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# Sunday Worship

April 19, 2015 – 10:00 AM

**Third Sunday of Easter**

## The Word of God

**Welcome & Quiet Time** (\* indicates when to stand) Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin, and come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

### Prelude

**\*Gathering Song: All Things Are Possible** – Darlene Zschech

Almighty God, my redeemer. My hiding place, my safe refuge, no other name like Jesus. No power can stand against You.

My feet are planted on this rock. And I will not be shaken, my hope it comes from you, my Lord. My Lord and my salvation.

Your praise is always on my lips. Your Word is living in my heart, and I will praise You with a new song. My soul will bless you, Lord.

You fill my life with greater joy. Yes, I delight myself in You, and I will praise You with a new song. My soul will bless You, Lord.

When I am weak, You make me strong. When I'm poor, I know I'm rich for in the power of Your name all things are possible. All things are possible. All things are possible. All things are possible.

**Priest:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All:** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**Priest:** 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.**

**\*Song of Praise: All The Earth** – Jack Hayford

Father, into Your courts will I enter; Maker of heaven and earth, I tremble in Your Holy presence; Glory, glory in Your sanctuary, splendor and majesty, Lord, before You; All life adores You.

*(Chorus:)* All the earth will declare that Your love is everywhere. The fields will exalt, seas will resound; See the trees' joyful cry praising You and so would I. A new song I'll sing.

Lord I will glorify and bless Your holy name.

Jesus, Lord of all life and salvation; Into your presence we come; We worship, You, our precious Savior; Fill us, fill us with your Holy power, set us aflame with your love, till nations all know your glory.

*(Chorus:)* All the earth will declare that Your love is everywhere. The fields will exalt, seas will resound; See the trees' joyful cry praising You and so would I. A new song I'll sing (repeat)

Lord I will glorify and bless Your Holy name, Lord I will glorify and bless Your name, Lord I will glorify and bless Your name.

Lord I'll glorify and bless Your holy name!

**\*All:** O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### A Reading from I John

(1:1-2:2)

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life -- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us -- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**\*Gradual Song:** When I Needed A Saviour – Matt Redman

Looking back on time seeking to remind myself of all Your mercies, I can testify on every page of life Your grace just keeps unfolding and unfolding.

You made me fruitful in the land of my suffering, Father. *You made me hopeful in the place of no hope*, poured oil of gladness on the wounds of my struggling, and You poured oil of healing on the depths of my soul.

When I needed a Saviour, You were there, You were there. When I needed a Healer, You were there, You were there. When I needed my Father, You were there, You were there. You are here, You are here.

Ever since the day I looked upon the cross I've realized Your mercy. For every stage of life, sweet and bitter times Your grace just keeps unfolding and unfolding.

You made me fruitful in the land of my suffering, Father. You made me hopeful in the place of no hope, poured oil of gladness on the wounds of my struggling, and You poured oil of healing on the depths of my soul.

When I needed a Saviour, You were there, You were there. When I needed a Healer, You were there, You were there. When I needed my Father, You were there, You were there. You are here, You are here with me.

**\*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke**

(24:36b-48)

**All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and their companions 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."

**Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.**

**All: Praise to you Lord Christ.**

## **Sermon** (please be seated)

**\*Leader:** Let us stand and profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**All: 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.**

## **\*Prayers of the People**

**Leader:** With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For Manakin Sabot, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For the earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For Creative Concepts Hairstyling Studio, Tina Gregory-Rudd, owner, that business would increase, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For the congregations and clergy of St. George's, Fredericksburg, St. Paul's, Richmond; St. Thomas', Richmond; Christ Church, Middlesex; St. John's, West Point, that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of justice, righteousness, equality, and mutual benefit, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For Christ Church, Glen Allen that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in the search and selection of a new rector, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For All Souls, Atlee, Amilee Wilmer, Vicar, and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, Daniel Velez-Rivera, vicar, that each would fulfill its God given purpose through the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** In the communion of St. Francis and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. To thee, O Lord our God.

**All:** **Amen.**

**Priest:** O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **\*Exchange of Peace**

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory:** **My Song Is Love Unknown** - Hymn 458

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me; Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne salvation to bestow; but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know: But O! my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need His life did spend.

My song is love unbound, for love has conquered death and love the victory won in this His parting breath, for with the cry, that all is done vain darkness fell before the Son.

My song is love enthroned where angel voices raise to magnify the Son and sing the Father's praise. So shall I stand, in glorious throng and add my praises to that song.

**\*Doxology:** **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\* Eucharistic Prayer** - from combined sources

**Priest:** Christ is risen!

**All:** **Christ is risen indeed.**

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**Priest:** Blessed are you, strong and faithful God. In the beginning your Word summoned light; night withdrew, and creation dawned. As ages passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared. When the times at last had ripened and the earth grown full in abundance, you created man and woman in your image, the crown of all creation. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will, and to be fulfilled in your love. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

**All (Sung):** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of his glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**All:** All holy God, how wonderful the work of your hands! You restored the beauty of your image when sin had scarred the world. You embraced a people as your own and filled them with a longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail. Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers were satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down. But with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

**Priest:** Father, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over our earthly gifts of bread and wine. On the night he met with death, Jesus came to table with those he loved. He took bread and blessed you, God of all creation; he broke the bread among his disciples and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." When supper had ended, he took a cup of wine; and gave thanks to you, God of all creation; he passed the cup among his disciples and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you, shed for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**All:** Father, we commemorate Jesus, your Son. Death could not bind him, for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness and exalted him as Lord of creation. By his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful to the breaking of bread. Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, your whole church offers thanks and praise. We pray for those here present and all whose lives bring hope to the world.

