



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ESSEX, NY

St. John's Episcopal Church
Essex, NY

Morning Prayer
The 2nd Sunday of Easter

In-Person & Zoom Worship
April 7, 2024 □ 10:00 A.M.

Officiant Scottie Emery-Ginn
Loose Plate Offering

Rector's Discretionary Fund

Zoom Link for Sunday Worship: <https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/morning-prayer>

Prelude during this time parishioners are asked to be quiet and prepare for worship

The Service will begin with the singing of the following

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 212 "Awake, arise, lift up your voice"
(Please stand as the Crucifer and Officiant enter)

OPENING SENTENCE: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All stand

Officiant: Lord, open or lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

All: 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.

ANTIPHON

Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven: Come let us adore him. Alleluia

Jubilate Psalm 100 said altogether

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

In Easter Week, in place of an Invitatory Psalm, the following is sung or said. It may also be used daily until the Day of Pentecost.

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*
1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

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.**

Then follows

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalm 133 *Ecce, quam bonum! Read antiphonally*

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.**

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

**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 Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

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.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

After the reading the reader says "Here ends the lesson"

13 A Song of Praise Benedictus es, Domine *said altogether*
Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you 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 forever. Amen.

MEDITATION HYMN 487 "Come my Way, my Truth, my Life"

THE GOSPEL John 20: 19-31

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.

NB. The Gospel is not proclaimed in MP. It is read just as the other lessons. Therefore, The Reader Says "A Reading from Matthew etc. & concludes with "Here ends the reading"

18 A Song to the Lamb *Dignus es said altogether*

Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and 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.

REFLECTION

Scottie Emery-Ginn

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (*Please stand*)

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 Peace The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES (*Please be seated*)

Etta Moredock, Katlyn Feimann, Katie McKenzie Davis,
Dee Myers

Watch over our brothers and sisters, 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 when 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: "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." "

OFFERTORY Hymn 205 "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!"

THE PRAYERS *the people pray the emboldened prayers*

Officiant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: *Let us pray.*

Officiant and People

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.

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Save your people. Lord, and bless your inheritance:

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Day by day we bless you;

We praise your name for ever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

For we put our trust in you.

In you. Lord, is our hope;

And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect for 2nd Sunday of Easter

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.*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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.*

Give grace to all those whose lives are linked with ours. We **pray especially for: Carolyn, Rob, Geoffrey, Lois, Abra, Mike, Beverly, Noa, Lillian, Rae, Olivia, Cheryl, Steven, Tom, Karen, Chris, Lynne, Eve, Ella, Louis, John, Arnold, Lee, Alicia, Charles, Dick, Nancy, Sarge, Yvonne, and Rob Close.**

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as Christ loves us.

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.*

[Here other intercessions may be offered]

Dear Lord, grant us your wisdom and guidance as we embark upon our search process. Help us to humbly discern and accomplish your will for St. John's. We know this will be a challenging journey for all of us, but we pray that it will strengthen our faith, and our respect and love for each other. Help us to share more deeply our faith in you as we learn to listen to each other with open hearts and minds and to hear your voice in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (please stand)

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

~~KNOWLEDGE 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 ourselves 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.***

PRAYER OF St. CHRYSOSTOM

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one
accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have
promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three
are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of
them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be
best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,
and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.***

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Officiant concludes with the Ephesians 3:20, 21

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.

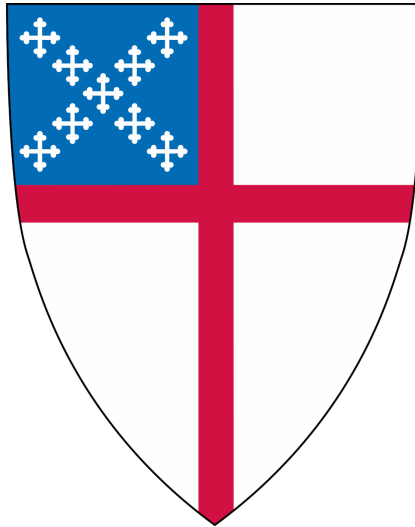
RECESSIONAL HYMN 208 “Alleluia! The strife is o’er, the battle done”

Postlude: *people remain seated until the Postlude is completed.*

Ministers of the Service

Usher/Greeter: Bob & Carole Harsh
Altar Guild: Robbi Perez

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Altar Flowers: Bobbi Perez
Lector: Jon McBride
Intercessor: Dick Walker
Crucifer: Steve Rucker
Lay Eucharistic Minister:
Acolytes: Louisa & Lauren Pero
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Coffee Hour Host: Pero Family
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