

**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, April 18, 2021**  
**Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

*Hymnal 427*

1. When morning gilds the skies, our hearts awaking cry / May Jesus Christ be praised! / In all our work and prayer / we ask his loving care: May Jesus Christ be praised!
2. To God, the Word on high, the hosts of angels cry / May Jesus Christ be praised! / Let mortals too upraise / their voice in hymns of praise: May Jesus Christ be praised!
3. Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound / May Jesus Christ be praised! / Let air and sea and sky / from depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Be this, when day is past, of all our thoughts the last / May Jesus Christ be praised! / The night becomes as day / when from the heart we say: May Jesus Christ be praised!

EASTER ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

WELCOME

*Fr John Roberts, Rector*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant prays (and the People may be invited to join)*

Almighty God, you gave your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly living: Give us grace thankfully to receive his inestimable benefits, and daily to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*Then follows the Summary of the Law,*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

MATTHEW 22:37-40<sup>T</sup>

THE KYRIE

*The Celebrant and people pray*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*BCP 591-592*

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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DROP-OFF

*One parent or guardian of a participating child please take your child to meet today's Sunday School teachers in the back of the Church.*

## THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 4:1-22

*English Standard Version*

<sup>1</sup> And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup> greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup> And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup> But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup> On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup> And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup> And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

<sup>13</sup> Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. <sup>14</sup> But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. <sup>15</sup> But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, <sup>16</sup> saying, “What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. <sup>17</sup> But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.” <sup>18</sup> So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup> But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, <sup>20</sup> for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” <sup>21</sup> And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. <sup>22</sup> For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98:1-5

*BCP p. 397*

<sup>1</sup> O sing unto the Lord a new song, \*

**for he has done marvelous things.**

<sup>2</sup> With his own right hand and with his holy arm, \*

**he has won for himself the victory.**

<sup>3</sup> The Lord declared his salvation; \*

**his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>4</sup> He has remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel,

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**and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.**

<sup>5</sup> Show yourselves joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*

**sing, rejoice, and give thanks.**

## THE SECOND LESSON: 1 John 1:1-2:2

*English Standard Version*

<sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup> the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup> My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup> He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

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

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## GRADUAL HYMN: "God Whose Love Is Always Stronger"

*Tune: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"*

1. God, whose love is always stronger / Than our weakness, pride and fear, / In your world, we pray and wonder / How to be more faithful here. / Hate too often grows inside us; / Fear rules what the nations do. / So we pray, when wars divide us: / Give us love, Lord! Make us new!

2. Love is patient, kind and caring, / Never arrogant or rude, / Never boastful, all things bearing; / Love rejoices in the truth. / When we're caught up in believing / War will make the terror cease, / Show us Jesus' way of living; / May our strength be in your peace.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:36-49

*English Standard Version*

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>36</sup> As the disciples were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup> But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup> 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

*Fr John Roberts, Rector*

## THE NICENE CREED

*On Sundays, other Major Feast Days, and other times as appointed, all stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Celebrant first saying*

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

*Celebrant and People*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten 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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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],<sup>†</sup>  
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
 who 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 Deacon or other person appointed says these prayers, or the Prayers of the People in the Anglican Standard Text.*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For N., our Archbishop, and N., our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy.

*People* **Hear our prayer**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service [especially \_\_\_\_\_].

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially \_\_\_\_\_].

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, [especially \_\_\_\_\_], in thanksgiving let us pray.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy.  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Additional petitions may be added, and thanksgivings may be invited, at this time either silently or aloud.*

*The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

*The Deacon or other person appointed says the following*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence*

*The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray*

**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 Bishop or Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

*The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but

have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16<sup>T</sup>

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.  
1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.  
1 JOHN 2:1-2

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with your spirit.**

*The Ministers and People may greet those they are gathered with in the name of the Lord. Texting or emailing others or the Peace or commenting with it on*

