



**Morning Prayer**  
**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 18, 2021 9 am**  
**Earth Day Celebration**  
**Ministers of the Liturgy**

The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee

**Our Youth**

Allison Kee, Emily Kee,  
Tessa Scrimgeour, Maddie Stochaj

**Musicians:**

Randolph Bloom, Mary Johnson, Jeff Lukas, Cathy Poch

*If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!*  
[2 Corinthians 5:17]

**Opening Hymn**      *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing*      Hymnal #205  
*Good Christian all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!*  
*To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing to life that cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**Mother Judith    Opening Prayer**

*Central Conference of Rabbis*

The earth and all its fullness is yours, O God. You are the seed within the seed, giving it life and sustaining all your creatures. Spring and summer and autumn your radiant power makes the earth yield its fruit. For this we give you praise and a promise that shall show our thankfulness more than words. We shall cherish the good earth you have placed in our keeping; we shall share with others the food we have gathered; and we shall work to make this a world where only good is sown, that our harvest may generate contentment and peace.  
**Amen.**

**Mother Judith    The Invitatory and Psalter**

Alleluia. Christ is risen. O come let us worship. Alleluia

**Mary Johnson    Venite [Psalm 95:1-7]**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \* let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \* and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \* and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \* and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \* and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Tessa Scrimgeour and Maddie Stochaj      Psalm 4**

- 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.**

**Allison Kee      A Reading from the Book of Acts      [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.”

### **Emily Kee** A Song of Our Adoption [Ephesians 1:3-10]

Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*

for you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ, \*

that we should be holy and blameless before you.

You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ, \*

according to the good pleasure of your will,

To the praise of your glorious grace, \*

that you have freely given us in the Beloved.

In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ, the forgiveness of our sins,

According to the riches of your grace \*

which you have lavished upon us.

You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, \* the mystery of your will,

According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ, \*

as a plan for the fullness of time,

To gather together all things in Christ, \* things in heaven and things on earth

### *Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*



### **Tessa Scrimgeour** A Reading from the Gospel of Luke [24:36b-48]

#### **Glory to you Lord Christ**

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.

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## Homily

### **Maddie Stochaj** A Song of Faith      **1 Peter [1:3-4,18-21]**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*  
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;  
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \*  
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.  
The ransom that was paid to free us \* was not paid in silver or gold,  
But in the precious blood of Christ, \* the Lamb without spot or stain.  
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \*  
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

## Musical Meditation

*That Easter day with joy was bright*

Hymnal #193

*Cathy Poch, Soloist*

### **Mother Judith** 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.

### **Mother Judith & Emily Kee      The Prayers**

Show us your mercy, O Lord; **and grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness; **let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; **for only in you can we live in safety.**

Lord, keep this nation under your care; **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth; **your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God; **and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### **Mother Judith    The Lord's Prayer**

### **Mother Judith    Collect of the Day**

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 forever. **Amen**

### **Emily Kee & Allison Kee      The Prayers of the People**

In thanksgiving and praise for the beauty and abundance of our universe, let us pray to our gracious God, whose breath gives life to the world and whose voice is heard in the wind, Let us pray to our Creator in Christ our Risen Savior.

With thanksgiving for the gift of new life, and in hope that our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection. *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator ***in Christ our Risen Savior***

In thanksgiving for the gift of the Good News, and in hope that the church may find new life in the joyful mystery of the resurrection, especially through the leadership of our Presiding Bishop Michael and our Bishop Douglas, and all bishops, priests and deacons. *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator ***in Christ our Risen Savior***

In thanksgiving for the gift of this community and in trust that God will guide us in calling a new Rector. *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator ***in Christ our Risen Savior***

In thanksgiving for the abundance we enjoy with our families and friends, and in hope that he may show us how to provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter. *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator ***in Christ our Risen Savior***

In thanksgiving for our freedom and in hope that by his power, war and famine may cease through all the world, *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator ***in Christ our Risen Savior***

In thanksgiving for our health and in hope that he may reveal the light of his presence to comfort and strengthen those who are weak in body and soul, especially to those we name silently or aloud *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator ***in Christ our Risen Savior***

In thanksgiving for the gift of eternal life, and in hope that he may enfold in his joyful presence those who have died, especially those we name silently or aloud, *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator ***in Christ our Risen Savior***

In thanksgiving for the gift of faith, and in hope that God may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator ***in Christ our Risen Savior***

Blessed are you, God of growth and discovery; yours is the Wisdom that has directed and changed our lives; yours is the power that has brought us to new opportunities. Set us, your new creation, to walk through this new world, watching and learning, loving and trusting, until your kingdom comes. ***Amen.***

## **Musical Meditation**

*Jeff Lukas*

### **Maddie Stochaj & Tessa Scrimgeour   A Litany for Earth Day**

*Adapted from Words for the Journey for Teens by Lisa Freemantle, Les Miller & Melinda Rapallo-Ferrara*

May we use the world's resources we need with love, humility, and thoughtfulness, without guilt, without fear, without waste.

**May we live in harmony with the earth**

May we live together with animals with which we share this planet, being careful not to harm them or their habitats.

**May we live in harmony with the earth**

May we respect the life in our lakes, rivers and oceans, using them with care and being mindful in our efforts not to pollute them.

**May we live in harmony with the earth**



May we learn to live within our means, by reducing our waste and continuing to reuse and recycle all that we can.

**May we live in harmony with the earth**

May we plan to leave the world in a state that all future generations will be able to enjoy, ensuring that it is filled with resources, life, and kept healthy and clean.

**May we live in harmony with the earth**

**Allison Kee      A Prayer for Environmental Stewardship**

Loving Creator, we thank you for this earth, our home; for the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the ocean and streams, for the towering hills and the whispering wind, for the trees and green grass. We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendor of fields of golden wheat, and taste the earth's fruit, and rejoice in the feel of snow, and smell the breath of spring flowers. Grant us hearts opened wide to all this beauty; and save us from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common bushes are aflame with your glory. **Amen.**

**Emily Kee      A Prayer for Wisdom**

Holy and Loving God, by water and the Holy Spirit we have been buried with Christ and raised to the new life of grace: Give us inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

**Tessa Scrimgeour      A Prayer said during Ramadan**

ALLAH, on this day, multiply for me its blessings, and ease my path towards its bounties; do not deprive me of the acceptance of its good deeds, O the One who sends down tranquility into the hearts of believers. **Amen.**

**Maddie Stochaj      A Prayer in Time of Transition**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and for our ministries. Open our hearts to possibilities we have not yet imagined, through Jesus Christ, our Light, our Center, our Hope. **Amen.**

**Mother Judith      A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

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.**

### **Mother Judith**   **Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to fulfill his purpose, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Mother Judith**   **Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**      *Organ Chorale on 'Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!'*   Healey Willan