



**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+*

# Third Sunday in Easter

## *The Readings*

### **The Collect**

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.

### **Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17**

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
- 10 How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

### Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not



know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with

them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.



## *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, April 26 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, [click here](#).

To print a coloring page, [click here](#).

*Happy Easter, dear ones—you are loved!*