


All Angels Episcopal Church



Believe

April 7, 2024



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,

all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!

thou my best thought,— by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
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**

The Lessons *Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.*

Happy Second Sunday of Easter! Today's first lesson from the Acts of the Apostles is about a confrontation that Peter and the apostles had with the religious ruling authority in Jerusalem. It took place months, maybe longer, after Jesus's resurrection and ascension into heaven. Our Gospel lesson took place on the night of Easter Sunday and then a week later, which is the second Sunday of Easter.

A reading from Acts

Acts 5:27-32

The apostles were brought before the council where the high priest confronted them: "In no uncertain terms, we demanded that you not teach in this name. And look at you! You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching. And you are determined to hold us responsible for this man's death."

Peter and the apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than humans! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead — whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God has exalted Jesus to his right side as leader and savior so that he could enable Israel to change its heart and life and to find forgiveness for sins. We are witnesses of such things, as is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm reading for this morning is from Psalm 150

Ps 150

Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy temple;

praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts;

praise him for his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn;

praise him with lyre and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe.

Praise him with resounding cymbals;

praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

Let everything that has breath

praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

A reading from the Book of Revelation

Rev. 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

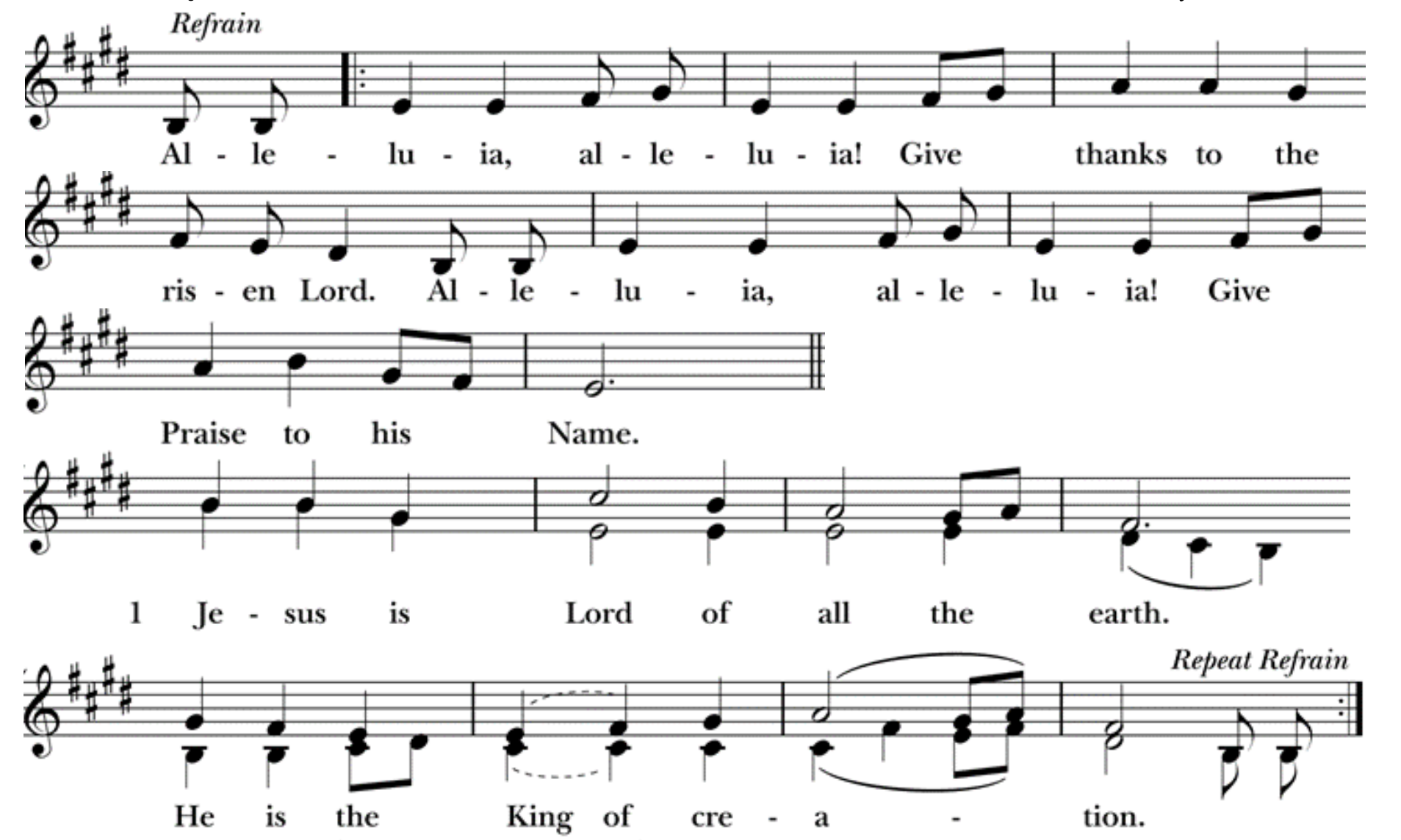
Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks* 1982 Hymnal #178

