



**Eastertide
in a
Time of
Quarantine**

Praying

Worshipping

Connecting

**Church of the
Holy Comforter
Montgomery, AL**

What we have to offer

Easter tide is a season of profound change and movement: out of despair into hope, out of the upper room where we hide in fear, and into the streets to proclaim with joy and awe, the good news of Jesus Christ, and he crucified and risen. This is also the season when we remember that the promise of the Resurrection wasn't that any moment now, things would go back to what they'd been like before. In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul describes what this season is about. As we follow the Risen Christ with increasing faith, "there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Cor 5:17).

The team that gathered to provide resources for Holy Week has grown to include Ann Montgomery and Jeri Tippit. Together, we will work to provide our beloved parish family with the resources we hope allow you to continue to strengthen your faith, deepen your sense of hope, and give you a clearer sense of what the Risen Christ calls us to, both individually, and as a faith community. The call Christ extends to us is always for this particular time and place. As the world quite literally groans in suffering and loss, as the Covirus-19 pandemic continues to change the landscape of our lives, may we proclaim boldly. The Lord is risen, He is risen indeed. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Here's what we will do our best to offer each week:

1. This booklet that's published weekly. It includes this Sunday's Gospel reading and Psalm from the Revised Common Lectionary, links to enriching resources, and activities that invite us to deeper prayer and reflection.
2. Links to live-streamed worship services for the special liturgies of the week. You'll find those in our newsletter and on our Facebook page. We will also include links you can turn to during the week for refreshment and prayer.
3. A short video each Sunday that will be posted on our Facebook page and website. Thank you to Randy Foster, Michael and Roy Paul, Terri Via, Missy Via, Lee Wilkins, Ann Montgomery, Jeri Tippit, and Randy Woodland, for the energy, creativity and deep reverence they brought.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!!!

Rosa+

Fourth Sunday in Easter

The Readings

The Collect

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

John 10:1-10

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the



shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”



Links

Every year, we are reminded that the days and weeks following the events of Holy Week left Jesus’ friends fearing for their lives, extraordinarily confused about the meaning of resurrection, and seeking the security of locked doors and incontrovertible proof. Each year, we hear Jesus speak to the fear, distrust and grief with the kind of clarity and kindness that helps a shattered community begin to heal. What the post-resurrection visits from Jesus mean may be clearer if you read all the readings appointed for this Sunday in the Revised Common Lectionary. Click [here](#) to go to the page that includes all the readings and collect for the day.

Click [here](#) for Washington National Cathedral’s Sunday Holy Eucharist online, May 03 at 10:15 AM (cdt),

For Rosa’s Sunday morning video, visit our Facebook page [here](#). Also available on our website, [here](#).

For daily meditations from Forward Day by Day, [click here](#).
Or to listen to a prayer, [here](#).



Activities

For a Mandala coloring page to color online, [here](#).
Print a coloring page, [here](#).

How to Make Texture Rubbings at Home, [here](#).

Praying with a Finger Labyrinth: Pray, silently or aloud, a prayer of confession by tracing a Labyrinth using these guidelines [here](#).
Click [here](#) for a Labyrinth to trace.

Enjoy a virtual tour of the National Cathedral and Vatican:
Visit the Chapel of the Resurrection [here](#).
Eastertide has traditionally been a time of pilgrimage, tour the Vatican [here](#).

Happy Easter, dear ones—you are loved!