

A close-up photograph of several vibrant pink lilies in full bloom, with their bright orange stamens clearly visible. The lilies are set against a background of lush green leaves and some out-of-focus blue flowers. The overall scene is bright and colorful, suggesting a garden or a well-maintained floral display.

Eastertide in a Time of Quarantine

Praying

Worshipping

Connecting

**Church of the
Holy Comforter
Montgomery, AL**

What we have to offer

Easter tide is a season of profound change and movement: out of despair into hope, out of the upper room where we hide in fear, and into the streets to proclaim with joy and awe, the good news of Jesus Christ, and he crucified and risen. This is also the season when we remember that the promise of the Resurrection wasn't that any moment now, things would go back to what they'd been like before. In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul describes what this season is about. As we follow the Risen Christ with increasing faith, "there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Cor 5:17).

The team that gathered to provide resources for Holy Week has grown to include Ann Montgomery and Jeri Tippit. Together, we will work to provide our beloved parish family with the resources we hope allow you to continue to strengthen your faith, deepen your sense of hope, and give you a clearer sense of what the Risen Christ calls us to, both individually, and as a faith community. The call Christ extends to us is always for this particular time and place. As the world quite literally groans in suffering and loss, as the Covid-19 pandemic continues to change the landscape of our lives, may we proclaim boldly. The Lord is risen, He is risen indeed. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Here's what we will do our best to offer each week:

1. This booklet that's published weekly. It includes this Sunday's Gospel reading and Psalm from the Revised Common Lectionary, links to enriching resources, and activities that invite us to deeper prayer and reflection.
2. Links to live-streamed worship services for the special liturgies of the week. You'll find those in our newsletter and on our Facebook page. We will also include links you can turn to during the week for refreshment and prayer.
3. A short video each Sunday that will be posted on our Facebook page and website. Thank you to Randy Foster, Michael and Roy Paul, Terri Via, Missy Via, Lee Wilkins, Ann Montgomery, Jeri Tippit, and Randy Woodland, for the energy, creativity and deep reverence they brought.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!!!

Rosa+

Sixth Sunday in Easter

The Readings

The Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm 66:7-18

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
 and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and water; *
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
 and will pay you my vows, *
 which I promised with my lips
 and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
 with the smoke of rams; *
 I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
 and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
 and his praise was on my tongue.

- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

The Gospel

John 14:15-21



Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."



Links

Every year, we are reminded that the days and weeks following the events of Holy Week left Jesus' friends fearing for their lives, extraordinarily confused about the meaning of resurrection, and seeking the security of locked doors and incontrovertible proof.

Each year, we hear Jesus speak to the fear, distrust and grief with the kind of clarity and kindness that helps a shattered community begin to heal. What the post-resurrection visits from Jesus mean may be clearer if you read all the readings appointed for this Sunday in the Revised Common Lectionary. Click [here](#) to go to the page that includes all the readings and collect for the day.

Click [here](#) for Washington National Cathedral's Sunday Holy Eucharist online, May 10 at 10:15 AM (cdt),

For Rosa's Sunday morning video, visit our Facebook page [here](#). Also available on our website, [here](#).

For daily meditations from Forward Day by Day, [click here](#). Or to listen to a prayer, [here](#).



Activities

Find an activity you will enjoy.

Celebrate Easter's 50 Days, [here](#)

A Family Easter Celebration: It Lasts 50 Days - [here](#)

Guidelines from World Health Organization for taking care of our Mental Health

#HealthyAtHome – Mental Health, [here](#)

Happy Easter, dear ones—you are loved!