



The Third Sunday of Easter • Year B

Sunday, April 14, 2024 • 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Church of the Ascension. We are an inclusive community that respects the dignity of every human being. Therefore, whoever you are in terms of race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability and wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome you and hope you will give us an opportunity to be your spiritual home. At this time, **masks are recommended but not mandatory for congregational singing.**

The lit candle before the altar is “the Peace and Justice Candle.” It stands to proclaim our commitment against any kind of injustice, prejudice, or discrimination based on difference, and also our prayers for an end to war, violence, genocide, and gun violence.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

PRELUDE

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Bailey Joy Myers, *piano*

Mark Hayes

Tune: Joyful Song Chester G. Allen, (1838-1878)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN HYMNAL 180

He Is Risen, He Is Risen

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.

Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680), alt.

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
ra - dian't brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,



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let the whole wide earth re-joice: death is con- quered,
 Je- sus' woes are o- ver now, and the pas- sion
 yon- der glo- rious morn- ing ray, break- ing o'er the
 ris- en to a ho- lier state; and a bright- er

we are free, Christ has won the vic- to- ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur- ple east, sym- bol of our Eas- ter feast.
 Eas- ter beam on our long- ing eyes shall stream.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

SONG OF PRAISE

HYMNAL S 278

Glory to God/Gloria in excelsis

Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

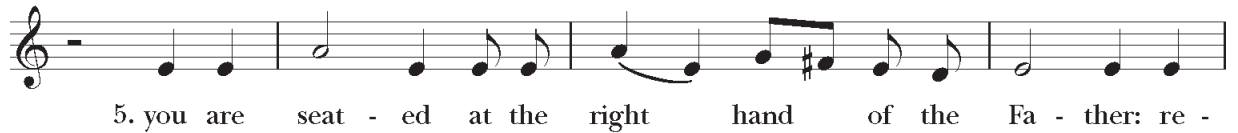
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo- ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven- ly King, al-
 might- y God and Fa-ther, we wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo- ry. 3. Lord Je- sus Christ,



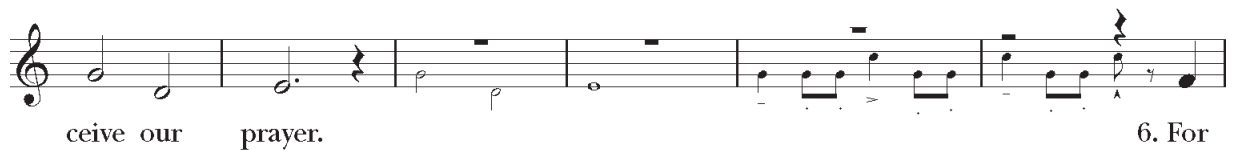
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



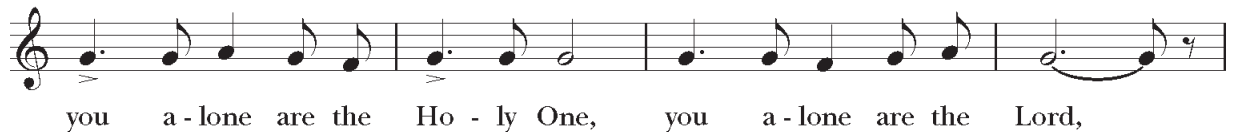
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



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.

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 FIRST LESSONFrank Malone, *Lector***Acts 3:12-19***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.”

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

PSALM 4Frank Malone, *Lector*

- 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.**

THE SECOND LESSONFrank Malone, *Lector***1 John 3:1-7***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.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Hymnal 208

The Strife is O'er

Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt.

Music: *Victory*, Giovanni Pierluigi Palestrina (1525-1594); adpt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

I The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -

I ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph

I has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

Deacon 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.**

SERMON

The Rev. Terri M. Murphy, Deacon

A moment of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED (STANDING)

**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 FOR EASTER Annie Brown, *Intercessor*

God of the bright and morning star, God of the rising sun, God of darkness banished, we praise and worship you!

God of love, we praise you!

