

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 18, 2021 ~ 9:00 am and 11:00 am



Third Sunday of Easter

WELCOME!

Greetings! We are delighted that you have joined us for our worship service, and so very thankful to be together in-person or virtually! Whether you are a member, a frequent visitor, or are visiting St. Peter's for the first time, we feel blessed by your presence.

We invite your questions regarding our ministries and life in the Episcopal Church. Please know that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion during our worship. Father Jim will guide us through Communion.

Thank you for helping us help you stay safe by following the guidelines on the back of this bulletin.

We are so glad you could be with us this morning and hope you will join us again.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
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The Greeting

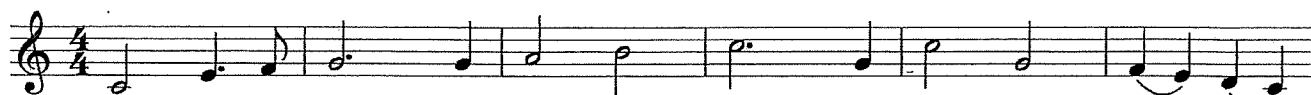
(BCP Page 355)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

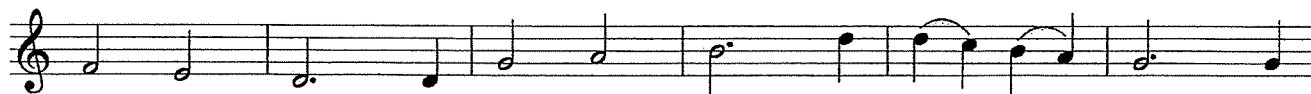
People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Processional: Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

(Hymn #182)



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



1. to the sky. Let streets and homes with prais - es ring. His
 2. Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the here and now and
 3. hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the midst of life, our
 4. wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet loves the more, and
 5. fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion lives and learns his



1. love in death shall nev - er die.
 2. con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3. Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4. lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5. joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Celebrant says

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.*

Glory To God ~ S 280

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, Larub of God. 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are scat - 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.

Collect of the Day: Third Sunday of Easter

(BCP Pages 224-225)

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 LESSONS (You may be seated)

THE FIRST READING: 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."

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 4

(BCP Pages 587-588)

Read responsively by whole verse.

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.

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

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

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

Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the LORD.

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

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

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

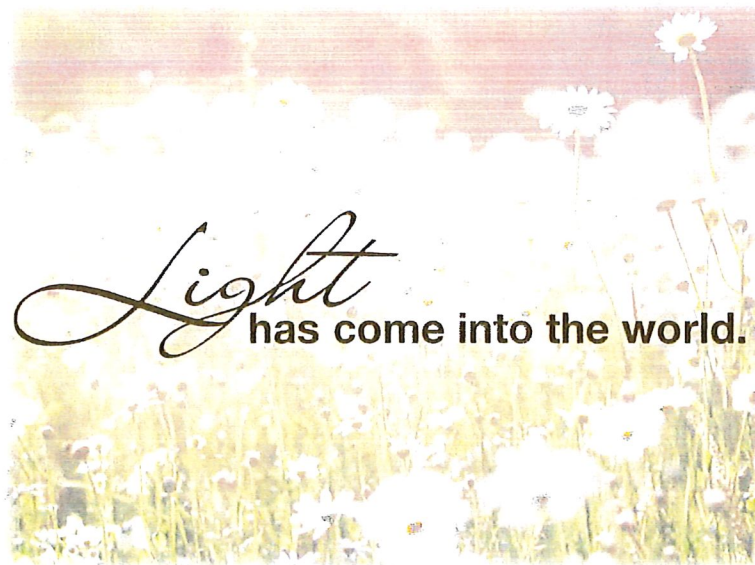
THE SECOND READING: John 3:1-7

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.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***



GOSPEL HYMN: Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice

(Hymn #212)



1. A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let Eas - ter
 2. Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the saints their
 3. those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in in - fi-
 4. His en - e - mies had sealed the stone as Pi - late
 5. O Dead a - rise! O Friend - less stand by ser - a-



1. mu - sic swell; re - joice in Christ, a - gain re-
 2. Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their ears and
 - 3. nite de - gree, those feet still free to move and
 4. gave them leave, lest dead and friend - less and a-
 - 5. phim a - dored! O Sol - i - tude a - gain .com-



- 1. joice and on his prais - es dwell.
 2. eyes but by his hands and feet,
 3. bleed for mil - lions and for me.
 - 4. lone he should their skill de - ceive.
 - 5. mand your host from heaven re - stored!



The Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36b-48

The congregation stands as are able.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise be to you, O Christ.*

**...repentance and
forgiveness of sins
is to be proclaimed
in
HIS
NAME
to all nations ...**
LUKE 24:47, NRSV



All stand as are able.

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(BCP Page 358)

*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ Form III

(BCP Pages 387)

The Leader and People pray responsively (You may sit or kneel as are able)

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 all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

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.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give 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.

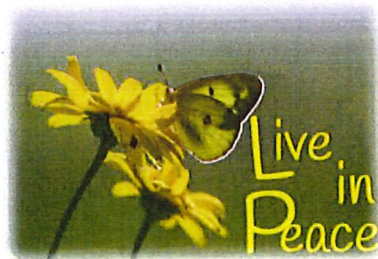
Silence

The Collect at the Prayers

(BCP Page 395)

The Celebrant says

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you": Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*



Confession of Sin

(BCP Page 360)

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.*

The Celebrant says

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

(BCP Page 360)

All stand as are able.

