

Epiphany Episcopal Church
Diocese of Washington
3111 Ritchie Road
Forestville, MD 20747
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)
April 11^h 2021

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington

The Rev. Prince Decker, Rector

9:30 A.M. (RITE II)

To Participate call at 9:25am: Free Call Number

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**A warm welcome to all guests and visitors worshipping with us on this
Resurrection Morning**

IN-PERSON AND ZOOM SERVICE IN THE CHURCH

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Opening Hymn H-212 “Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice”

1 Awake, arise, lift up your voice,
Let Easter music swell;
Rejoice in Christ, again rejoice,
And on his praises dwell.

2 Oh, with what gladness and surprise
The saints their Savior greet;
Nor will they trust their ears and eyes
But by his hands and feet:

3 Those hands of liberal love indeed
In infinite degree,
Those feet still free to move and bleed
For millions and for me.

4 His enemies had sealed the stone
As Pilate gave them leave,
Lest dead and friendless and alone
He should their skill deceive.

5 O Dead arise! O Friendless stand
By seraphim adored!
O Solitude again command
Your host from heaven restored!

Exhortation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Collect for Purity

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.*

Gloria in Excelsis

S280

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you
 People: And also with you
 Celebrant: Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading From The Acts Of The Apostles

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: *Thanks be to God*

The Psalm for this Sunday is Psalm 133. We will read it responsively by half verse breaking at the asterisk

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
 that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
 that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,*
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Epistle

1John1:1-2:2

A Reading From the Epistle of John

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn AAHH-275 “He Lives” v1-2

1. I serve a risen Savior
He's in the world today.
I know that He is living,
Whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy;
I hear His voice of cheer;

And just the time I need Him
He's always near.
Refrain: He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

2. In all the world around me
I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary,
I never will despair;
I know that He is leading,
Through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing
Will come at last. *Refrain:*

The Gospel

John

✠ *[Sign forehead, lips and breast]* **The Holy Gospel of our Lord According to John**
Glory to you, Lord Christ

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are

written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

Sequence Hymn AAHH-275 “He Lives” vv3

3 Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him,
The Help of all who find,
None other is so loving,
So good and kind. *Refrain:*

The Sermon

Pastor Prince

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.

Prayers of the People Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord Jesus Christ, You Who created human beings with utter goodness, the healer of our souls and bodies, heed now the cries of your people throughout the world, and save us from the Coronavirus. This affliction has spread ferociously and the fear of death has surrounded us. Many have suffered and many have died. We ask you to have mercy upon us and save us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. **We pray for: Joseph, our President, Kamala our Vice President, the Congress and Senate of the United States; the Supreme Court; Larry, our Governor; Angela, our County Executive. We pray for all heads of states and their government; that they may lead to wise decisions and right actions for the good of their citizens.**

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Dear God, enlarge within us the sense of fellowship with all living things, the animals to whom you gave the earth as their home in common with us. We remember with shame that in the past we have exercised the high dominion of man with ruthless cruelty so that the voice of the earth, which should have gone up to you in song, has been a groan of travail. May we realize that we live not for ourselves alone but for all that you created and called good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. In the **Anglican Communion we pray for, *The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.*** In the Diocese, let us pray for *All Parishes in the Diocese of Washington, All Parish Altar Guilds of the Diocese.* **We pray for the Clergy: *Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael,*** our Presiding Bishop, ***Mariann,*** our Bishop, ***Chilton*** Knudsen our Assisting Bishop and ***Prince,*** our Rector.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those who have tested positive of the Coronavirus, those in quarantine, those who give service in hospitals, Nursing Homes, and all place providing medical services to those in need. Visit and comfort the sick and suffering too, dear Lord. Heal and strengthen weak bodies, calm and correct confused minds. We pray for those we know with particular needs including: ***Larry*** Sweeney; ***Azante*** Williams (sister of D'Marco Murray); ***Jean*** Gill (congregation member); ***Consuello*** Chapman (congregation member); ***Charlotte*** Gibbs (congregation member); ***Brenda*** Murray (congregation member); ***Florence*** Burt (congregation member); ***Stephanie*** Sharp (family of Thomasine & Ricky Lyles), ***Akil*** Jackson (friend of Thomasine & Ricky Lyles); ***Lillian*** Smith (congregation member); and ***Nancy*** Murrell (congregation member); and ***Lauvinia*** Alston (Congregational member). We pray for our **Military Personnel: *Kenneth*** Hubbard, ***Jay*** Lemon, ***Omega*** Marks, ***Emmanuel*** Staples-Bloom & ***Festina*** Hume-Dawson. Support them all with your great love and mercy, and be with those others known to us and whom we now name in our hearts...

