

MORNING PRAYER

THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

APRIL 4, 2021

PRELUDE: PRAISE WE THE LORD IN HIGHEST HEAVEN,
MUSIC BY MELCHIOR VULPIUS ARRANGED BY DAVID ARCUS

OPENING SENTENCE

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

V: Lord, open our lips.
R: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.*

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER PASCHA NOSTRUM

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.

THE PSALMS APPOINTED:

PSALM 148 *Laudate Dominum*

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

- ² ***Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.***
- ³ Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- ⁴ ***Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.***
- ⁵ Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
- ⁶ ***He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.***
- ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸ ***Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;***
- ⁹ Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰ ***Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and wingèd birds;***
- ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- ¹² ***Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.***
- ¹³ Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴ ***He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!***

PSALM 149 Cantate Domino

- ¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- ² ***Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.***
- ³ Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- ⁴ ***For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.***
- ⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- ⁶ ***Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;***
- ⁷ To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
- ⁸ ***To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;***
- ⁹ To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

PSALM 150 *Laudate Dominum*

- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- ² ***Praise him for his mighty acts; ****
praise him for his excellent greatness.
- ³ Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
Praise him with lyre and harp.
- ⁴ ***Praise him with timbrel and dance; ****
praise him with strings and pipe.
- ⁵ Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
- ⁶ ***Let everything that has breath ****
praise the Lord. 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 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ-- he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF MOSES *Cantemus Domino*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.
This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a mighty warrior; *

Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

***The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.***

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

***Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?***

You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.

***With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.***

You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,

***The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.***

The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.

***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.***

A READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN #182: CHRIST IS ALIVE! LET CHRISTIANS SING.

A READING FROM MARK 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

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*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.*

THE PRAYERS

V: The Lord be with you.

R: *And also with you.*

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*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The tomb stands empty; the garments of death have been cast aside. Our tears of mourning turn to exclamations of astonished gratitude. Trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

For the whole, bright earth, so lovingly created and so compassionately redeemed; that it may speak again of the glory and majesty of God. Trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

For the holy Church, whose life is hidden with Christ in God, that in all our diversity we may bear witness to the unity that flows from our baptism. Trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

For those in authority in every nation and in every place; that they may govern with equity and justice; bringing life to those in the shadow of death. Trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

For all who suffer in mind, body, spirit, or any other adversity; that they may be comforted by Christ who rises with healing in his glorious wings. We pray for Marlo & Cale Jordan at the death of their daughter, Ember who died before birth. We pray this day for: Mildred, Lois, Tom, Molly, Jim, Rowen & Jan, Ann, Anne, Daisy, Tom, Champe, Keyon, Andy & Barrie, Laura, Sandra, Robert, Tricia & Don, Nell, Ludie, Robert, Marion, Nancy, Jim, Jean, and Joseph. Trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

For all who are dying and for all who have died, especially Ember, that they may find the blessed assurance of light perpetual and everlasting life in Christ's triumph over death. Trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant

Be present, O Risen Christ, in this your church's Easter praise. With the eyes of our hearts may we see the tomb empty, and joyfully believing, walk in newness of life. Grant that our anthems of joy may give honor to the mystery of your redeeming love and that our proclamations of your victory over death may reflect the majesty of your eternal glory. Trusting in God's resurrecting power, we lift to you our prayers. ***Amen.***

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

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 PRAYER FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. ***Amen.***

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

***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.*

CLOSING HYMN #207: JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

POSTLUDE: WILDOR TOCCATA

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday (4/4): Easter Day

Worship and Formation

- **"Sunrise" Service in-person** (Memorial Garden); 7:00am (weather permitting) health screening form required
- **Festal Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 10:00am

Monday (4/5):

- **Office Closed**
- **Education for Ministry** (Formation Zoom): 6:30p
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Tuesday (4/6):

- **Morning Silence** (Worship Zoom); 7:30am Gathering for Silent Meditation
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Wednesday (4/7):

- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 8:00am
- **Eucharist (Church); Noon; health screening form required**
- **For Those Who Live Alone** (Meeting Zoom); 5:00pm / Margaret Brill hosting
- **Choir** (Meeting Zoom); 7:00pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Thursday (4/8)

- **Parish Pastoral Group** (Meeting Zoom); 5:00pm
- **Adult Bible Study** (Formation Zoom); 7:30pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Friday (4/9)

- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 8:00am
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Sunday (4/11): Easter II

Worship and Formation

- **Gathering** (Worship Zoom); 9:00am
- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 9:15am
- **Sunday Forum: 10:15am** (Worship Zoom)
- **Growing in Christ** (Formation Zoom); 10:30am

Easter Egg Hunt; Noon health screening form required

Youth Group (Formation Zoom); 4:00pm

PLEASE MASK UP IF YOU COME INTO ANY OF THE BUILDINGS ON THE CHURCH PROPERTY!!

