

**Welcome to St. Mary's Episcopal Church!**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter – May 8, 2022**  
**Morning Prayer Rite II**



***Prelude – Organ***

Welcome/Instruction – Jim DeLuca

***Opening Hymn: #15 - Jesus Christ is Risen Today***

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

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15: 57)

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. (John 4: 23)

**THE CONFESSION**

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

ALL: 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 INVITATORY and PSALTER**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Officiant: Lord, open our 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 for ever. Amen. ALLELUIA!

### ***JUBILATE – S43***

All: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

*Please be seated*

### ***Sung - Psalm 23 -Choir Only***

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.

### **THE LESSONS**

Officiant: *A reading from Acts*

<sup>36</sup>In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. <sup>37</sup>About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup>Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!" <sup>39</sup>Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

Officiant: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God**

### ***Venite – Hymn S35***

Officiant: *A reading from John*

<sup>22</sup>Then came the Festival of Dedication<sup>[a]</sup> at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>24</sup>The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all<sup>[b]</sup>; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one."

Officiant: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### ***Magnificat - Hymn S186***

*Please be seated.*

**Meditation – Jim DeLuca**

*Please stand as you are able*

**The Apostle's Creed**

**The Prayers**

*You may stand or kneel*

*Officiant:           The Lord be with you.*

**ALL:               And also with you.**

*Officiant:           Let us pray.*

**Lord's Prayer**

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

**Suffrage B**

V.       Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R.       Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V.       Day by day we bless you;  
R.       We praise your Name for ever.  
V.       Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R.       Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
V.       Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R.       For we put our trust in you.  
V.       In you, Lord is our hope;  
R.       And we shall never hope in vain.

**Collects**

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.

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession or one of the Prayers for Mission (pg 100)**

*Please be seated*

**HYMN – #6 - COME NOW O God of Love**

*Please stand as you are able*

**The General Thanksgiving**

All: 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 you days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

**Prayer of 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.

**Blessing/Dismissal**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. (2 Corinthians 13: 14)*

***CLOSING HYMN – #14 - Jesus is Risen, Alleluia -***

***Postlude***