For empty tombs: thank you! For disciples running with good news: thank you! For your presence, alive, powerful, resurrected: thank you! We celebrate your victory over death, over all the powers that would defeat us.

God of love, we thank you!

Help us to grasp resurrection; to understand its power, to see its force at work in our world, overturning evil empires, changing the hatred within us, moving the world slowly, forcefully, bending us towards love and truth.

God of love, transform us!

On this day of great gladness empower us to be your ambassadors, proclaiming good news. Good news in our kitchens and living rooms, good news in the offices and workshops good news in the fields and factories. Today in our parish we pray for Maggie and Orion Howard; Hunter, Ross, Andrew and Brandon Howe; Addison and Gloria Hunt and Chris Parker Hunt; Fern Hunt and Mary Kelly; and Magda Jackson-Cooper. We pray also for the birthdays of Monica Allen, Mark Bolgiano, Will Bolgiano, Heidi Nelson, Andrew Howe, and Allan Van Buren. And for the wedding anniversary of Emile and Nancy Thomas.

God of love, empower us!

We pray especially today for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Joan our rector, Terri our deacon, Bailey, our Director of Music Ministries; and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the People of God. In our Diocese, we pray for the laity in our diocese who are the center of the work and love of our parishes and their communities. Pray in St. George's Church, Glenn Dale; St. George's Church, Valley Lee; and St. George's, DC. In the Anglican communion we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

God of love, fill our hearts with gratitude.

Help us to be that good news, walking softly on this good earth caring gently for all people, living hopefully into your kingdom. Today we pray to you for all who are sick or are in any need or trouble, especially *Faye ... *Sadie ... Virginia ... Tina ... Cindy ... *Bob¹ ... David ...

Joré Yvonne ... Frances ... Kester ... *Keith ... *Sally ... Sean ... Geoff ... Elizabeth ... Judy ... Ben ...

Jere ... Joe ... Vivian ... *Maggie ... Sheldon ... *Chris ... *Dawn ... *Eva ... Daniel ... Roger¹ ...

*Roger² ... Beverly ... Judy ... Robin ... Emily ... *Carol ... *Heather ... *Martha ... Ceil ... *Joyce ...

Darion ... *Joan and Family ... *Helen ... and *Libby.

God of love, heal us!

We pray for those places in the world that are torn by war and bloodshed, especially Ukraine and the Middle East, and all those we name at this time.

Silence

God of love, give us peace!

We pray for all who have died, and all who grieve the emptiness and loss, that death brings. May we have hope that we will see them again in the resurrection when we too join the Communion of the Saints, especially those in whose loving memory the Easter flowers have been dedicated.

God of love, comfort us!

I invite you now to offer up your petitions or thanksgivings either aloud or in the silence of your hearts.
Silence

Celebrant

In this world of broken hopes and dreams, may we catch sight of your kingdom to come, in the person of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, who lives and reigns, forevermore. **Amen.**

Written by Carole Penner, and posted on her *Leading in Worship* blog. <http://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/>

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Can I Keep from Singing *The Chancel Choir*

Quaker Song, Arr. Jay Althouse

Directed by **Bailey Joy Myers**

*My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real, though far-off song that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?*

*While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth: it liveth.
And though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?
Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

WLP 766

You're Called by Name, Forever Loved

Words: Roselind Brown (b. 1953)
Music: Sara H., Kevin R. Hackett (b. 1956)

1. You're called by name, for - ev - er loved, a -
2. Marked as Christ's own, signed by the cross where
3. Raised to new life, a life of grace, set
4. Sealed by the Spi - rit, Lord of life, sus -

dopt - ed as a child of God. Now one with us, the
Je - sus for our sins once died. with Je - sus bur - ied
free from sin, in Christ to grow; his res - ur - rec - tion
tained and strength - ened by his might. Joined to the church to

fam - i - ly of those who know and love the Lord.
in his death, called to con - fess Christ cru - ci - fied.
to pro - claim, his love in all of life to know.
share, with us, the in - her - i - tance of saints in light.

Refrain
 Lord, in your hands we place your own. Lord,
 In your hands we place your own. Lord,
 Lord, in your hands we place your own. Lord,
 in their lives make your love known.

