



Holy Eucharist Rite II, 7:45 AM and 9:30 AM
The Third Sunday of Easter
St. John's Episcopal Church
April 14, 2024

Families with preschoolers or elementary-aged children: A 'Pew Buddy' (older child or adult) may offer your child a Children's Bulletin and other materials, or invite them to help with the service in some way that may be fun for them. The more children are actively engaged in worship, the more they feel a part of the community.

Please refrain from applause during the liturgy, but be sure to catch our choir members and Director of Music Ministries, Karole Badgley, after the liturgy to express appreciation for their offerings.

Prelude

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Setting by J. Wayne Kerr

All stand as able at the ringing of the bell.

Processional Hymn (9:30 AM)
#182, The Hymnal 1982

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Words: Brian A. Wren
Music: Truro

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and conquer every place and time.
- 3 Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior with the Father reigns.
- 4 In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.
- 5 Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

Opening Acclamation

p. 355 Book of Common Prayer

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Officiant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis

S-278, The Hymnal 1982 (spoken at 7:45 AM; sung at 9:30 AM)

Setting by William Mathias

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4 (read in unison)

p. 587, Book of Common Prayer

**1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**

**2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"**

**3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.**

**4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

**5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.**

**6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

**7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.**

**8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

The Second Lesson: A reading from the First Letter of John

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as able for the

Sequence Hymn (9:30 AM)
#178, The Hymnal 1982 vss. 1-3

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Words: Donald Fishel
Music: Alleluia No. 1

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give Praise to his Name.

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen. **[Refrain]**

3 We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever. **[Refrain]**

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. **[Refrain]**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Luke 24:36b-48

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence hymn continued

4 Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give Praise to his Name.

All are seated as invited by the preacher.

The Sermon

Rev. Mawethu Ncaca, Associate Rector

All remain seated for a moment of silence following the sermon.

All stand as able for

The Nicene Creed

p. 358 Book of Common Prayer

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius

Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Prayers of the People

Leader Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Silence

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate. We pray for the ministry of St. John's Creation Care & Repair Team for their dedication to the well-being of our planet and all life on earth.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our Savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our Father and Mother, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in time of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines, and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and illness, especially, **Carol, Elizabeth, Katharine, Judy, Carmen, Will, Beth, Mark, Judi, Will, Gabrielle, Mimi, Ina, Joan, Michelle, Clay, Kathy, JJ, Kelsey, George, Rex, Charles, Kathy, Donna**, and all others we name to you now...*(the congregation may add prayers, spoken or in silence).*

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, we pray for those in our parish celebrating birthdays this week: Tori Bennett, Tony Graber, Susan Raasch, Mike Allen, Walt Kwiatek, and Reid Calhoun.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our center, you call your people to be one body. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died, especially Margaret Turner, mother of Johnny Gilliam... *(the congregation may add prayers, spoken or in silence).*

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Silence

Celebrant

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

p. 360 Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence)*

ALL Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Remember to sanitize hands, before and after touching common items like offering plates or after shaking hands at the Peace.

Please be seated

Welcome & Parish Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

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Offertory Anthem (9:30 AM)

Christians, shout for joy and gladness

Melody by Johann Sebastian Bach/Arrangement by Alan Bullard
Cantate

*Christians, shout for joy and gladness, Cast away all fear and sadness:
Jesus, Prince of love and might, Endless life has brought to light,
He has broken death's dark prison and from out the grave has risen,
Alleluia, alleluia.*

*Hell's dark powers flee before him; Christians, hasten to adore him.
Satan cannot harm you now: Sin's dominion is laid low,
Therefore in full-throated chorus, Raise this song of praise before us:
Alleluia, alleluia.*

*Nature now, her youth renewing, Flowers in his path is strewing,
While the birds on every tree, To sing his praise make melody.
Field and forest, sky and ocean, Swell the strain of glad devotion,
Alleluia, alleluia.*

Please stand as able

The Doxology

(7:45 am—spoken)

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

(9:30 am—sung—Hymn 380 vs. 3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

p 361 Book of Common Prayer Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus— Holy, holy, holy (7:45 AM spoken; 9:30 AM sung)

Setting by William Mathias

S-128 (front of The Hymnal 1982)

**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.**

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself;...
...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died,
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father...
...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**All 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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

All stand as able

The Breaking of the Bread

At 7:45 AM, spoken:

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia!**

At 9:30 AM, sung:

Fraction Anthem, Christ our Passover

S-155, The Hymnal 1982

Setting: Gerald R. Near

Fraction Anthem	Christ Our Passover	Hymnal S-155

The Communion of the People (*please sanitize your hands before coming forward*)

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or to receive a blessing (instead of the bread and wine) the altar rail. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest to signal the clergy. If you need a gluten free wafer, please extend your hands with palms down. If you need to be served in your seat, please inform an usher. At this time, we will refrain from offering the common cup (drinking from a common chalice) and will offer the wine by intinction only (dipping the communion wafer in the cup of wine.) If you wish to receive the wine, please hold the wafer in your fingers as the chalice bearer comes to you and take care to dip only the wafer into the wine (and not your fingers.) If you are not comfortable receiving the wine this way, please know that receiving only the consecrated bread at Holy Communion (or the wine only) is still considered full Communion.

**Communion Hymn (9:30 AM)
#42, Lift Every Voice and Sing**

I serve a risen Savior

Words: Alfred H. Ackley
Music: Alfred H. Ackley

1 I serve a risen Savior,
He's in the world today;
I know that He is living,
whatever others say;
I see His hand of mercy,
I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him
He's always near.

2 In all the world around me
I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary
I never will despair;
I know that He is leading
through all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing
will come at last. **[Refrain]**

**Refrain: He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.**

3 Rejoice, rejoice. O Christian,
lift up your voice and sing.
Eternal hallelujahs
to Jesus Christ, the King!
The hope of all who seek Him,
the help of all who find,
None other is so loving,

Prayer for Spiritual Communion (For those worshipping with us remotely at 9:30 AM)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Postcommunion Prayer (for those who have shared in Communion in person)

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

The Celebrant blesses the People.

(9:30 AM) All children here today are invited to join the clergy at the church door during the following hymn. The children will help send us out with the words of Dismissal.

The Dismissal Hymn (9:30 AM)
#544, The Hymnal 1982

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Words: LM
Music: Duke Street

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his Name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his Name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

The Dismissal

Children of the Parish Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Interpretation on "Duke Street"

Setting by David Cherwien

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