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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

As Emily reminded us in the homily on Sunday we continue in Easter Season through Pentecost. With this in mind we greet each other at the beginning of each Eucharistic Liturgy with the acclamation of our faith, "Christ is risen" and the response, "He is risen, indeed".

I wonder what would happen if we took that greeting on the road, so to speak. What if that became our standard way of saying "hello" during the seven weeks of Easter? Would that not be a simple way to share our Christian faith in Christ's Resurrection?

My challenge, then, is that if you see me out somewhere during this season, feel free to say "hi" this way. Of course, if I see you first...

He is risen indeed!

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Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage

The Good News

May 3, 2019



Women's Breakfast

Usual Day, second Saturday, May 11 at 8:30AM.

Ascension Service

The Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated on 30 May at 7:30AM.

Rogation Day

The Blessing of Waters for Rogation Days and a Rogation Day procession will take place at the 10AM Eucharist on 26 May.

Save these Summer Dates

More information will follow.

Church Camp

Episcopal Church Camp dates for 2019: June 30-July 6 at East Bay, Lake Bloomington. Camp sessions are available for children finishing 1st grade through those finishing 11th grade. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board or [here](#).

St. Michael's Conference

A youth conference for those between the ages of 13 to 19. The dates this year are June 16-22. Registration information is in development.

Travel Plans

Fr. Halt will be leaving after services on 5/12 for week of continuing education at the Antiochian House of Studies.

He and Amy will also be participating in a Pilgrimage and Theological Conference in Greece from 30 May to 14 June.

Morning Prayer with Eucharist will be celebrated on 2 June and Fr. David Wells will celebrate on 9 June.

Musical Note

Please keep Fr. Joe in your prayers as he has to take an unplanned hiatus from the organ bench due to an emerging medical condition.

Heidi Brooks will serve in Fr. Joe's place during this time.

Outreach Opportunities

Items of the Month

Watch for upcoming details, the focus will be on St. Vincent de Paul's food pantry.

The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

Worship Serving Schedule

5-May 2019

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Julie Bennett

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt

Crucifer: Shelley Carter

Thurifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Amy Halt

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Susan Clark

Coffee Hour: Sandy Kohlhase & Danielle Ward

12-May 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Kathryn Morris

10:00

Acolyte: Sarah Halt

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Lector: Sandy Kohlhasse
E.M.: Emily Lavikoff & Jack Pitts
Monday Counter: Shelley Carter
Coffee Hour: Susan & Eric Teoro

St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of May 5

Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall

Sunday-7:30 a.m.-Rite I

9:15 a.m.-Sunday School for Children

10:00 a.m.-Rite I I

1:00 p.m.-Green Scouts

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

Monday-5:00 p.m.-WMFY classes

Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m.--Quilters

6:00 p.m.-Zumba

Wednesday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons

Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer & breakfast

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons

Friday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Saturday-8:00 a.m.-Zumba

8:30 a.m.-Women's Breakfast Fellowship

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If you have anything you would like added to the schedule or announcements in the bulletin and news letter please send an email reply to the newsletter, or call the office.

Readings for May 5, 2019

Hymns: #191, #410, #189, #343, #195

The First Lesson

Acts 9:1-6

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Psalm 30

Exaltabo te, Domine

1 I will exalt you, O Lord,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me .
2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health .
3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave .
4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness .
5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime .
6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning .
7 While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the
mountains."
8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear .
9 I cried to you, O Lord; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; *
O Lord, be my helper."
12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy .
13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever .

The Epistle

Revelation 5:11-14

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Gospel

John 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there

together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Birthdays & Anniversaries May 5 - 11

Anniversaries

Phyllis & Dave Halt

Birthdays
Shelley Carter
Fr. Joe Dunlap
Liam Halt

Dedications for this week:

Collect for 3rd Sunday of Easter, May 5th

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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