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April 28th, 2019, 10 o’clock • The First Sunday After Easter
With All Your Heart: PREPARING
Jesus arrives among a group of disciples who are scared for their lives; they have every right to be. They saw their leader crucified and are concerned that they might be next. It is perfectly understandable for them to feel scared, anxious, and nervous—anything but peaceful.

*Asterisk (*) indicates standing, as able. **Bold** indicates text spoken in unison.

—— ENTRANCE ——

PRELUDE
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Smith

WELCOME & CHURCH NOTICES

CALL TO WORSHIP
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
The risen Christ is with us.
Praise the Lord.

OPENING HYMN*
#184 Of the Father’s Love Begotten

THE COLLECT
God is here.
The Spirit is with us.
Let us pray.

Everloving God, your care for us is greater even than a mother’s love for her child.
Teach us to value such love and see in it an expression of your grace,
that we may feel more deeply your unconditional love and never-quit caring for us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Children are invited to attend Sunday School at this time. They will return for the Invitation to the Table.

—— PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ——

THE FIRST READING
Acts 5:27-32

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.Thanks be to God.

PSALM
Psalm 150 (UMH 862)

GOSPEL READING*
John 20:19-31

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC
Siciliano
J. S. Bach

SERMON
Seeing is Believing?
Rev. Mark I. Salvacion

SOLO
O Calvary's Lamb
arr. by Wyrtzen
CONCERNS & PRAYER

Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of brothers and sisters as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbors and ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and petitions on behalf of the church and the world. In gratitude for all that you have done for us, Holy God, we pray:

For the people of God in every land;
For witnesses who by their example show your steadfast love;
For all who are estranged from the church.

For the earth and its riches;
For the soil and wetlands, trees, bushes, rivers and lakes, oceans and air;
And for all the peoples who inhabit this great creation.

For all the people who are victims of injustice;
For those living on the streets of our city;
For people struggling with addiction, anger, fear, or illness.

And for the compassion to show our neighbor your radical hospitality.
Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

Let us now share our own joys and concerns, and after each intercession, let us say:
Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

(Sharing of Joys & Concerns)

Hear these prayers, God of power and might, and through the ministry of Jesus free us from the grip of the tomb that we may desire you as the fullness of life and proclaim your saving deeds to all the world. Amen.

CONFESSION & PARDON

Let us join together in a prayer of confession and pardon.

Merciful God,
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart,
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
We have broken your law,
We have rebelled against your love,
We have not loved our neighbors,
And we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Silent prayer)
Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
That proves God’s love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE*

And now let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, and to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and the Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, so that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

And now let us lift up this church and this congregation in prayer, using the words that our Lord Jesus Christ has given us:

**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 forever. Amen.**

**BREAKING THE BREAD**

Because there is one bread, we who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing of the blood of Christ.

**Ours is an open table. The Lord invites to His Table all those who love God and one another, who earnestly repent of their sin, and who seek to live in peace with God’s Creation and with one another.**

**Please come up via the center aisle and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ by intinction, by taking a piece of the bread and dipping it into the grape juice. Should you wish to partake in a gluten-free option, please take a gluten-free wafer from the side of the offering plate and dip it into the grape juice. Then return to your seats via the side aisles.**
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us join together in a prayer of thanksgiving:

_Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us._

_Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord._ Amen.

— SENDING FORTH —

CLOSING HYMN*  
#315 Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain - (vs. 1,3,5)

BENEDICTION*

_May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all._ And also with you. _Let us go forth in peace, to love one another, and to love and to cherish God’s holy creation._ Amen.

POSTLUDE  
_Crown Him With Many Crowns_  
arr. by Neal

— TODAY —

The preacher today is _Rev. Mark I. Salvacion_, pastor of Historic St. George’s UMC.

Special Music provided by _Erin Alcorn_ and _Bruce Adams_.

— CHURCH NOTICES —

WELCOME VISITORS. _We’re delighted you found your way to Historic St. George’s. Questions about finding your way around the buildings? Ask an usher. Fill out a visitor’s card so we can get to know you better._ Please stay for Coffee Hour after services.

SUNDAY CHILDREN’S MINISTRY _Children are invited to join our Sunday School program during the worship hour and return to join us at the Lord’s Table. They can meet the teacher at the back of the sanctuary during the Praise Hymn._

HSG FOOD MISSION. _In 2018, the HSG Food Mission has donated $200.00 each month to a local program. In the first quarter, recipients have been the Broad Street Mission, the Bridesburg UMC Food Mission, Hub of Hope (Project Home’s new mission at Suburban Station), and Methodist Home and Services. Donations to our Restorative Yoga program in part support the HSG Food Mission; special collections taken each month also go towards this important outreach._

LEAVE YOUR CHECKBOOK AT HOME. _Historic St. George’s accepts electronic donations. Electronic giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to the church. Simply go online to our web site, historicstgeorges.org and select Donate and follow the onscreen directions. Or use text messaging to donate to Historic St. George’s Dial 215-544-2571 and type amount (10, 25, etc) to begin; follow instructions on link provided (for 1 time or ongoing gifts)._
HSG YOGA

EVERY THURSDAY - “Restorative” Yoga practice: 6:45 to 8:00 PM. Join us for calming meditation and reflection: stretch your spirit AND your body. Mats, bolsters and blankets provided. Donations support HSG’s Food Mission. Come practice with our inspirational yoga instructor, Brittany Largent.

EVERY MONDAY - “All Levels” yoga practice: 6:45 to 8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join our great yoga instructor, Brittany Largent, for a new way to free your mind and strengthen your body. Free-will offering supports Children’s Literacy in Philadelphia.

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— UPCOMING DATES —

Tuesday, May 14 to Thursday, May 16, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church / Roman Catholic Church Dialogue on the Lord’s Supper.