OFFERTORY WORDS

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARIST PRAYER A

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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



SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

HYMNAL S 128


Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)


Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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." 

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.

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,
for ever and ever. AMEN.**

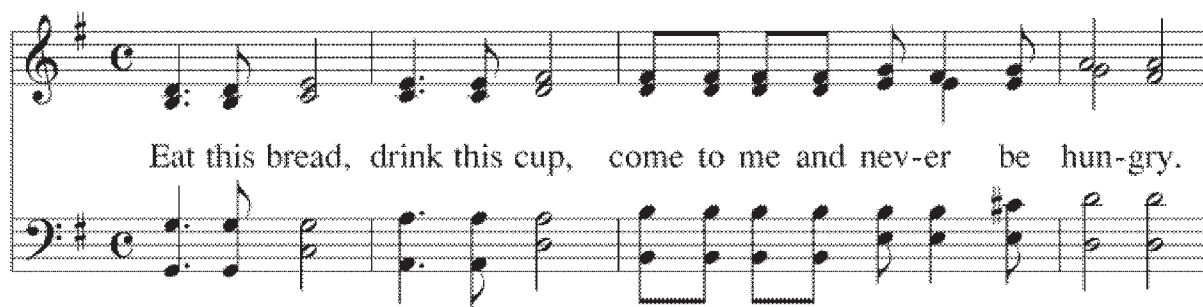
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

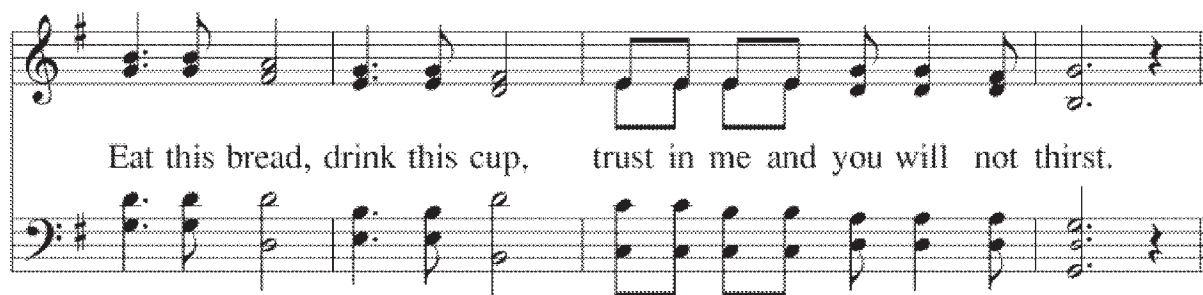
FRACTION ANTHEM

Eat This Bread

Taizé.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God, for you, the beloved people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, and died, and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*No matter where you are on your walk of faith, this is Christ's table and all are welcome to the Feast.
Gluten-free wafers available upon request.*

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMNAL 306 *Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to be our Guest*

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959) alt.
Music: *Susum Corda* Alfred Mrton Smith(1879-1971)



1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;
2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,



may, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:
one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;
who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;



thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest
"This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;



in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.



Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *AMEN.*

THE EASTER BLESSING

DISMISSAL

PROCESSION INTO THE WORLD

LEVAS 41

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

Words: Gloria Gaither (b. 1942) and William Gaither (b. 1936)

Music: William Gaither (b. 1936)

1. Christ has a - ris - en, Al - le - lu - ia. Re - joice and
2. For three long days the grave did its worst, Un - til its
3. The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!" You look for
4. "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave; He has a -
5. Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free; Al - le - lu -

1. praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia. For our Re - deem - er burst from the
2. strength by God was dis - persed. He who gives life did death un - der -
3. Je - sus who is not here. See for your - selves the tomb is all
4. ris - en this world to save. Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are
5. ia, to Him prais - es be. Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all

1. tomb E - ven from death dis - pel - ling its gloom.
2. go; And in its con - quest His might did show.
3. bare; On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there." Let us sing praise to Him
4. done; E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
5. sing; He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

with end-less joy. Death's fear-ful sting He has come to de-stroy, Our sin for-
 giv-ing, Al-le-lu-ia. Je-sus is liv-ing, Al-le-lu-ia.

