



APRIL 26, 2020
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:00 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Prelude

Thomas Wayne Smith, *organist*

Hymn at the Entrance: We know that Christ is raised and dies no more 296

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!
2. We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!
3. The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!
4. A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing: Alleluia! Amen.

Words: © John Geyer (b. 1932)
Music: Engelberg, C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant continues

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.*

Then is sung the following hymn of praise.

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S-280

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

The Celebrant says to the people

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.*

The First Lesson

Acts 2:14a,36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

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1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

The Epistle

1 Peter 1:17-23

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things

like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Hymn at the Sequence: Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

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- 1 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
thyselves at thine own board make manifest
in thine own Sacrament of Bread and Wine.
- 2 We meet, as in that upper room they met;
thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand:
“This is my body”; so thou givest yet:
faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.
- 3 One body we, one Body who partake,
one Church united in communion blest;
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
- 4 One with each other, Lord, for one in thee,
who art one Savior and one living Head;
then open thou our eyes, that we may see;
be known to us in breaking of the Bread.

Words: George W. Briggs (1875-1959)

Music: *Sursum Corda*, Alfred M. Smith (1879-1971)

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Linda Spiers

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

The Nicene Creed

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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.

The Prayers of the People

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The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop;
for Ian and Laura, our Bishops; for Linda, Benjamin, Carolyn, Geof, Bob, and Ellen,
our clergy; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

In this time of uncertainty and pandemic, we pray for all who govern and hold
authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We give thanks for all the efforts of people to help those in this time of need: for those
who have worked to address food insecurity; for nurses, doctors, and other hospital
aides; for teachers adapting to distance learning; and for countless other unknown
volunteers working to meet the needs of others. Give us grace to do your will in all that
we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for all those feeling isolated and lonely in this time of social distancing and
quarantine, and for all those suffering from the effects of COVID-19. Have compassion
on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for all who died, especially those who have succumbed to the coronavirus.
Give to all the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

We pray for those who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially Kathy Arthur, Ginny and Oscar Buracchi, Matheus Burke, Tony Custodio, Art Hackett, Dan Kucharski, Jim and Maria Lammlin, Hannah Roemhild, Pam Ryan, John Schumacher, Erika, Max, & Sophie Smallwood, Ken Way, Sean & Jessica Wheeldon, Gary Young, and all on our Home Prayer list.

We pray for the safety of those from our parish who serve in the Armed Forces, especially Douglas Hamilton, Carl Heise, Molly Jane Fresher, Andy Morgado, Andrew Roemhild, and Brian Tewart.

We give thanks for the work of our global ministry partners in Mozambique and the Diocese of Lebombo, especially Bishop Carlos, Father David and the congregation of St. Bernard's, and Jose, our Seminarian. We also give thanks for the work of Hospital Albert Schweitzer in Haiti.

We pray for the ongoing work of our local ministry partners: the Shoreline Soup Kitchen; Middlesex Habitat for Humanity; the Old Lyme VFW; Goodwin Elementary School; and for Sister Cities Essex Haiti.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The following prayer may be added.

Parish Transition Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we pray for our parish in this time of leadership transition.

We do not always know where we are going.

We cannot be sure how the road ahead of us will unfold.

You know our fears before we articulate them.

You know we are not alone and that change is part of living.

In your great goodness please illuminate the teams working toward our common goal.

Help us all to work together faithfully.

Help us to hear the quiet people as well as those who easily speak up.

Keep our hearts and minds open so that we can hear your word.

Help us to have your will be done, not ours.

Help us to pay attention even when distractions surround us.

Finally, open the hearts and ears of those beckoned by our parish to lead us into the future. Amen.

Written by the transition Prayer Team; second and third lines adapted from Thomas Merton.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

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

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

The Celebrant says an Offertory Sentence.

The Holy Communion

Anthem at the Offertory: This Joyful Eastertide

Phred Mileski, soprano

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with

them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hymnal S-125

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his

disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

[Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.]

[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]

[Remember _____.]

[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with _____) and] all the saints

who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours,
Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then is sung

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hymnal S-155

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

For those watching via Live Stream, the following prayer from St. Augustine's Prayer Book is made available for your personal devotion.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, (and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshipping there) I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

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, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

During this time of spiritual communion, music may be offered.

Devotional Hymn: Because He Lives

Phred Mileski, *soprano*

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

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The Celebrant then blesses the people.

The Deacon dismisses them with these or similar words

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postcommunion Hymn: For the beauty of the earth

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1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain

Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, *Christ our God ...*

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight, *Christ our God ...*

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, *Christ our God ...*

5 For the Church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
thy pure sacrifice of love, *Christ our God ...*

6 For each perfect gift of thine,
to the world so freely given,
faith and hope and love divine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven, *Christ our God ...*

Words: F. Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)

Music: *Dix*, W.H. Monk (1823-1889)

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