

***Fourth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
May 12, 2019***

Processional	<i>Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken</i>	<i>Hymn #522</i>
Opening Acclamation	the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)-355	
Collect for Purity	BCP-355	
<i>Gloria in excelsis</i>	S-280	
The Collect of the Day	insert	
First Reading	Acts 9:36-43	insert
Psalms	Psalm 23	insert
Second Reading	Revelation 7:9-17	insert
Sequence Hymn	<i>Holy God We Praise Thy Name</i>	H #366
The Gospel	John 10:22-30	insert
The Sermon	the Rev. Donna J. Gerold	
The Nicene Creed	BCP-358	
Prayers of the People III	BCP-387	
The Peace	BCP-360	
Welcome, Announcements and Offertory		
Anthem	<i>The Servant Song</i>	<i>by Richard Gilliard</i>
At the Presentation	Doxology	H#380 (v.3)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP-361
<i>Sanctus</i>	S-129
The Lord's Prayer	BCP-364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP-364
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ our Passover</i> WLP #866
Communion Hymns	
<i>The King of Love My Shepherd is</i>	H #645
<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>	H #691
Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP-366
Recessional	<i>Lift High the Cross</i> H #473
Dismissal	BCP-366

The flowers today are given to the glory of God

Ministries for the Day

Celebrant	the Rev. Donna J. Gerold
Acolyte	Paul McAbee
Healing Ministry	Kristin Anderson
Chalice	Gloria Austin & Brooks Jones
Lectors	Susan Galloway & Patti McCartney
Prayers	CT Ponder
Music	Nancy Totman
Greeters	Steve Watkins & Karen Brown
Altar Guild	Rennie Edwards & Candace Springer
Hospitality	Monday School

Following the service please join us in Benedict Hall for coffee hour

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Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

GET UP

Our lessons during the Easter season focus on resurrection stories, the new life that emerges from an encounter with the Divine. In our first lesson today, we hear Peter call Tabitha/Dorcas to “get up,” to rise to a transformed life enabled to incarnate God’s love in Joppa in ways she had yet to imagine. God was not finished with her. It is a story reminiscent of Jesus’ raising of Lazarus, calling him out of the tomb as a new person, unbound from all that had held him hostage in his former life. (Jn.11:43-44) And also similar to the story of Jesus’ raising the son of the widow of Nain (Lk.7:14-15) and the raising of Jairus’ daughter (Mk.5:41-42), each called to get up, and they did.

Scripture doesn’t tell us what their new lives were like. How God would use them day-by-day is not the message for us. What we need to hear today is that there is new life available to us after all the deaths of our lives, all our losses, all our discouragements, all the dark valleys into which we wander. No matter how dismal the circumstances may seem, how deep the depression with which we may struggle, how strong the grief that consumes us, there is the sure and certain hope of the resurrection in this life, as well as in the life to come.

When we hear God call us by name, we know change is in the air. Nothing will be the same. God is at work in our lives, transforming us into a new creation of self-giving love. Seldom is that done in the twinkling of an eye; rather it occurs in the daily interactions the Holy One brings our way. Such transformation takes our willingness and cooperation. We have to get up and leave our self-centered ways behind us in the tomb of the past, cleansed, made whole and holy, as we move into the Way of Christ, ready to be God’s hands and feet and voice in the world around us here and now.

Listen . . . God is calling your name! Get up!

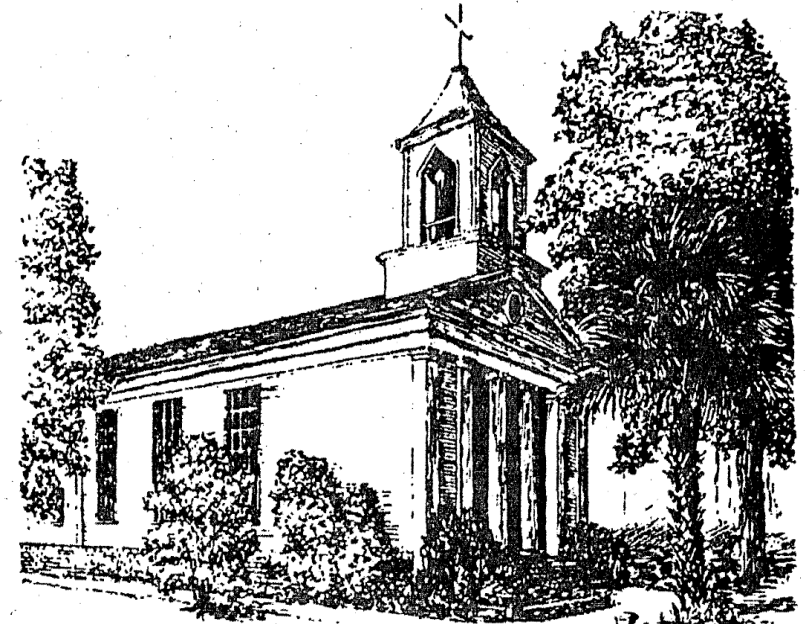
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