

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024



WORDS OF WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN *Bless'd Jesus, at thy word (Liebster Jesu) (H 440)*

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.*

S 278 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Mathias)*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹²[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?”¹³The 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. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And 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.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

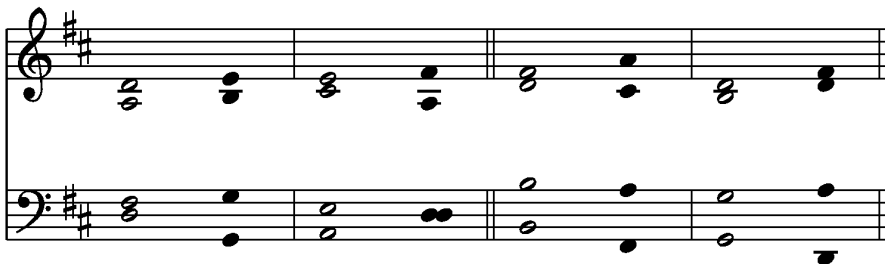
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM TONE S 415 Simplified chant setting (S 415)

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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PSALM: Psalm 4

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 God does wonders for the **faithful**; *
when I call, God 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 Most **High**.

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

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, God, make me dwell in **safety**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

A Reading from the First letter of John.

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN EOM2 120 Alleluia Gospel Acclamation (Mxadana)

All stand.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

^{36b}Jesus stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look 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.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then 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.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*(as used by the Washington National Cathedral)*

Presider: Let us declare our faith in God.

Presider and people together:

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All kneel or remain standing as you are able.

THE PEACE

All stand.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with glad hearts offer the fruits of our life and labor to the Lord.

ANTHEM *Joy is come!* (Andrew Carter)

Joy is come! Eastertide!
Sing we all far and wide,
See the stone rolled aside,
Christ our Lord is risen,
Bursting from his prison.
Let the sound, sound, sound,
Ring around, round, round,
and the song now rebound:
Christ the Lord is risen!

Joy is come! Easter morn!
With your Lord greet the dawn,
He endured crown of thorn
And the bitter nailing,
Faithful and unfailing.
Tidings tell, tell, tell,
Chant it well, well, well,
Risen Christ in us dwell,
O'er the Cross prevailing.

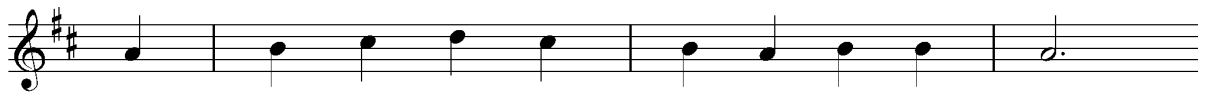
Joy is come! Easter Day!
Join the dance, homage pay,
Christ the Lord lights our way,
From the tomb now breaking,
Satan's power shaking.
Let the song, song, song,
Echo long, long, long,
Shout it loud, sing it strong:
Christ the Lord is risen!

Easter joy may we bring,
Welcome, Lord, heaven's King,
Winter turns into spring,
Darkness overtaking,
And our spirits waking.
Praises flow, flow, flow,
Voices grow, grow, grow,
Sounding far "Gloria in excelsis
Deo!"

OFFERTORY HYMN *Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest* (Sursum Corda) (H 306)



1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;
2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,



nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:
one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;
who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;



thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest
"This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;



in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
 faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
 with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
 be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS S 128 Holy, holy, holy (Mathias) (S 128)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your daughters and sons,
that with all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.**

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. *AMEN*

THE LORD'S PRAYER S 150 *The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (Hurd)*

People and Celebrant

Unison or harmony

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

Slightly faster

For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us
from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom,
the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM *EOMI 26 Christ our Passover (Crisafulli) Music for the Holy Eucharist Rite II*

Cantor

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sac - ri - ficed for us.

All

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us in everlasting life. *Amen.*

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those remaining at home, a Spiritual Communion is offered. This is a personal devotion that anyone can pray (at any time) to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances prevent them from receiving the elements.

For those worshipping with us from home, we pray together with you:

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your grace and be renewed for your service. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

(Holy Communion may be sent out to those who are sick.)

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ. **We who are many are one body for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Wisdom of God
the Love of God
and the Grace of God
strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.*
(source: Celtic)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing (Truro) (H 182)*

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

DISMISSAL S 175A *Dismissal Easter*

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia.

People

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Serving today:

Ministers of Music: Eric Vinciguerra, and Choir

Lector: Jim Thurston **Prayers:** Barbara Sheperdigian

Presider: Rev. Diane Stier **Director:** Adam Baker

Greeters: Ford & Pamela Dingman **Acolyte:** Peyton Eichinger

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Choral Evensong



**Be sure to mark your calendars for Choral Evensong on
Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 5PM.
There will be a reception immediately following.**

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We pray this week...

For Michael, Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop, and for our diocese; and Bonnie, Bishop of Michigan, Rayford, Bishop of Northern Michigan.

For Moisés, Bishop of the Dominican Republic

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury

For Craig, Bishop of ELCA.

For The Anglican Church of Melanesia

For Joe, our President; Gretchen, our Governor; and all who make decisions for this nation.

For Diane, our Rector; Eric, our Choirmaster; Mekeila, our Admin. Asst.

For all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, especially Christi and Jess

For our lay ministers, lectors, choir, acolytes, greeters, and hospitality hosts

For all non-parochial clergy and Lutheran pastors serving in our congregations

For St. Mark's, Atlanta - Pam Lenartowicz, Priest-in-Charge

For St. John's Church, Sturgis – James Lively, Rector

For St. Mary's Church, Cadillac – Radha Kaminski, Rector

For Worship Leaders in the Dioceses

For the members of St. John's, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Margaret Jennifer & Ardent

For the members of St. John's especially: Melinda, Martha, Mary Stewart, Nancy, Nancy, Tim, Nancy & Derek

For those on the Prayer Group's list, especially Brent, Cindy, Diana, Gabriel, Mary Lou, Nancy, and Harry

For all who have died.