



# Morning Prayer

Second Sunday of Easter, April 19, 2020  
9 o'clock in the morning

*Gathering via Zoom in  
Temecula  
and Surrounding  
Communities!*

## Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**Easter Flowers are given by**

**Donations for Easter flowers have been used to purchase an array of white and purple flowers which have been planted in the flowerbeds at the front of Saint Thomas Church. After the recent rains, the flowers are doing well - drinking up all the sunshine they can, and bringing beauty to the neighborhood.**



Elena Gimpel  
Donna Happ  
Mabel Kessler  
Jackie & Cary Klippert

In loving memory of her husband, Bill

Dedication for Ray & Mimi Klippert  
Tony & Anna Buccola  
Dolly Fish

Andrea & Bill Liesman

In thanksgiving for all those in the Ragsdale and Liesman Families  
In celebration of Bill's 70th Birthday

Denise & Peter Mandery  
Ana & Phil Miwok

In thanksgiving for God's bounty and mercy  
In loving memory of those forever in our hearts  
In Honor of Family and Loved Ones Remembered

Virginia & Joel Patton  
Julie Pavlovics  
Kay & Ed Rather

In memory of our parents  
In memory of our friends and loved ones

Roland Steele

**Forward Day by Day** for May, June, July have arrived. Please let Mother Julie know if you'd like a copy mailed to you. 310 625 9377 or [juliedbryant@yahoo.com](mailto:juliedbryant@yahoo.com)

### Cleaning Out Your Closets?

The congregation is planning a July Rummage Sale - please keep your donations for a bit, so we'll have more to offer!

### **50th Anniversary of Earth Day is this Wednesday, April 25.**

Suggestions for Improving our Sustainability:

**Reuse as much as you can** - buy used items whenever you can, and donate what you don't use; 'disposable' water bottles, plates, and utensils go straight to landfill most of the time - avoid single-use, and be sure to recycle those you do use.

**Reduce water use** - repair leaky faucets and shower heads; short showers mean fuller lakes and rivers!; drought-resistant plants and watering outdoors in the wee hours reduce landscape water consumption; run the dishwasher and clothes washer with full loads for greater efficiency, and dry everything you can by hand or 'on the line.'

**Power OFF** - turn off lights, computers, and appliances when not in use; opt for an extra blanket in winter, open windows and fans in summer; move outdoors during daylight hours for as many tasks as possible - you'll save power, get more fresh air, hear the birds, and smell the flowers.

### *Graduation Celebrations*

Please make sure we know who's graduating in your immediate or extended family.

We want to send our congratulations and remember them in our prayers; send Name, School, Degree or Diploma conferred, and their relationship to you to [juliedbryant@yahoo.com](mailto:juliedbryant@yahoo.com)

## Thank You

for keeping your pledge current;

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*Worship Leaders today include:*

*Liz Barclay, John Crawford, Tess Crawford, Bill Liesman,  
Carl Mueller, Owen Mueller, Allan O'Neil*



*The Reverend Dr. David Jackson, The Reverend Julie D Bryant*

*Officiant* On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. Then, Officiant and People together, all kneeling as they are able*

**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 Priest alone 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 Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Christ our Passover** Pascha nostrum *prayed in unison*

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

**Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \***

**therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \***

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \***

**death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \***

**but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \***

**and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, \***

**the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**For since by a man came death, \***

**by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die, \***

**so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

**Psalm 16** Conserva me, Domine  
*Crawford*

*T*

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**The Lessons**

*Lector  
Mueller*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (2:14a,22-32)

*O*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

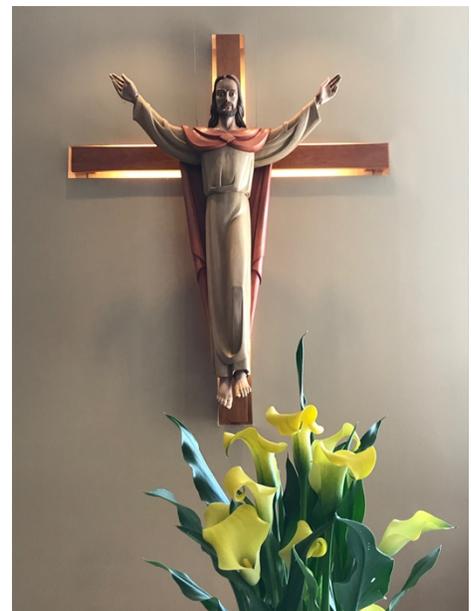
The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Cosmic Order** *prayed by the Officiant*

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \*



O heavens and all waters above the heavens.  
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \*  
all winds and fire and heat.  
Winter and Summer, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \*  
drops of dew and flakes of snow.  
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \*  
O shining light and enfolding dark.  
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.



*Lector*  
*Barclay*

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter. (1 Peter 1:3-9)

*L*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Glory to God** Gloria in excelsis *prayed in unison*

**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.**

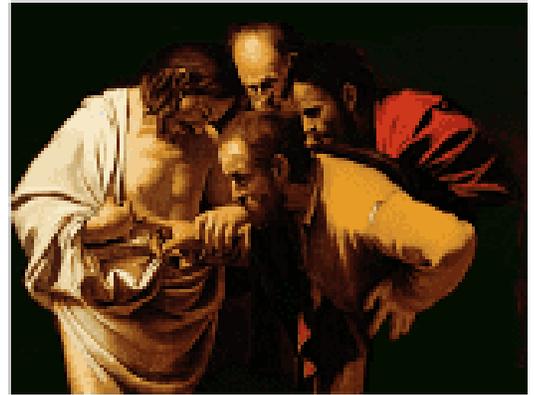
**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (20:19-31)  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out



your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Homily**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **The Prayers**

*Officiant*    The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant*    Let us pray.

**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.

*Officiant* Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
*People* **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**  
*Officiant* Day by day we bless you;  
*People* **We praise your name for ever.**  
*Officiant* Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
*People* **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**  
*Officiant* Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
*People* **For we put our trust in you.**  
*Officiant* In you, Lord, is our hope;  
*People* **And we shall never hope in vain.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**A Collect in Time of Pandemic** (*Composed by K. Sonderegger*) C  
*Mueller*

This hour we turn to you, O Lord, in full knowledge of our frailty, our vulnerability, and our great need as your mortal creatures.

We cry to you as one human family, unsure of the path ahead, unequal to the unseen forces around us, frightened by the sickness and death that seem all too real to us now.

Stir up your strength and visit us, O Lord; be our shield and rock and hiding place!

Guide our leaders, our scientists, our nurses and doctors. Give them wisdom and fill their hearts with courage and determination.

Make even this hour, O Lord, a season of blessing for us, that in fear we find you mighty to save, and in illness or death, we find the cross to be none other than the way of life.

All this we ask in the name of the One who bore all our infirmities, even Jesus Christ our Risen and Victorious Lord. **Amen.**

**A Collect for Sundays**

*A O'Neil*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

*B Liesman*

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**A Collect for Peace**

*J*

*Crawford*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**A Collect for Grace**

*C*

*Mueller*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**A Collect for Guidance**

*A*

*O'Neil*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our

life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Mission**

*B Liesman*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*J Crawford*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## *Please stay connected for Coffee Hour!*

We will randomly assign small groups for a brief chat.

Please introduce yourselves if folks are new to you, or you to them.

You're invited to describe your favorite place in nature as we mark Earth Day.

We'll all come together again as a big group for last comments before we sign off.

