



Close your eyes when you pray, can you feel Jesus' heartbeat? Flora Wong

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00am & 10:15am

May 12, 2024

Saint Mary's Episcopal Church
1 Saint Mary's Church Road
Abingdon, MD 21009

The Rev. Paul Andrew Bennett, Rector
Mr. Robert Wallace II, Organist and Choir Director

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Variations on Hyfrydol

RSW2

GATHERING HYMN *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

Hymnal #460 (vs.1,5)

The blue Hymnal is located in each pew

THE PROCLAMATION OF EASTER

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Let us pray... 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 GLORIA *Hymnal S-280*

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone

before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus~ for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us~ one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 1

The psalm will be read antiphonally breaking at the asterisk beginning with the people in the pews on the lectern side.

- ¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- ² Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

- ⁴ It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when
judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- ⁶ For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE EPISTLE

1 John 5:9-13

A Reading from the First Book of John

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN BEFORE THE GOSPEL *All hail to thee..*

Hymnal #477 (vs. 1,5)

THE GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy

Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON (*Please be seated*)

The Rev. Paul Bennett

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

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;

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;

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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 right to give him thanks and praise.

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

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-125

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.

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.***

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

People and Celebrant

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 INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL COMMUNION 10:15AM

One in Christ, the following prayer to be said by all: Beloved Jesus, We believe that you are truly present in the sacrament of the altar. We long for you in our souls, to know that we are in you and that you are in us. Though physically isolated from your altar and the sacrament of your Body and Blood, we receive you into our hearts and the depths of our being. United with you, help us know that our lives are hid with you, O Christ in the heart of God. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We pause for silent prayer

COMMUNION 8:00am *Sacred Music for a Sacred Space*

RSW2

10:15am *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

Robert Williams

Let us pray:

Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Crown Him with many...* Hymnal #494 (vs. 1,5)

The blue Hymnal is located in each pew

The congregation is dismissed with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE *Toccata on Hydrydol*

RSW2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Large print versions of the Book of Common Prayer are available on the tract table.
- Gluten free wafers are available upon request, let the usher know!
- Restrooms are located in the Parish House across the street from the church.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR: Given for the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Chuck Rajca by Valerie, Alicia, Sean, Owen and Connor in honor of Brain Cancer Awareness month.

COFFEE AND CONTEMPLATION: Every morning in the chapel, 9:15am

WEDNESDAY CHAPEL SERVICE: All are welcome to the chapel (in the Parish House) at 10:15 each Wednesday as we commemorate notable persons and have lively discussions about the readings of the day.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY: Each Wednesday in Classroom 4. Bible study will begin at noon. Participants are welcome to bring lunch with them. We will be studying the Gospel of John and you are encouraged to bring your preferred translation.

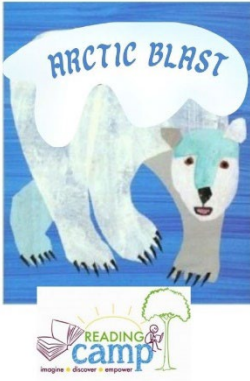
LITTLE FREE PANTRY: Host: Hollis Family **Fun Focus:** baby food: jars/squeeze pouches of fruits, vegetables and meats.

Want to host for two weeks? It's fun! Questions? Email: Lisa McGann: lpmcgann442@yahoo.com or call/text 410-274-0863.

MINDFUL MOVEMENT: Join us at noon on Thursdays in the Parish Hall, bring a mat and a water bottle and any other props you have. It is free and for all people, all levels, even if you've never done yoga before! Email office@stmarysharford.org or call 410-569-0180 for more information.

THE ALTAR GUILD has openings for Sunday flowers in May, and June. If you would like to give the flowers "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone or a special occasion, please call Sallie Parker at 410 838-3677 or see/call Beth Hunsinger at 410 446-4351.

READING CAMP: August 5-9th, 8am-4:30p. Deadline to register, June 1
Readingcampharfordmd@gmail.com, full day camp 2nd-5th graders



FEEL THE ARCTIC BLAST
at Reading Camp Harford
August 5-9
8 am - 4:30 pm
St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Abingdon

Reading Camp is a full day camp for students entering 2nd through 5th grade
Mornings are full of basic reading skills practice
Afternoons are full of FUN!

Don't miss out!
Send a message to
ReadingCampHarfordMD@gmail.com
for details and registration forms.

deadline for registration is June 1st

BIRDFEEDERS: Have you noticed more birdsong at St. Mary's lately? Have you spotted the three birdbaths on our church campus? We have lots of visitors to our birdfeeder too! Are you a bird lover? Want to help us out with keeping the baths watered and the feeders full? It's fun! To learn more contact Lisa McGann: lpmcgann442@yahoo.com