

*St. James Episcopal Church*  
*Westernport, MD*

*St. Peter's Episcopal Church*  
*Lonaconing, MD*

**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 18, 2021**  
**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

*Welcome! We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Please follow COVID safety regulations by wearing your mask and maintaining proper social distancing by sitting only where the blue tape is on the pew backs.*

<p>We are asked to remember in our prayers: Shirley, Mary Ellen, Jerry, Rowland, Daniel, Robert, Evonne, Judy, James, Joey, Cara, Pam, Jean, Bev, Betty, Joe, Gail, Elaine, and for Kathy, Bob, Andy, Ann, Violet, Melanie, Janet, and those known to us and to God alone.</p>
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<p>If you know of others that should be added to the prayer list, please let one of the clergy know.</p>
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## **Organ Prelude**

### **Processional Hymn**

**LEVAS # 38**

*1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
 The emblem of suff'ring and shame;  
 And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
 For a world of lost sinners was slain.*

**Refrain:**

*So I'll cherish the cross, the old rugged cross,  
 Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
 I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
 And exchange it some day for a crown.*

*2 Oh, that old rugged cross so despised by the world,  
 Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
 For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above,  
 To bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]*

*3 In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
 A wondrous beauty I see;  
 For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
 To pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]*

*4 To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share. [Refrain]*

## **Words of Welcome**

*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.***

*The following is said, all standing*

## **The Gloria**

***Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.***

***Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,***

*in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray together:

***O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

## THE LESSONS

### The First Lesson            A Reading from the Acts Of the Apostles [3:12-19]

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

*Reader*            *The Word of the Lord*

*People*            ***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 4***Cum invocarem*

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
     you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
     have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
     how long will you worship dumb idols  
     and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
     when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
     speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
     and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
     Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
     more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
     for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

**The Epistle:     A Reading from the First Letter of John     [3:1-7]**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Celtic Alleluia

### The Holy Gospel of our LORD according to Luke [24:36b-48]

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

## Sermon Hymn

Hymnal 1982, # 214

1. *Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!  
glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!*
2. *There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!  
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!  
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!*

3. *See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluia!  
See! he shows the prints of love: Alleluia!  
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!  
blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!*
4. *Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!  
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!  
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!  
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!*

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. John C. Martin, Jr.

## **The Nicene Creed**

*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, Form VI**

(BCP, p. 392)

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world; and especially for Joseph our president, and Larry and Jim our governors;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Eugene and Robert, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregations: We are asked to remember in our prayers: Shirley, Mary Ellen, Jerry, Rowland, Daniel, Robert, Judy, James, Joey, Cara, Pam, Jean, Bev, Betty, Joe, Gail, Elaine, Kathy, Bob, Andy, Ann, Violet, Evonne, Melanie, Janet, and those known to us and to God alone.

*Silence; The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence; The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially those for whom the Easter flowers have been given.

*Silence; The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
***Who put their trust in you.***

*Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

***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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***



## The Peace

*Celebrant*     The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*         *And also with you.*

**Announcements** *are printed at the end of the bulletin.*

## Offertory Meditation Music

*Celebrant*   Let us sing the Doxology

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

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*         *And also with you.*  
*Celebrant*     Lift up your hearts.  
*People*         *We lift them to the Lord.*  
*Celebrant*     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*         *It is right to give Him thanks and praise*

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

**(Proper Preface)** ...But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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:

*Celebrant and People*

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people stand or kneel*

*Celebrant*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you

in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

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.*

*Celebrant*

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

*Celebrant and 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.***

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The Celebrant now receives the Body and Blood of Christ on behalf of all those participating in this service*

## **Communion Meditation Music**

*Silence.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart:***

***through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## **Benediction**

The LORD bless you and keep you:  
the LORD make His face to shine upon you  
and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you  
and give you His peace. ***Amen.***

## **Recessional Hymn**

Hymnal 1982, # 191

1. ***Alleluia, alleluia!***  
***Hearts and voices heavenward raise:***  
***sing to God a hymn of gladness,***  
***sing to God a hymn of praise.***  
***He, who on the cross a victim,***  
***for the world's salvation bled,***  
***Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,***  
***now is risen from the dead.***
2. ***Now the iron bars are broken,***  
***Christ from death to life is born,***  
***glorious life, and life immortal,***  
***on his resurrection morn.***  
***Christ has triumphed, and we conquer***  
***by his mighty enterprise:***  
***we with him to life eternal***

*by his resurrection rise.*

3. *Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield:  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.*

4. *Christ is risen, we are risen!  
Shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that, with hearts in heaven dwelling,  
we on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.*

5. *Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia! to the Saviour,  
who has won the victory;  
Alleluia! to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
to the Triune Majesty.*

## **Dismissal**

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

The Rev. John C. Martin, Jr.

*Organists*

Rev. Tom Hudson, St. James  
Mr. Mark Steiner, St. Peter's

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Due to the pandemic, let us remember to be kind to those with whom we live, and to keep tabs on our close neighbors, family, and friends.

**Prayer List:** Periodically we update the prayer list. Currently the bulletin contains the requested names for both parishes. If you know of a name that should be added (or one that can be removed) please call the office at 301-359-9970 or send an email to either [stjames.westernport@mail.com](mailto:stjames.westernport@mail.com) or [stpeters.lonaconing@mail.com](mailto:stpeters.lonaconing@mail.com).

**CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY CONTINUING:** St. James is continuing the clothing give-away once per month. We hope to re-open on the second Friday of May ( May 14, 9:30-noon). If you now know of anyone needing emergency clothing due to fire, etc., please call the church office and we will try to arrange a time to be open to assist them.

If you would like to know more about the Clothing Give-away, or would like to volunteer to help with this ministry, please contact John Martin or Garrett Carskadon.

**COVID Vaccines:** At the current time there are several COVID-19 vaccines available. While the availability of the vaccine does not seem to be an issue in Mineral County, WV., there seems to be limited supply in Allegany and Garrett Counties in Maryland. If you are eligible to receive the vaccine, we encourage you to consider scheduling an appointment with the Health Department or other source. If you have had COVID or a reaction to a vaccine, you will want to check with your doctor prior to getting immunized.

**Facebook:** We are having a problem with the St. Peter's **facebook** page and are working to resolve it with the technology staff at our Diocesan Center. For the time being, updates and announcements for both parishes will be posted to the St. James, Westernport **facebook** page, and we will let you know when the St. Peter's page is up and running again.

**The James Isaac House** Pregnancy Resource Center has opened at 97 N. Davis Street, Keyser. It offers counseling, pregnancy and childbirth classes, and parenting classes. It can also help to provide diapers, baby clothes, baby furniture. Adoption resources are also available. For more information, please contact Jared Showalter, Center Director, at 304-788-0707, or visit [pjihouse.org](http://pjihouse.org).