

Welcome to St Mary's Episcopal Church  
Easter 2—April 24, 2022—8am service  
Adapted Morning Prayer

Welcome/Announcements/Transition to Worship

The Word of God

**Opening Acclamation**

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

*People* Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia.

**Opening Collect** Janet Morley

*Officiant* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us paralyzed but whose presence is overwhelming,  
breathe on us with your abundant life; that where we cannot see, we may have courage  
to believe that we may be raised with you.

*People* Amen.

**First Reading** Acts 5: 27-32

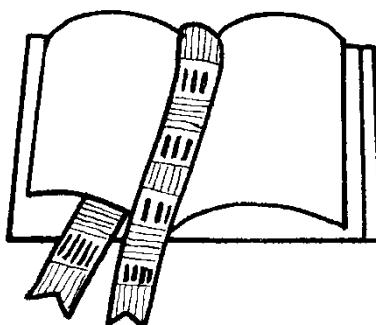
*Officiant* Let us prepare ourselves to hear the Word Of God as it comes to us from Acts.

*People* Our hearts and minds are open.

*Officiant* When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

*Officiant* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* Thanks be to God.



*Officiant*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*      **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.

*Officiant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

#### **Homily Time** Gospel Based Discipleship—Discussion of Readings

- \*\*What word(s), idea(s) or sentence(s) stand out to you?
- \*\*What is Jesus/the passage saying to you?
- \*\*What is Jesus/the passage calling you to do?

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*A New Zealand Prayer Book*

*Officiant*      Please join together in affirming our faith.  
*People*      **You, O God, are supreme and holy.**  
**You create our world and give us life.**  
**Your purpose overarches everything we do.**  
**You have always been with us.**  
**You are God.**  
  
**You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.**  
**You came to us before we came to you.**  
**You have revealed and proved Your love for us in Jesus Christ,**  
**Who lived and died and rose again.**  
**You are with us now.**  
**You are God.**  
  
**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.**  
**You empower us to be your gospel in the world.**  
**You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.**  
**You are our God.**  
**We worship You.**  
**Amen.**

#### **BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

*The Book of Common Prayer*

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*OFFICIANT*      Let us renew our Baptismal promises translating the beliefs in our hearts into action in our lives.  
Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**  
*Officiant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**  
*Officiant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**  
*Officiant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**  
*Officiant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

### Prayers of the People

### 9am Worship and Music Teams

*Officiant* Dearest Jesus, even death cannot entrap you. Risen from the tomb, you are with us still; we see you everywhere.  
In the golden sun rising from the east,  
In the tenderness of a newborn's grip,  
In the transformation of things old becoming new,  
*People* **You rise again in a spirit of Justice,**  
**You rise again in a spirit of Love,**  
**We rise anew in your spirit of Justice,**  
**We rise anew in your spirit of love.**  
*Officiant* In flashes of insight and leaps of imagination,  
In challenges that demand our best selves,  
In time spent in the service of others,  
*People* **You rise again...**  
*Officiant* In perfume of lilacs and newly tilled gardens,  
In works of art that stir our souls,  
In warming embers of faithful friendships,  
*People* **You rise again...**  
*Officiant* In those who risk much for the common good,  
In passion to bring peace to the world,  
In wealth released to bring dignity to all,  
*People* **You rise again...**  
*Officiant* In courage mustered to do a hard thing,  
In the open door beckoning a better way,  
In confessions offered and forgiveness given,  
*People* **You rise again...**  
*Officiant* In relief from suffering,  
In restoring of health and hope,  
In your embrace extended to those who die,  
*People* **You rise again...**

### Saint Mary's Community Prayers: Blessings, Prayers, and Thanksgivings

*Officiant* *Everyone is invited to offer blessings, concerns and thanksgivings, either out loud or in the chat.*

### CONCLUDING COLLECT

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*Officiant* Hear the prayers of your people O God; look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory Creator, Risen Christ and Holy Spirit **Amen.**

### Peace

*Officiant* The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

### Offertory Sentence

*People*      God be in my head and in my thinking.  
                  God be in my mouth and in my speaking.  
                  God be in my heart and in my loving.  
                  God be in my hands and in my giving. Amen.

*Short time of silence*

### Lord's Prayer

*Officiant* And now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,,

*Officiant*  
*& 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.

### Easter Blessing

*Officiant*      The blessing of God, who creates life, be upon us as we celebrate life.  
                         The blessing of God, who restores life, be upon us, as we seek new life.  
                         The blessing of God, who sanctifies life, be upon us as we give life to others.  
*People*            Amen.

### Dismissal

*Officiant*      Let us go forth this day, singing a new song in the name of Christ!  
*People*            Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### Social Time