

READINGS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

May 11th—8:00 & 10:15am

First Reading (8 & 10:15) *Please check that microphone is on*

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

The Psalm (8:00 only) *Please check that microphone is on*

Let us pray Psalm 23 responsively, breaking at the asterisk.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters. [Antiphon]
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me. [Antiphon]
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. [Antiphon]

Second Lesson (8 & 10:15) *Please check that microphone is on*

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

The Prayers (8:00 and 10:15) Please check that microphone is on

Deacon: In this season of resurrection, let us pray for the church and the world saying: Hear our prayer.

That the Church celebrating the resurrection with joy may bring the light of Christ into the world. Risen One, **hear our prayer.**

That the leaders of all nations, knowing their power, may bring peace and justice to the world. Risen One, **hear our prayer.**

That the presence of the Resurrected Christ may be found in places of suffering, violence, oppression and injustice. Risen One, **hear our prayer.**

That the love of Mary would be known in this world in the love of mothers and those who have cared for us as mothering figures, and the compassion of Mary would be known by those who find this day difficult. Risen One, **hear our prayer.**

That all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, recalling the mystery of Christ crucified and risen, may be comforted, especially **Mary Jane, Charles, Hans, Jenn, Ray, Bob, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha, Jeff, Tom, Bob, Joyce, Hank, Amelia, Ella, and Bill,** and those whose names are held in the quiet of our hearts. Risen One, **hear our prayer.**

For the saints and martyrs, for the witnesses of the resurrection, for John Granville McGucken, Sally Nichols McGucken, Jane Nichols Clifford, and Kenneth and Beverly Frisch in whose memory and to God's glory the flowers have been given, and for all those who have passed over from the darkness of death into the glorious light of Christ: Risen One, **hear our prayer.**