



Sebastian United Methodist Church



Rev. John Gill

Series: The Unfinished Business of Easter

#3: Seeking Proof of an Empty Tomb

John 20:19-31

April 26, 2020 ~ 10:00 a.m. Live Stream on Facebook

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Our Mission:

*We commit to living out the Truth of the Gospel
through Spirit-filled worship and study,
faithful fellowship and loving service,
and to impact our world as followers of Christ sharing the Gospel.*

Our Vision:

*A community of faith connecting and growing in Christ,
transforming the world.*

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Welcome to Worship

Welcome

Rev. John Gill

Opening Voluntary

“We Walk By Faith and Not by Sight”

Megan Mash, MSM

***Call to Worship**

Sometimes believing, sometimes doubting

We come to God’s house

Sometimes weeping, sometimes laughing

We come to God’s house

Sometimes afraid, sometimes joyful

We come to God’s house

Whatever has happened to us, here we are welcome

This day and this house belong to God

As God sent Jesus

Jesus sends us

To bring hope and healing

Jesus sends us

To care for our neighbors

Jesus sends us

To work for justice

Jesus sends us

With the gift of the Holy Spirit

Jesus sends us

Jesus sends us with love

by Ruth Burgess (from *Fire and Bread: Resources for Easter Day to Trinity Sunday*)

***Hymn PP**

“These Things Did Thomas Count as Real ”

TRURO

***Psalter**

Psalm 16

Janelle Stimmel & Donna Bevington

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.” As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

***Gloria Patri**

Anthem

“He Is the Risen Lord”
by Joseph M. Martin

Virtual Choir

Prayer of Illumination

Katie Gowin

Reading of the Holy Gospel

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Message

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Prayers for the Community and Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

***Hymn 337**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

Benediction

Congregational Response

“Halle, Halle, Halle”

Closing Voluntary

These Things Did Thomas Count As Real

Thomas H. Troeger

These things did Thomas count as real:
the warmth of blood, the chill of steel,
the grain of wood, the heft of stone,
the last frail twitch of blood and bone.

The vision of his skeptic mind
was keen enough to make him blind
to any unexpected act
too large for his small world of fact.

His reasoned certainties denied
that one could live when one had died,
until his fingers read like Braille
the markings of the spear and nail.

May we, O God, by grace believe
and thus the risen Christ receive,
whose raw imprinted hands reached out
and beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

Sunday Worship Prayer Concerns

John & Nancy Fox and son
Pat Carey
Pat Mays
Cariann
Bill Peterson
Dick Rickert
Jane
Tara and her son David, testing positive Corona
Virus
Rae Wallner
Dawn Kidder
Polly Schwey
Teresa Duda King
Tim Martin has coronavirus
Prayers for all affected with the coronavirus all
over the world

Pray for the Homebound and those in Assisted Living

Minnie Hungerford, Janice & Ed Ertel, June
Crain, Carmen Wilson

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Marlene Kalsch
Jane Hino
Pat Banta
Enid Wible
Sam Roper
Ana Castro
Catherine Gray
Don Ballard
Jim Schwomeyer
Mary Lou Rothfuss
Al Conniff
Sheri Peterson
Ray Royall
Mary Jo Barton
Lloyd Thomas
Pauline Adams
Sean Cousins

Pray for Our Men and Women In the Military

Amn. Justin Tuck, (USN), Major Eric Killoran
(Army), Lt. Jeremy Venske (USN), MSgt. David
Schumacher (USAF), SPC Nicholas Davis
(Army), Pvt Thomas Ferraro (Army),
Airman Blake Greishaw (USAF)

Sympathy is extended to...

Al Conniff at the passing of his brother Jon Ray Conniff
Inez Fielding family, at the passing of her cousin's husband
Sue Shepper family at the passing of her cousin, David's Gritschke's wife, Rosalie in NJ to
Corvid-19 Virus.

**Send prayer requests to Pastor John Gill at johngillumc@bellsouth.net
Send your email to Pastor John
before 9 pm Saturdays to be included in Sunday's prayer concerns**