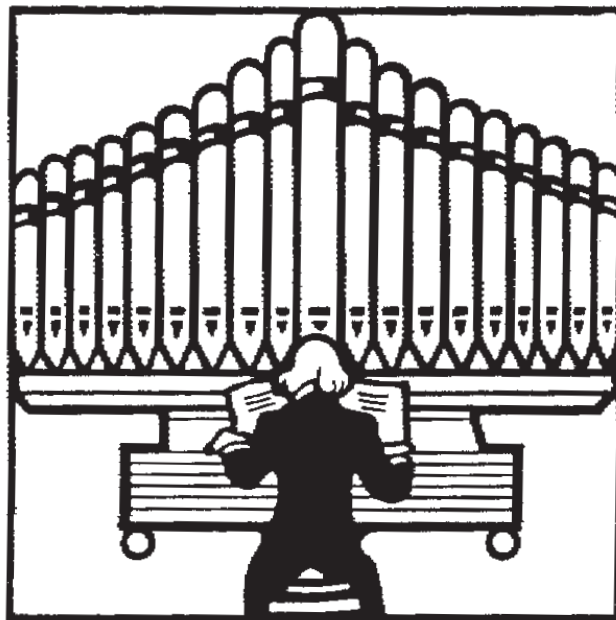
POSTLUDE:

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

James Mansfield

Tune: *Erschienen ist der Herrlich Tag*, Nikolaus Herman (c. 1480-1561)

Bailey Joy Myers, *organ*



The ORIGINS CONCERT SERIES, a hub for adventurous music seekers, returns to the

Church of the Ascension!

next Saturday, April 20 • 8:00 p.m.



Experience the happy trance of *Brown Squares for two flutes & electronics* by Flutronix, the intricate drone growl of *Guttur Duo* by Alexandre Lunsqui, the mesmerizing peal of *A Call to Prayer* for flute and nature film by Carrie Rose, the shimmering conversation of *Dioskuren* by Caterina Calderoni, the floating breath of *Similar, Too* by Mark Menzies, the deep unearthly tones of bass flute in *Persephoneia* by Adam Greene, and the danceable impish groove of *Run-On for two flutes & electronics* by Allison Loggins-Hull. All music was written between 2008-2024.

Performers are the *inHALE Flute Collective*: **Lisa Cella** and **Carrie Rose** on C Flute, Bass Flute, and Alto Flute.

Meet the artists at a reception following the show!

Suggested Donation: \$15 Adults | \$10 Youth 18 and under, are taken at the door (cash, venmo, zelle). Or, see the website below to register via Eventbrite in advance.

www.originsconcertseries.org



April Coffee Hours Wide Open



I feel a coffee hour haiku coming on.

*Coffee is brewing
Arms open to new friendships
Old bonds are strengthened*



It can only get worse, so stop me by signing up for any April Coffee Hour (*April 14, 21, 28*).

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at the back of the parish hall. Email, text, or call Jacki Smith with any questions ([argon412™@yahoo.com](mailto:argon412@yahoo.com) 301-613-3424)

OPENING NIGHT

Ascension's Online Annual Fundraiser Saturday Evening, May 4 @ 6:30 pm!

Join us from your table for a virtual dinner theater experience featuring music, games, prizes, and a play performed by Ascension's finest actors – or perhaps we should say, a “play on words.” Who stole the missing letter, and which of our actors will steal the show? Find out the answers to these and other mysteries on Saturday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m.!

Watch your inboxes for more information about how to register, coming next week.

CALLING ALL ACTORS!

Seeking aspiring actors to participate in a humorous mystery play to be filmed for the annual fundraiser! No memorization of lines required, and the time commitment would be an hour or two of filming at a mutually convenient time. **RSVP to Bailey Myers at baileyjoymyers@gmail.com by Wednesday, April 17 to sign up.**



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**SATURDAY, MAY 18 • 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
IN THE PARISH HALL • ALL ARE WELCOME!**

The Church of the Ascension's *Conversations on Race Group* cordially invites you to an interview and —discussion with the Civil Rights and social justice activist **The Rev. Ruby Sales**.