## THE OFFERTORY

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture (BCP 149-151).*

### OFFERTORY HYMN: "Our Lord You Were Sent"

*Tune: "How Firm A Foundation"*

1. Our Lord, you were sent to a place wild and vast / To ponder your mission, to pray and to fast; / Then hungry and weary, you faced night and day / The subtle temptations to turn from God's way.
2. How could it be wrong to want bread on the shelf? / To seek, in one's serving, to first serve one's self? / But by God's own word you remained ever sure: / It's only in God that our lives are secure.
3. How could it be wrong to step out and to dare, / To prove with great drama the depths of God's care? / But you knew God's word, true since all time began: / It's wrong to expect God to work by our plan.
4. How could it be wrong to just once bow the knee, / To shake hands with sin to achieve victory? / Yet you made it clear that no matter the cost: / Your path was obedience, your way was the cross.
5. Our Lord, in your struggle you chose to obey; / God's word filled your heart and you trusted God's way. / Now risen, you save us from sins that destroy; / You give us your Spirit, your peace and your joy.

## THE DOXOLOGY<sup>^</sup>

*Then, the people stand and may sing the doxology as follows*

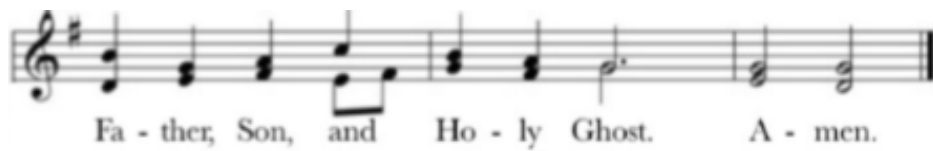


Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures



here be-low; praise Him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise





## DECLARATION OF INTENTIONS^

### THE SURSUM CORDA^

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings*



*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them, and to lead them into all truth; giving them boldness and fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel to all nations; by which we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of you, and of your Son Jesus Christ.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## THE SANCTUS

*Celebrant and People will sing*



## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*The People kneel as able. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,\* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Celebrant then says*

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

*Celebrant and People together pray*

**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 FRACTION

*If the consecrated Bread was not broken earlier, the Celebrant breaks it now. A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

## THE AGNUS DEI

*The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here*



*Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

JOHN 1:29<sup>T</sup>, REVELATION 19:9

*The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then those who will not be able to receive drive-thru Holy Communion are invited to pray along*

COMMUNION HYMN: "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup"

Eat this bread, drink this cup / Come to him and never be hungry / Eat this bread, drink this cup / Trust in him and you will not thirst.

Jesus Christ, bread of life / those who come to you will not hunger / Jesus Christ, Risen Lord / those who trust in you will not thirst.

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

1. I am weak but Thou art strong; / Jesus, keep me from all wrong; / I'll be satisfied as long / As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with Thee, / Grant it, Jesus, is my plea, / Daily walking close to Thee, / Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2. Thro' this world of toil and snares, / If I falter, Lord, who cares? / Who with me my burden shares? / None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. [Refrain]

3. When my feeble life is o'er, / Time for me will be no more; / Guide me gently, safely o'er / To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. [Refrain]

### A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION<sup>+</sup>

*BCP 677*

**Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people [gathered around every altar of your Church], and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING FOR EASTER

*BCP 593*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN: “All Hail the Power...”

*Hymnal 451*

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! / Let angels prostrate fall / bring forth the royal diadem / and crown him Lord of all! / bring forth the royal diadem / and crown him Lord of all!

4. Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race, / ye ransomed of the fall, / hail him who saves you by his grace / and crown him Lord of all! / hail him who saves you by his grace / and crown him Lord of all!

5. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget / the wormwood and the gall / go spread your trophies at his feet / and crown him Lord of all! / go spread your trophies at his feet / and crown him Lord of all!

6. Let every kindred, every tribe, / On this terrestrial ball, / To him all majesty ascribe / and crown him Lord of all! / To him all majesty ascribe / and crown him Lord of all!

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the people with these words, omitting Alleluia during Lent and on other penitential occasions.*

*Deacon*        Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Musical Settings are modified from the 1982 Hymnal. The Gloria in Excelsis (S-280) by Robert Powell, the Doxology (380, v.3) by Isaac Watts, the Sursum Corda (S-120) by James McGregor, the Sanctus (S-130) and the Agnus Dei (S-164) by Franz Peter Schubert.

“Renewed Ancient Text”

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