

Welcome to St Mary's Episcopal Church
Easter 6—May 22, 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

Steven Shakespeare

Officiant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Holy One, you breathe the work of love and the promise of new creation into the secret places of the soul, opening heart to heart; in the wildness of your Spirit, uncaptured in the wide world, teach us the costly way of fearless love and priceless peace; through Jesus Christ, through whose God dwells with us.

People **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 16: 9-15

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

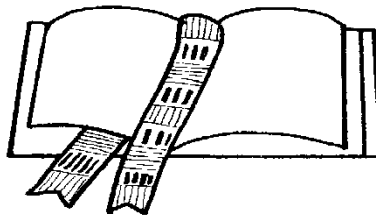
People **Our hearts and minds are open.**

Officiant During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**



Gospel John 5: 1-9
Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Officiant After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a Sabbath.

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 sentences(s) stand out to you?
**What is Jesus/the passages saying to you?
**What is Jesus/the passages 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.**

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...**

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

CONCLUDING COLLECT

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,,
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& 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