you this week, especially in this time of social distancing, please call the office (804)725-2175 or Fr. Gary (757)371-9382.

OFFERINGS

The vestry, treasurer, and rector thank everyone who has continued to keep giving their pledges and donations for the work of Kingston Parish. Our budget has been impacted, but only minimally by this crisis. And our ministry has been transformed, but is continuing in new ways. Thank you and thank God!

You may already send checks by mail or through your bank. Checks sent to the church should come to Kingston Parish, P.O. Box 471, Mathews, VA 23109. If you can, send along your pledge with your pledge number or pledge envelope.

If you need financial help, please contact Fr. Gary.

FINDING THE SERVICES ONLINE

Our Sunday Worship continues each week. If you cannot come online, please pray the service on your own. If you wish to join our community online, you will find the worship posted on both Facebook and YouTube.

If you are on Facebook, be sure to like and subscribe to the Kingston Parish page and then you will be notified of each service when it is downloaded. You will be able to take part in the service any time after 8 AM on Sunday. Just look on the Kingston Episcopal Parish Facebook page for the service dated appropriately for the day.

If you prefer to use YouTube, you can go to YouTube.com, search for Kingston Episcopal Parish and the services we have done will all come up. Just look for the appropriately dated service and click. When you have watched it, click and, if possible, subscribe and it will again be easier to find the services in the future for you and it also offers some evangelism making the service more available for others on YouTube.

"Like" what you see on the Kingston sites often and spread the Good News!

We will also try to be sure to put a link to the service on the Church Webpage at YouTube and Facebook that you can click from the webpage. (Gary apologizes for not getting that to Rachel Morris early last Sunday. Uploading the service was a bit more challenging last week for some reason and I assumed everyone could find the service by typing in the church name on Facebook or YouTube.)

COMPLINE SERVICE ONLINE

Fr. Gary has put a Compline service on YouTube. Go to YouTube and search for "prayers at bedtime in the time of a pandemic" and you will find the service. You can use this one daily.

EDUCATION OFFERING

Join our Spring Pilgrimage Class: We are making pilgrimage in our armchairs this spring through many of the holy sites of Great Britain and meeting many of the saints of ages past and not so long ago. If you would like to join the class by email or on Facebook, email Fr. Gary at barkergaryj@gmail.com. And invite your friends.

FACE MASKS

Thanks to our sewing angels, Reed Lawson, Becca Brown, Nan Cross, Lynn Abrams, Frances Hudgins, Kathy Stearns and Berni La Casse, who have made and delivered almost 300 masks in the last several weeks. Masks are available just inside the front door of the Parish House.

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP

Just inside the door of the Parish House, on the pew, are masks and

“Day by Day” devotional booklets. If you need to arrange a time to come, call Karen at (804)725-8480 and she will meet you. We also have toilet paper and some individual dinners made by parishioners.

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

BIRTHDAY PRAYER: Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be.

Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tyler Jackson	April 26	Lenox Gregg	April 27
Martha Knight	April 26	Jessica Story	May 1
Betsy Ambach	April 26	Mac Butler	May 1
Kippy Gilbert	April 26	Mary Ellen Stimson	May 1

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