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We remember the families that have lost loved ones for the Richards family, the Coles; Macfoys, Johnsons, Hutchenson.....;.....

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.

The Priest, stands and says

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.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Announcements/Birthday/Wedding Anniversary Prayers

Please make your pledge and offerings now:

E-Giving <https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/ncs-2031>

Presentation of the Offerings and Doxology (sung)

Hymn: H-380 “*The Doxology*”

1. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Hymn H-194 “*Jesus Lives*” (Please Set Your Bread and Wine)

1 Jesus lives; thy terrors now
Can, O death, no more appall us;

Jesus lives: by this we know
Thou, O grave, cannot enthrall us.
Alleluia!

2 Jesus lives: henceforth is death
But the gate to life immortal;
This shall calm our trembling breath
When we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia!

3 Jesus lives: our hearts know well
Nought from us his love shall sever;
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell
Tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!

4 Jesus lives: to him the throne
Over all the world is given:
May we go where he is gone,
Rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia!

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, 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 his death he has destroyed death, and by his 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus and Benedictus (standing)

L-253

✠ Holy, ✠ holy, ✠ holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. ✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord 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, he 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this
bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice; that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.* 🌹 🌹 🌹

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

People and Celebrant

Hymn: ***“The Lord’s Prayer”*** ***L-264***

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

Fraction Anthem

L-268

People: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; (3x)

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

Then Celebrant and the congregation sings

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

🌹 ***Lord, I am not worthy that thou should come under my roof, but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.***

Hymn 318 ***“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face To Face”***

1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand th'eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon thee lean.

2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

2 I have no help but thine, nor do I need
Another arm save thine to lean upon:
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

5 Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
Thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have 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 risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ *[Cross yourself]* the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn: AAHH-564 “Thuma Mina”

1 Thuma mina.
Thuma mina,
thuma mina,
thuma mina,
Somandla.

2 Jesus Send me,
Jesus Send me,
Jesus send me,
Jesus send me,
Send me, Lord.

3 Jesus lead me,
Jesus lead me,
Jesus, lead me,
Jesus, lead me,
Lead me, Lord.

Jesus, fill me,
Jesus, fill me,
Jesus, fill me,
Jesus, fill me,
Fill me Lord.

The Priest, dismisses them with these words

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second Sunday of Sunday



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THANK YOU.

Bible Study: Bible Study will take place on Wednesday at 7:30pm. Zoom or zoom call # **1-301-715-8592**, then enter **3282285640#** listen for prompt and go straight to **136951#**

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Meeting ID: 328 228 5640 Password: 7TdyBW

For Wednesday Bible Study read through Sunday's readings. The zoom link will be sent with the Bible Study outline.

Food Bank: The committee is still collecting non-perishable food items or cash contribution to continue the food pantry ministry that has now taken off. If you wish to drop food items please call Alethea Long-Green/Cheryl Maxwell/Wendy DalMolin and someone will be present at the Parish Hall to receive food items. Please note that the Pantry Ministry is an ongoing project and will need support through 2021. Non-Epiphany members can participate in this project. Information about this project is at the Parish webpage. Contributions can be made either by E-giving or by check - mailed to Epiphany Episcopal Church, 3125 Ritchie Road, Forestville, MD 20747 with Food Pantry or Memorial in the memo column. Thanks.

Parish Vacancies: Please join us in wishing Thomasine Lyles a hearty congratulations on her planned retirement in September. We are most appreciative for all that she has done in service to Epiphany as Cemetery Manager, Property Manager, alternate Parish Hall Events Coordinator and Administrator. We will be recruiting for 2 part-time positions: a Property Administrator, and a Parish Support Staff/Events Coordinator. If you or someone in your network are interested in applying for either position, please forward resume and a letter of interest to Rev. Prince Decker, prince_decker@verizon.net, 301-379-8951.

2021 Calendar and Pledge Envelopes: Please inform Pastor Prince if you would like to stop at the office to pick up your calendar, copy of Forward Day-by-Day devotionals and pledge envelopes.

Social Time: Please stay connected after the service if you want to catch up and have some fun time.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Mr. Jerome Archibald	4/6
Ms. Areanna Cole	4/22
Mr. Charles Howard	4/8
Mr. Ernest Smith	4/15

Serving Today Resurrection Sunday, April 4, 2021

First Reading/Psalm	Ms. Carolyn Gurley & Aniaya Johnson
The Epistle	Ms. Jocelyn Fleming
Prayers of the People	Ms. Gloria McKnight

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**“Growing Green with Pride Day”
Community Clean-up Event**



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FROM 9:00 - 2:00**



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