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give
Praise to his Name.
Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of cre - a - tion. *Repeat Refrain*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Christ. *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 authorities, 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* 1982 Hymnal #178


Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

The Sermon The Very Rev. David J. Marshall

Reflection Hymn *We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight* 1982 Hymnal #209



1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near, and seek where you are found:
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

The Nicene Creed (*The word "catholic" means universal or global body of Christian believers*)

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 of the People *(Please stand or kneel or sit as you are able)*

Let us pray to our risen Savior on behalf of the Church, the world, and all people.

A brief silence

Lord Jesus, thank you for being patient with us. Thank you for breathing your Spirit and peace upon us. Give us the faith, hope, and love to serve you and our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Breathe your Holy Spirit upon your Church. Pour your Holy Spirit into your persecuted followers. Help us grow our faith in you and become your witness to the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Breathe your gracious Spirit upon this congregation. Give us grace to be gentle, patient, and persistent as we invite others to taste and see your goodness. Help us to love you by serving others in your name.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember the disciples who sought out Thomas when he was doubting and brokenhearted. Breathe your Spirit upon doubters, and all whose confidence in your grace has been shaken by tragedy. Help us to lead them into your house. Transform their unbelief into unshakeable faith in you, their Lord and God.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give the leaders of the nations, and to all people, that peace which the world cannot give. Let righteousness and mercy bless those troubled by the powers of sin and death. Breathe your peace on Gaza, Israel and Ukraine.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring the healing of your touch to all those who suffer in body or spirit. Today we remember before you those who suffer, especially Downs IV, Holden, Barbara, Maria Christine, Caitlin, Dennis, Angie, Amy Jo, Carling, Michael, Ian, Joan, Diana, Anne, Alyssa, Joe, Denise and Zachary.

We pray for those who receive the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, and Kim. We pray for those going through cancer treatments and those in remission, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, TJ, Cara, Valerie, Violet, Joan, Nancy, Julie, George, Denise, Mark and John.

We pray for those in Hospice, especially Jeanne, Joyce and Regina.

Breathe your healing and peace on all those who suffer.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you have been raised from death to life and you promise your resurrection to all whom you have redeemed. We entrust into your care those for whom we love but see no longer. *(Silence)* Wipe away the tears of all who grieve. Turn our doubt into confidence. Grant that all whom you have redeemed may see you face to face and cry out in adoration and joy, “My Lord and my God!”

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant to us all that is in accordance with your will, dear Jesus, and accomplish your salvation among us; for you are risen and dwell in majesty with your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession is traditionally omitted during the season of Easter.

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

Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory Anthem *Inside Your Kingdom* Timothy Bushong

The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Holy Eucharist Prayer B BCP 367

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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many notes beamed together. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating where a note spans two syllables. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,___ heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in___ the high - est. Bless - ed___ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.___ Ho - san - na in___ the high - est. Ho - san - na in___ the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

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,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Jesus invites everyone to meet him here. If you would like to receive the bread or a blessing, please come forward. If you would prefer to have communion brought to you, please let one of the ushers know and we will bring it to you.

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing


Closing Hymn

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain


Hymnal #200



1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing



led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Postlude

New to All Angels? Welcome! Be sure to sign the guest registry in the lobby.

