



*Nicolas Poussin, Saints Peter and John Healing the Lame Man, 1655.
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.*

*The Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024 — 9:00 am*

Christ Church

(Episcopal / Anglican)

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II, Prayer C
April 14, 2024 — 9:00 A.M.

Prelude “*Fanfare For Easter*” Young

Processional Hymn 305 “*Come Risen Lord*”

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant : Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Celebrant : 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.***

The Gloria S-280 “*Glory to God in the highest*”

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 Lessons

A Reading (Lesson) from 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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Solo “*Be Not Afraid*”

Dufford

Psalm 4 *Cum invocarem*

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 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 upon your bed.***
5. Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.
6. ***Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.***
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, Lord, make me dwell in safety.***

A Reading (Lesson) from 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

The Gospel Hymn 343 “Shepherd Of Souls”

Then, all standing, the Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Luke 24:36b-48

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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Don Caron, *Priest*

The Nicene Creed (*Sung to the tune of Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing 686 or Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 657*)

We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan,
earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began.
Jesus infant born of Mary He grew up in Galilee.

From the water with John the Baptist, He began his ministry.
Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.,

We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended. till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above;
saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.

So by faith, our sins forgiven,. Christ our Savior,
Lord and friend. we shall rise with him in glory.
to the life that knows no end.

Prayers of the People for the Third Sunday of Easter

Presider: Gathered as believers in Christ, made one body through baptism, let us offer prayers to God for the living hope of all the world.

Leader: For peace from on high and for our salvation.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our new brothers and sisters illumined by the light of Christ.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, Don our Priest, Leslie our Deacon.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the world and its leaders, especially Joseph, the President of the United States, Phillip the Governor of New Jersey and our nation and its people.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all those in need, especially *Ruth, Sharon, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Lynn, Jane, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Sean, Arlene, Barry, Joan, Mel, Carol, Pat, Paul, David, Stephanie, Natalie, Shannon, Sylvia, Ted*, all those who have asked for our prayers ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

For the dying and the dead especially, *Ed Smith, Francis & Alice Cole, Walter W. Salmon, Jr.*, those who care and grieve for them.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering our most glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord.***

Presider: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who gives us eternal peace through Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of glory, and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace (*All stand.*)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Offertory Duet “*Be Thou My Vision*”

Arr. Fetke

The Doxology (*Hymnal 380 Verse 3*)

All: ***Praise God of whom all blessings flow***

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above the heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer C

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.***

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your

Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy Holy, Holy Lord (*Hymnal S-130*)

*All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

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

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

Invitation

Communion Solo “O Lord Most Holy”

Franck

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Birthday Blessings

Anniversary Blessings

Announcements

Final Blessing

Recessional Hymn 325 “*I Am The Bread Of Life*”

The Deacon, dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia

Organ Postlude Toccata on “*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*” Jones

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THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR TODAY are in memory of
Ed Smith, by His Family

THE CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT is lit in memory of
Francis & Alice Cole by The McCamy Family and in memory of
Walter W. Salmon, Jr. by The Rev. Canon Dr. Alan K. Salmon

Participating in the 9am. Service

Duets: Carmen and Kim MUNI

Lector: Jeff Mack *Acolyte:* Mary Shea, Sally Barnes, Jeff Mack

Ushers: Roger King, Glenn Gulbin *Videographer:* Joe Yansick

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Counters: Don Dietz, Bob Engle

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NEXT SUNDAY we will be singing first and last verses of 3 hymns selected by the congregation at the Offertory. Feel free to select from either of our two hymnbooks.

THURSDAY STUDY GROUP will return on Thursday, April 18 at 10 a.m. in the Parish Parlor. Our study title is "FIRST LIGHT; JESUS AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD". This is a study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God with John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg, two of the world's leading Jesus scholars on location throughout the Galilee and Jerusalem. The title of the first session is "The Matrix of Jesus."

MID-WEEK SERVICE A celebration of the Eucharist is held every Wednesday at 10:00. It includes special mention of the persons on the parish prayer list and asks for God's healing for the world. The Service lasts about 45 minutes, with a conversation on the Person and scriptures of the day.

MEN'S GROUP. We will meet for about an hour every first and third Saturday of each month @ 9:00 am, and we will talk about the things that are important for a man's spiritual life. It's an opportunity to deepen relationships with other men of the parish, too.

MINISTRY TO RIVERVIEW ESTATES - On the first and third Sunday of each month, at 3:00 pm Christ Church leads a Communion service for the residents. Members of the parish are welcome to help the participants.

FISHES AND LOAVES MINISTRY April 16th, Noon to 2pm Join us for a free Lunch and Fellowship, all are invited and welcome, Bring a friend, Chair lift is available, No charge, but donations are welcome

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