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT: SUNDAY, APRIL 11 AT NOON

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Join us in the cemetery on the morning of Easter II (April 11) at 12:00pm for the St. Matthew's Easter Egg Hunt. We will have three different areas of egg hunting for three different age groups to accommodate Diocesan safety protocols. Nursery children and at least one parent will meet at the Education Building. Godly Play kids (ages 3-2nd grade) will gather at the south side of the graveyard. Growing in Christ (grades 3rd-5th) will gather at the north side of the graveyard.

MORE INFO ABOUT THESE GROUPS THAT WE SUPPORT:

JUSTICE UNITED

Orange County Justice United is a broad based community organization that works with the civil sector to organize around issues to improve the lives of Orange County's marginalized residents.

As many of you may know, during 2020 St. Matthew's parishioners joined others in Justice United to support mobile home residents in their negotiations with park owners. That work continues, but now JU is pivoting to begin new campaigns. To start that journey, members of JU met virtually for two Relational Meetings in early March. During these meetings, attendees peeled off to chat in groups of two or three, connecting and strengthening relationships between individuals and institutions.

Small group listening sessions are to be held this spring at each Orange County institution involved with JU, offering members a chance to share what they consider to be issues facing their community. Justice United has organized two workshops in April to teach leaders how to organize and facilitate a listening session in their community. JU leadership has asked that five to ten St. Matthew's members attend a 90-minute training to facilitate these listening sessions. **If you are interested in attending one of these trainings, please sign up using the link below and reach out to Eileen Camp (919-345-7513).** Once the trainings are complete, information about the Listening Sessions will be shared with St. Matthew's members.

Listening Session Training 1
 Tuesday, April 13, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
[Please Register in Advance Here](#)

Listening Session Training 2
 Monday, April 19, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
[Please Register in Advance Here](#)

ORANGE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION

Providing Beef Stew to Orange Congregations in Mission Food's Pantry is a commitment St. Matthew's has made and kept for years now. Bring your donated cans to the church anytime. Drop them in the basket under the alcove of the Hayden Building or leave them by one of the doors. Our monthly goal is 175 cans.

"WARMING HEARTS" SHAWL MINISTRY CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Calendars (February 2021-January 2022) featuring shawls made by the Shawl Ministry are available in the Parish House for a donation of yarn, in any amount. They were made to honor our Shawl Ministry by member Dot Lansdown. Her son William photographed the shawls which he displayed on the pews of St. Matthew's. (Quantities are limited.)

CARE & DISCERNMENT GROUP FORMING: BEGINNING APRIL 22

You are invited to practice listening with a group of four to eight fellow parishioners. During these challenging and divisive times we feel the pressure to take action. Learning to pay careful attention to one another is a way to act decisively and effectively. The structure of St. Matthew's Care and Discernment Groups provides a way to practice this work through mutual support. We take turns to narrate a query, challenge, or joy which is held in meditative attention through prayer, reflection and silence. We will meet for as many times as there are participants and our sessions last for 75 minutes. Active listening nourishes our mind, body, and spirit; it strengthens our friendship to one another and our service to the wider community.

We will begin the group on St. Matthew's Zoom Meeting channel on Thursday, April 22nd at 4pm. If you are interested please contact Edward Wright at framesbyedwardwright@gmail.com or call 919-622-7082.

PRAYER LIST

We pray for all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the following members of our parish family: Mildred Pruessing, Lois Horn, Tom Vail, Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Rowen & Jan Grant, Ann Burdette, Anne Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Laura Middlebrooks, Sandra Poffenbarger, Robert

Fruehwirth, Tricia & Don Hill, Nell Schrader, Ludie White, Robert Locke, Marion Horn, Nancy Harris, Jim von St. Paul, Jean Bartholomew, and Joseph Riddick.

And these others for whom our prayers are desired: Melanie Maupin, Betsy Zaragoza, Harry Dula, Arnold Thomas, Gail Clifford, Erin Vaughan, Bob Caldwell, Baylor Pisano, John Charton, Lucy Gradowski, Ken Foland, Savannah Fonvielle, Colleen Paisley, Ben Mueller, Richard Haase, Chip Joyner, John Logan, the Spurlocks, the Tuckers, Anna Lawrence & Dan Bass, Fred Edoughs, Timothy, Bob, Laura Merrill, Jeannine Beardslee, Brooke Harnisch & Dan Roberts, Amy, Evelyne Accad, Amalia, Maddie Powers, Allie, John & Rachel Hougom, Richard Stevens, Mary Beth, Karl & Janice Eicher, Knox Efland, Coleman Sale, Boardman Lloyd, the family of Chris Knotts, Bill, Chris Graebner, Tom Bloom, Michael Thompson, Andy, Drew, Sean Turnell, Matthew Arnold, Anne Cox, Sally Weaver, Steve Thomas, Alex Thomas, Joe Barnes, Tony Boss, and Millie Hinkle.

We pray for all doctors and nurses, service workers, inmates, and the unemployed. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children.