**Priest:** Lord of the living and the dead, awaken to the undying light of pardon and peace those fallen asleep in faith, those who have died alone, unloved, and unmourned, all whose faith is known only to you. Gathered with the apostles and all of your saints at last, all creation will be one, and all divisions healed. We shall join in singing your praise through your Son, Jesus the Christ.

**All:** 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.

**Priest:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**All:** 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 Priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:*

**Priest:** Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**All:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Priest:** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]*

**Communion Song: Be Unto Your Name – Gary Sadler**

We are a moment, You are forever, Lord of the ages, God before time. We are a vapor, You are eternal, Love everlasting, reigning on high. Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Highest praises, honor and glory be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer, Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save. You are the love song we'll sing forever, Bowing before You, blessing Your name. Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Highest praises, honor and glory be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

**\*Post-Communion Prayer (All):** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**\*Blessing**

**\*Song of Dismissal: Ancient of Days – Ron Kenoly**

Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto the Ancient of Days; from every nation, all of creation bow before the Ancient of Days. Every tongue in heaven and earth shall declare your glory, every knee shall bow at your throne in worship; you will be exalted O God, and Your kingdom shall not pass away, O Ancient of Days.

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth! Sing unto the Ancient of Days! For none can compare to your matchless worth. Sing unto the Ancient of Days! Sing unto the Ancient of Days! Sing unto the Ancient of Days!

**Priest:** Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

**All:** Thanks are to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

## Remember in your prayers:

Larry Kidd  
The Symphony Retirement Community  
Wayne Connors

Linda Eggleston  
Christians in the Middle East

Robin and John Snow  
Paula Gordon

## Your Vestry Members are:

**Senior Warden:** Jack Martin

**Other Members:** Larry Kidd

**Register:** Marian Elam

**Junior Warden:** Richard Walker

Libby Clark

**Treasurer:** Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalcers for April, May and early June. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

19-Apr	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon	Kathy Gammon, Susan Kidd	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
26-Apr	Richard Walker	Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker, Bill Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
3-May	Bobbie Leviness	Jack Martin	Jack Martin, Marian Elam	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
10-May	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker
17-May	Kathy Gammon	Jack Martin	Kathy Gammon, Jack Martin	Bill Weatherford
24-May	Richard Walker	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker, Susan Kidd	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
31-May	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, MJ Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
7-Jun	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon	Kathy Gammon, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd



## ~Announcements~

### Upcoming Important Dates:

Wednesday, April 22	Aspire Dance Academy Recital	St. Francis	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 26	Sunday Worship	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 3	Sunday Worship	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 10	Sunday Worship, followed by pot luck lunch	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 13	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.

**Food Collection** for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please bring non-perishable food to donate. Place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

### Reconciliation Follow-Up: Hand-in-Hand Listening Sessions

At the diocesan Annual Council meeting in January, Bishop Shannon Johnston announced the start of a new racial reconciliation initiative for the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia in 2015. The first step in this initiative is a series of listening sessions to take place across the Diocese, and we want our church to be represented at these important events. You're invited to join in one of three Hand-in-Hand Listening Sessions that will take place this spring in northern and central Virginia. Additional sessions will take place in the eastern and western portions of the Diocese in the fall. These gatherings will be an opportunity for participants to speak their hearts and minds in a safe, non-reactive environment. Registration is not necessary.

- The remaining session is on Thursday, April 23: The Falls Church, Falls Church, 7:30-9 p.m.

### Our Missional Communities:

**The Garden** group, as well as anyone who would like to help, will meet today after the worship service to weed The Garden and the newly landscaped border at the church entrance.

**The Parke:** The Parke outreach will meet this evening, April 19, at 5:30 p.m. for pot luck at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker, 1661 Centerville Parke Lane, Manakin Sabot 23103. Contact Richard Walker at [richardandhedy@yahoo.com](mailto:richardandhedy@yahoo.com).

**Symphony** will meet on April 26, 2015 at 8:45 a.m. at Symphony Manor of Richmond 12411 Gayton Rd; Richmond 23238. Contact Bobbie Leviness at 400-7895.

**Financial Update**—If there are any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	<b>Operating Funds</b>		<b>Net Gain</b>
	<b><u>Deposits</u></b>	<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>or (Loss)</u></b>
<b>2015</b>			
January	\$4,641.00	\$7,734.10	<b>(\$3,093.10)</b>
February	\$11,139.66	\$9,378.57	<b>\$1,761.09</b>
March	<u>\$7,564.33</u>	<u>\$7,116.15</u>	<b><u>\$448.18</u></b>
<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>\$23,344.99</b>	<b>\$24,228.82</b>	<b>(\$883.83)</b>
April	\$5,807.33	\$2,843.92	<b>\$2,963.41</b>
May	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$0.00</b>
June	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>
<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>\$5,807.33</b>	<b>\$2,843.92</b>	<b>\$2,963.41</b>
<b>2015 Year-To-Date</b>	<b>\$29,152.32</b>	<b>\$27,072.74</b>	<b>\$2,079.58</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b><u>Beginning</u></b>	<b><u>Ending</u></b>	
<b>YTD 2015</b>	\$32,005.82	\$34,085.40	<b>\$2,079.58</b>

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