

# ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

APRIL 14, 2024 † 10:30AM

**PRELUDE**

*Lord Jesus Christ, be present now, Wilhelm Rust*

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**



*Christ is alive!* Hymnal 1982, 182

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**



*Officiant* Alleluia, Christ is risen.

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

*Officiant* 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**

*God's Paschal Lamb*

WLP 880

God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast; forsaking  
sin, we share the bread of truth. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Now Christ is raised and will not die again;  
death has no more dominion over him; Through  
him we die to sin and live to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:  
though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in  
Christ's new life shall all be made alive. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**



*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant* 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.**

*Lector* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE   
*Antiphon, all sing*

Psalm 4



You have put \_\_\_\_\_ glad - ness in my \_\_\_ heart, O LORD.

- 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?"

*Antiphon*

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

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the LORD.

*Antiphon*

<sup>6</sup> Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup> I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

*Antiphon*

THE NEW TESTAMENT



1 John 3:1-7

*Lector* A reading from the first letter of John.

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN



*Look there! the Christ*, Hymnal 1982, 197

Look there! the Christ, our Brother, comes resplendent from the  
gallows tree and what he brings in his hurt hands is life on life for  
you and me. Joy! joy! joy to the heart and all in this good day's  
dawning!

Good Jesus Christ inside his pain looked down looked down  
Golgotha's stony slope and let the blood flow from his flesh to fill  
the springs of living hope. Joy! joy! joy to the heart and all in this  
good day's dawning!

Good Jesus Christ, our Brother, died in darkest hurt upon the tree  
to offer us the worlds of light that live inside the Trinity. Joy! joy!  
joy to the heart and all in this good day's dawning!

Look there! the Christ, our Brother, comes resplendent from the  
gallows tree and what he brings in his hurt hands in life on life for  
you and me. Joy! joy! joy to the heart and all in this good day's  
dawning!

## THE HOLY GOSPEL



Luke 24:36b-48

*Gospeller* 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.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON



The Rev. Aidan Rontani

**THE NICENE CREED**    

All    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**



*All remain standing.*

*Intercessor* In this Eastertide, as we celebrate the glory of the Resurrection and live into the hope that it brings, let us joyfully pray to the Lord, saying,

*People* **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

*Intercessor* For your Holy Church around the world, for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and for all the holy people of God, that like Mary Magdalene and the other women, we may share the good news of the empty tomb and embody the hope of the resurrection to the world. We pray to the Lord:

*People* **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

*Intercessor* For our nation, for our leaders and for all those in authority, and for all those who enjoy the blessings of this land, that we may be a people characterized by justice, peace, and self-giving love. We pray to the Lord:

*People* **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

*Intercessor* For our world, for the leaders and peoples of the nations, that they may know blessing and hope through the Prince of Peace. We remember especially the people of Ukraine, Haiti, Yemen, and the Middle East, that their peace may be restored and their divisions healed. We pray to the Lord:

*People* **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

*Intercessor* For the people of the Holy Land, Israeli and Palestinian, that they may live and thrive in peace, and see the end to Anti-semitism and Islamophobia around the world. We pray to the Lord:

*People* **Alleluia, Christ is risen!**

*Intercessor* For the poor, the homeless, the destitute, and for all those in need, that they may find succor and hope, and that we all might have a care for those who are less fortunate. We pray to the Lord:

*People* **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

*Intercessor* For all those suffering from discrimination and oppression, that we all may come to accept and love those who differ from us. We pray to the Lord:

*People* **Alleluia, Christ is risen!**

*Intercessor* For the sick and the suffering, that they may be brought new life and health through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We pray to the Lord:

*People* **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

*Intercessor* For all those who have died, that their tombs one day stand as empty as our Lord's, and for those who mourn that they may know the joy of a stone rolled away and an everlasting life opened to all. We pray to the Lord:

*People* **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

*Intercessor* For our church, that we may continue to find new life and renewal, and become a beacon of resurrection hope in our community. We pray to the Lord:

*People* **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

*Silence*

*Presider* O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE



*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

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Watch over thy child, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE OFFERTORY SELECTION



*Now the Green Blade Riseth...*





*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in the 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,

*Presider and People*

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**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.**

*The people stand or kneel*

*The Presider 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 Presider is to hold it, or 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 you 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.

*Presider and People*

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

*The Presider 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.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, 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,

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*All* 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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

AT THE FRACTION

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Presider says the following Invitation*

*Presider* 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.

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians, regardless of your denomination or church affiliation, are invited to come forward to receive communion. As you come forward, place your hands out in front of you to receive the Body of Christ in your palm. Gluten-free wafers are available, just whisper to our Presider that this is your wish. Those with mobility issues may also receive communion in your pew rather than needing to come forward. Please indicate to the ushers that this is your wish, and our Presider will bring communion to you.*

*If you would like to receive the Blood of Christ by intinction (having the bread dipped into the wine, without sipping directly from the cup), point to the chalice. The Presider will dip the wafer into the wine then hold it out to you to take a dry corner in your fingers. Please then step aside to consume the sacrament. If you would just like to receive the bread, cross your palms in front of you to receive the Body of Christ. If you would like to receive from the chalice, you may receive the bread in your palm and consume it, then step toward the chalice to receive the Blood of Christ.*

*If you are not baptized, or do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to remain in your pew or come forward for a blessing. Cross your arms over your chest and the Presider will offer a blessing in the name of our Lord. If you are not baptized, but feel drawn to the sacraments and wish to receive, that is a holy longing! Please reach out to Fr. Aidan or our church office to discern whether you wish to be baptized and explore new life in Christ. For any who choose not to receive communion for reasons of comfort or conscience, please know that we are enriched by your prayers and presence with us, and we are delighted you are here today.*

COMMUNION HYMN



*Come, risen Lord, Hymnal 1982, 306*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** 

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* **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.**

**THE FINAL BLESSING** 

*Presider* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through 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 blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**CLOSING HYMN** 

*Sing, ye faithful, Hymnal 1982, 492*

**THE DISMISSAL**



*Presider* Alleluia. Alleluia.  
Let go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**



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*Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Wendy Little, in celebration:  
Happy birthday, Bret. I am proud of the father, husband, and person you have become.  
Love, Mom and Frank.*



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