Announcements

Gallery Artist The Gallery Artist for April is Iconographer Christine Hales. Please stop by and enjoy the work of this talented local artist. Checks should be written to All Angels by the Sea.

Men's and Women's Discussion Group Men's Discussion group, 10:00 on Tuesdays; Women's Discussion Group, 10:00 on Wednesdays. Both groups in person and via Zoom.

Chancel Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 10 am.

Handbell Choir rehearsals on Thursdays 11:15 am.

New members are always welcome!

Coffee Hour Host One of the most important things we do is gather after the service for coffee hour. If you are interested in hosting, the sign up sheet is on the Gallery table. If you would like help, sign up and we will find someone to show you how it is done.

Centering Prayer Centering Prayer invites you to pray with them, every day, at 8 am, wherever you are. When you enter into prayer at 8 am (Eastern), you will know that others are praying at the same time.

Birthdays & Anniversaries If you have a birthday or anniversary coming up next month, please email Linn Torres at lt@allangelslbk.org

Visit our Website Video of Today's Service, Discussion Group Articles, Gallery Artist, and our weekly Tidings can all be found on our website: www.allangelslbk.org.



Flower Dedication

The flowers today are given to the glory of God



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Our mission is to bring the living Christ
to those inside and outside the church.

Today's presenters

8:00 am

Barbara Pickrell — Chalice

Tina McGrath — Lector

Tina McGrath — Prayers

Patrick McGrath — Usher

10:00 am

Bob Erker — Chalice

Justus Doenecke — Lector

Mackenzie Marshall — Prayers

Phil Deming, Reuben Fernandez — Ushers

Ethan Marshall — Acolyte

Elijah Marshall — A/V tech

Scott Wuesthoff — Zoom host

Daphne Walker — Altar Guild

Daphne Walker — Flowers

Cathie Wilt — Offering Counters

Elaine and Bill Smith — Coffee Hour

Vestry

Cade Sibley

Carol Erker

Allen McGee

David Bishop

Hank Kochan

Larry Elder

Brian Davis

Junior Warden

Reuben Fernandez

Senior Warden

David Stasney

Music Director

Fr. Fred Emrich

Retired Associate

The Very Rev. David J. Marshall,

Rector

Reflection

Holy Spirit Time

Amazing things happened from Good Friday to the empty tomb on Easter Sunday morning. The followers of Jesus were there as spectators.

But, on the second Sunday of Easter, the disciples became witnesses.

Then believers.

Then apostles.

They shared the news with everyone.

Their lives were never the same.

We are recipients of their witness. Nearly 2,000 years later, we are witnesses of the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of our church. And our lives were never the same.

This week, we had seven people confirmed and received into the Episcopal Church. It was not a chance encounter, or a random or spontaneous act, or a trendy thing to do. These people studied together, had dialogue and discussion, did homework, met with me many times and, to the great pleasure of this priest, became a loving and supportive group. We were spectators on Wednesday when they individually stood in front of Bishop Scharf, made a profession of faith in Christ Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and received the laying on of hands from the bishop.

The Holy Spirit was palatable at the confirmation service. One of the first signs (or marks) of the Holy Spirit is joy, then peace, then unity, and then a myriad of other actions that are uniquely felt by each individual. For me, my hands tingle when the Spirit is present. Sometimes I see light differently. More often than not, time stands still. When the Holy Spirit is present, the present time is the only time. Confirmands are reporting that time came to a stop when they came forward for the laying on of hands by the bishop.

After the event, one of our confirmands got into her car and saw the hands on the analog clock on her dashboard spinning around quickly. She pointed out the phenomenon to her husband. They watched it happen for about ten seconds; then it stopped. Maybe it was the Holy Spirit saying, “It’s about time you became an Episcopalian” or maybe it was just time catching up.

The Holy Spirit urged the apostles to venture out as witnesses of Jesus. The same Spirit urged the seven individuals to confirmation. We are witnesses of the public confirmation of following Jesus as Lord and Savior. What started nearly 2000 years ago is still going strong today. It is the same Lord and the same Spirit as of old. The Spirit is with us and is in us. It shows again that time is not relevant to the Holy Spirit.

I am a witness of that too.

- Fr. Dave