

# MORNING PRAYER II WITH COMMUNION



## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 11, 2025 - 8 A.M.

Welcome to St. Edward's Episcopal Church. Come as you are. St. Edward's affirms the dignity of every human being. God's abundant love is here for all.

If you are visiting with us today, please fill out a Visitor Card and give it to one of our ushers, so we can send you more information about our church. We are blessed that you are here, and we look forward to meeting you!

This leaflet is your guide to the liturgy and is a resource for the material needed for this service. You will find three books in the pew rack in front of you - The 1979 Book of Common Prayer (red book), The Hymnal 1982 (blue book), and LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing II - black and red cover). Hymn numbers preceded by 'S' are from the Service Music at the front of The Hymnal 1982. It is customary to stand during the singing of hymns and either stand, sit, or kneel for prayers. All items in **bold** are to be read aloud by the people.

**PRELUDE**

**King Jesus hath a garden**

Carla Strott

**PROCESSIONAL**

**Jesus Christ is risen today**

**BLUE HYMNAL 207**

**OPENING SENTENCE** All stand, if able

"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." (Col 3:)

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** Please kneel, if able.

**BCP 79**

**INVITATORY AND PSALTER**

**BCP 80**

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**CHRIST OUR PASSOVER** Please be seated.

**BCP 83**

**PSALM 63 1-8**

**BCP 670**

**PSALM 98**

**BCP 727**

## THE LESSONS

**THE FIRST LESSON**

**ACTS 9:36-43**

A Lesson from the Book of Acts.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Lector: Here ends the Lesson.

SECOND LESSON *Please be seated.*

JOHN 10:22-30

A Reading from the Gospel of John.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

*Lector:* Here ends the Lesson.

THE HOMILY

Father Fabio Sotelo

APOSTLES CREED

BCP 96

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Officiant:* Salvation belongs to our God and to the Lamb, to whom be glory forever. We offer our prayers and praises on behalf of ourselves, our neighbors and the world, saying:

*Litanist:* Gracious One, through Christ our Shepherd you call your Church to hear your voice and to continue the good works that Christ does in the Father's name: Guide us along right pathways for your name's sake. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving.

**and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!**

Before your throne, O Holy One, is an uncounted multitude from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages: Guide the leaders of the nations toward the reconciliation of all peoples from different races and cultures and faiths, that we may walk in your ways of peace, may hunger and thirst no more, and may fear no evil. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving

**and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!**

Compassionate God, let the voice of the Good Shepherd be heard everywhere, to comfort and guide all who are in trouble or in anguish throughout the world. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving

**and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!**

Revive our souls and lead us beside still waters, O Loving One, that we may know your voice within us, and your rod and your staff may comfort us. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving

**and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!**

Our cup is running over with gratitude as we thank you for all our many blessings, especially for the birthdays of Ted Ruchalski, Marilynn Emmons, Christina Higgins, Samuel Sherman, Wilma Simons, and the anniversaries of Wendell & Mikki Dillon and John & Leslie Nystrom (*The congregation may add their own petitions*). Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving

**and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!**

Our prayers join with the praise and intercession of the heavenly chorus as we bring before you our concerns and intercessions, especially for Olive, Caroline, John, Julie, Rick Ryan, Cindy, Rosemary,

Delores, Xhakeal, Jasmine, Sarah, Jan, Patrick, Joyce, Jorge, Shandi, Blanding, Vinny Lee, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute (*The congregation may add their own petitions*).  
Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving  
**and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!**

We commend to your salvation those who have walked through the valley of death and have come out of the great ordeal. Guide them to the springs of the water of life and wipe away every tear from their eyes, as we remember those who have died, especially Jerry Frady friend of Father Fabio and Rosita Flemming, friend of Marver Browne-Thomas (*The congregation may add their own petitions*).  
Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving  
**and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!**

*Officiant:* Our Good and Generous God, you have spread the table before us and invited us into communion with you in the new life of resurrection: Let your Spirit of goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives, that all humanity may know Christ the Good Shepherd, and dwell in your house forever. **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

BCP 360

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

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

#### MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

*Women are welcome to the chancel steps for a Mother's Day Blessing.*

*Presider:* On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living (*their names can be mentioned*) and those who have died (*their names can be mentioned*);  
*People:* **For the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all those who have mothered others in any way; for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. Amen.**

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

*Officiant:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

#### OFFERTORY

**Lift high the cross**

BLUE HYMNAL 473

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 97

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **and also with you.**

#### THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God

*Communion is offered in both kinds by intinction. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand or kneel*

Officiant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES *Please be seated.*

THE BLESSING *Please stand if able.*

May the works that you do in the Father's name testify to Christ's love for all creation. May you hear the voice of the Good Shepherd guiding you along right pathways where you may lie down in green pastures with your soul revived. May the Spirit's goodness and mercy follow you all the days of your life until you dwell in the house of God forever. And the blessing of our generous God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and guide you forever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Now the green blade riseth

St. Edward's Ringers

## THE DISMISSAL

Officiant: Alleluia, Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

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*The flowers on the Altar today are given by Blanding  
Roberts in loving memory of his wonderful wife  
Melinda's 78<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 15th.*

Serving Today

Officiant - Father Fabio Sotelo  
Preacher - Father Fabio Sotelo  
Assisting - Ruth Mannah  
Altar Guild - Jewel Ffrench & Christiana Jones  
Psalm - Ruth Mannah  
1<sup>st</sup> Lesson - Kevin Lee  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson - Father Fabio Sotelo  
Intercessor - Kevin Lee  
Ushers - Jennifer Phillips & Pat Bush  
Sound & Video - Ted Ruchalski  
VPOD - Darcey Tatum

Those wishing to donate flowers are asked to  
contact the parish office @ 770-963-6128 or  
via email: [parishadmin@stedwardsonline.org](mailto:parishadmin@stedwardsonline.org)