

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 14, 2024 • 10:45am
Celebrating: The Rev. Noah H. Evans
Preaching: The Rev. Charles L. Fischer III
Assisting: The Rev. Erin Morey

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Prelude

Welcome and Greetings

Opening Hymn: Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Hymnal 182

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.*

Song of Praise: He is risen, he is risen!, v.1, 4

Hymnal 180

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.*

The Lesson

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*(Please join in singing – turn to the back of the leaflet for music)***Sequence Music: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord, v.1****Hymnal 178**

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.
 Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.
 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

The Gospel**Luke 24:36b-48**

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

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**The Sermon**

The Rev. Charles L. Fischer III

The Creed

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

The Prayers of the People are written by Jon Delano. Respond to “Risen Lord, receive these our prayers” with “Open our hearts to your will.”

During the Easter Season, the Confession and Absolution are omitted.

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

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Pitoni

*Sing to the Lord a new song, praise Him in His holy church!
Let Israel rejoice in He who made them; let the Children of Zion exult in their King!*

Presentation Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, vs. 1

Hymnal 460

The Great Thanksgiving, EOW Prayer 1
The people may stand or kneel.

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 our 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:

Celebrant and People
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.

Hymnal S 128

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.

The Celebrant continues

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 St. Paul and 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

Hymnal S 146



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

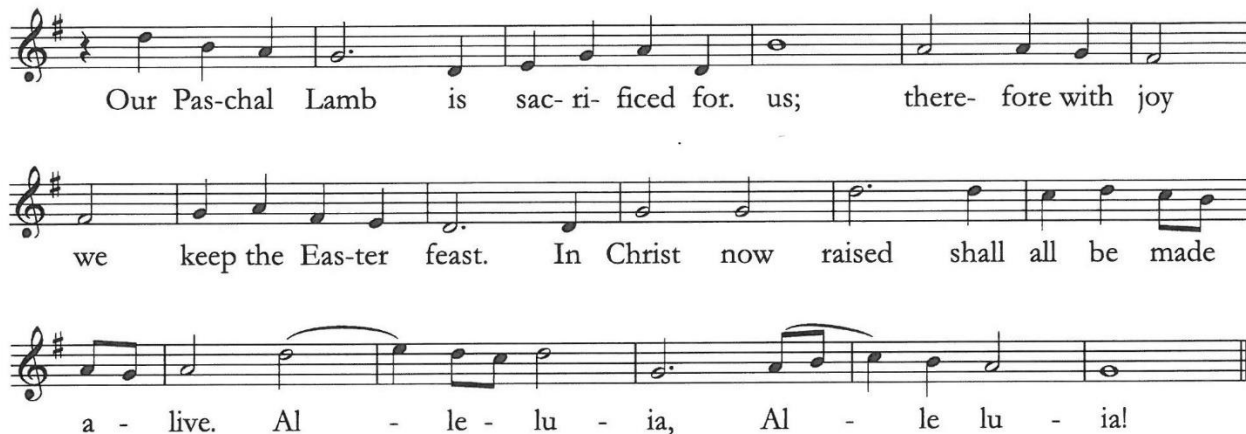
The Lord's Prayer

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Everyone is welcome to receive communion. Please come forward to receive through the center aisle, returning through the side aisles. You are welcome to receive just the bread, or the bread and the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please take the bread in your hand and sip the wine from the chalice. For sanitary reasons, we ask you not to dip the host in the wine. If you would like communion brought to you, please let a greeter know.

Healing Prayer

Before or after receiving Communion, you are invited to go to one of the two prayer stations on either side of the altar for laying on of hands and prayers for healing. You may ask for a prayer for yourself, someone you care for, or a general prayer. You may stand or sit for prayer. You will be asked if you wish to be anointed with oil and if you would like a hand placed on your shoulder. Our clergy or trained lay healing prayer ministers will keep all prayer requests in private confidence.

Communion Hymn: Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

Hymnal 306

Post Communion Prayer—said together

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

Closing Hymn: Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done

Hymnal 208

Dismissal

The worship is ended, the service begins.

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

The altar flowers are given, to the glory of God, in loving memory of Brian Dingle.

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Psalm 4

Setting by Jonathan Wooding

Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, and hear my prayer.

Tone

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 dishon- | or 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 u- | pon your | bed.
 5. Offer the appointed | sacri- | fices,
And put your | trust in the | Lord.
 6. (*cresc.*) Many are saying “Oh, that we might see | better | times!”
Lift up the light of Your countenance u- | pon us, O | Lord.
 7. (*f*) You have put gladness | in my | heart,
More than when grain and wine and | oil in- | crease.
 8. (*p*) I lie down in peace (*pause*) at once I | fall a- | sleep,
For only You—, Lord—, make me | dwell in | safety.
- Glory to the Father and | to the | Son,
and to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall | be for- | ever,
World without end (*pause*) | A- | men.