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

The Celebrant and People will greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer D

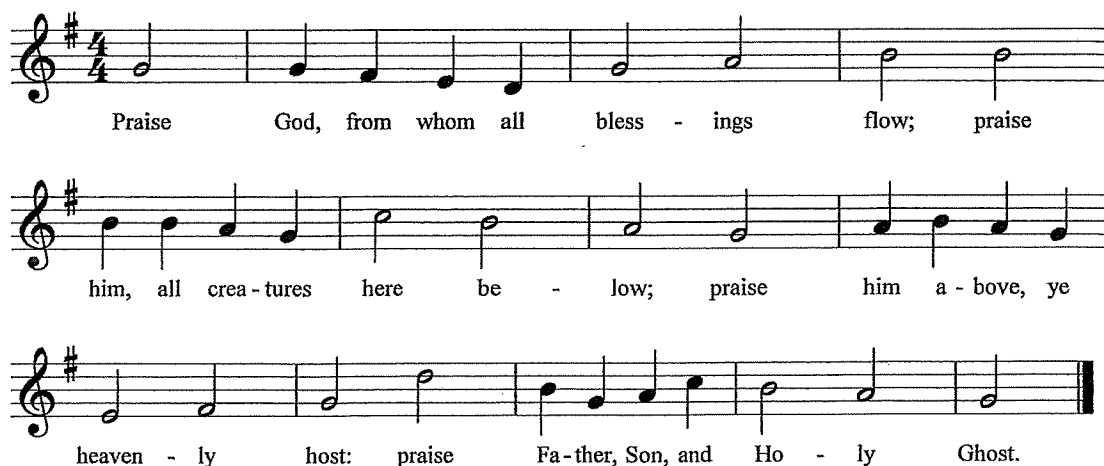
(BCP Pages 372-376)

Offertory Hymn: Instrumental

Doxology

Praise to God

Hymn #380



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving *(Please stand as are able)*

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 him thanks and praise.*

The Celebrant says

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

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power and might, hea - ven and earth are full,
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please sit or kneel as you are able.

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.

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 all who minister in your Church.
Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.
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 Peter 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.*

The Lord's Prayer

(C-114)

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.*

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

(BCP Page 337)

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

As you remain seated please listen for instructions for receiving communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS ~ Choir

HYMN: All the Riches of this Grace

(Hymn #C-158)

HYMN: Glorious Son of God

(Hymn #C-191)

Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

(BCP Page 365)

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.*

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

A Blessing for Easter

(The Book of Occasional Services, Page 26)

The Celebrant says

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

Recessional: Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing With Gladness

(Hymn #492)



1. Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest, sweet - est strain,
2. Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to Beth - lehem's cave,
3. So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man - kind the head,
4. Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's throne the Son



1. with the prais - es of your Sa - vior let his house re - sound a - gain;
2. stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture, bore the pain, the cross, the grave,
3. sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful Prince of life, a - mong the dead;
4. rules and guides the world he ran - somed, till the ap - point - ed work be done,



1. him let all your mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
2. passed with - in the gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
3. thus he wrought the full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
4. till he see, re - newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*Thank you to all who helped and participated
in our services this morning.*



Lay Readers:

9:00 am ~ Myra Kline & Wendy Laubach

11:00 am ~ Julie Pina

Vestry Person of the Day: Carrie Arrington

Greeters: Susan & Harry Craig

Director of Music Ministry: Meredith Carter

Musical Assistance: Alan Berkebile

The Ladies of the Altar Guild

St. Peter's COVID-19 Safety Guidelines are still in place!

PLEASE

Wear a mask
Stay 6 feet apart
Sanitize hands and
Use common sense



We invite one and all to join Father Jim as he leads us on a Journey in Faith

This 8-week class is for you if:

You're new to the church and would like to learn about the Episcopal faith.

You're a member of the church and would like to renew and deepen your faith and knowledge.

The class will meet on Thursday mornings at 10:30am. If you missed the 1st class on the 15th, you are welcome to the next on the 22nd! Social Distancing protocols are in place. Please let us know your interest in attending, although reservations are NOT required. If this time is not convenient for you, we would like to know, as the formation of another class is a possibility.

Using "An Outline of the Faith" from The Book of Common Prayer, let's learn from one another.



A new Faith Formation Study is continuing Monday, April 19 at 5:00 pm in person at St. Peter's or by ZOOM.

We will be celebrating & studying the life & ministry of Jesus after the Resurrection. This new Study Group will be led by Carol Frappier, Ruth Douglas & Aimee Kaduscwicz.

If interested, please contact the church office and let us know so we can make sure you receive the information needed!



Altar Flowers have been given to the glory of God in loving memory of Michael Smith by his parents Evelyn & Munson Smith



Happy Birthday to Ben Clark on the 19th; Diane Brady, JD Debler & Denice Smith on the 21st; Mary Catherine Pugh on the 22nd; & Will Couch on the 24th. Happy Anniversary to Father Jim & Christy on the 19th.

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