The topic of this special event is “*Learning from the Past to Prepare for the Future*” in these uncertain and turbulent times. As a 17-year-old activist, Ruby Sales demonstrated to protest the actions of White grocery store owners in Alabama. After being released from jail, one of her fellow protestors, seminary student Jonathan Daniels, was shot and killed as he pulled Ruby out of the line of fire. Rev. Sales has devoted her life to advocating for racial and social justice for all — regardless of race, class, sexual orientation, gender, age and the reconciliation so urgently needed. You can watch her Ted Talk, (Link: https://www.ted.com/talks/ruby_sales_how_we_can_start_to_heal_the_pain_of_racial_division?language=en) or her oral history talk for the Library of Congress (Link: <https://www.loc.gov/search/?in=&q=ruby+sales&new=true&st=>) to prepare yourself.

Please join us in the Parish Hall from 9:30 am -12:30 pm to hear Ruby's wisdom and be inspired! Refreshments will be provided. Questions? Contact Conversations on Race at office@ascensionsilverspring.org.

Mustard Seed Ministry Opportunities

April 2024



Ascension's Mustard Seed Ministry offers simple moments of ministry that are easy to complete, often from the comfort of your own home. Don't know what to do to combat the hate and need you see all around you? Choose one or more of the Mustard Seed opportunities below!

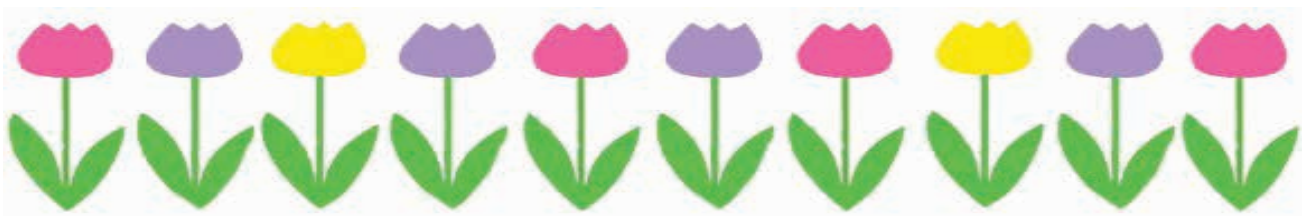
- **Yard work and gardening help** needed around the church, Contact Leticia Read at leticiatr@verizon.net
- **Tommy's Pantry**, volunteer to help at Ascension on Saturdays to prep and distribute food to needy neighbors. For more info contact tommyspantry.org or Libbie Griffin libbiegriffin@gmail.com
- **Casserole Ministry**. Shepherd's Table asks that rather than making a casserole for Shepherd's Table, you donate the cost of making one (\$10), To Shepherd's Table. to Feed the 5,000" we need an average of \$416.00 donated per month. Please let Carol Schwobel know of your donation. Cjs_skye@hotmail.com
- **Drop off a \$10.00 Giant or Safeway food cards** at services or in the mail slot in Ascension House. Or make a donation to the deacon's discretionary fund to help support our street ministry.
- **Join a street ministry team!** We are looking for people to join our team especially for the every other Wednesday patrol. On the first and third Wednesdays of the month, they go out from 10-11 p.m. to distribute gift cards to the homeless in the area.
- **Diaper Ministry** to benefit Greater DC Diaper Bank and Silver Spring/Takoma Park Mutual Aid. Please drop off diapers and wipes at Church on Sunday mornings. For more info contact Laura Schattschneider at les291@nyu.edu; Drew Snyder at drewsnyder@pobox.com
- Want to help a child stay in school in Ecuador? The cost is a minimal \$22/month. Joan and I worked with these people when we were there, and every penny goes to the child's educational costs. To donate to Education=Hope, go to educationequalshope.org/ecuador.html

In March we donated:

Homeless Ministry: distributed \$820 in gift cards last month.

Shepherds table donations for March \$342.00:

There were no donations for diaper ministry in March:



Serving This Week

Sunday, April 14, 2024

The Third Sunday of Easter

Celebrant & Preacher: **The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, Rector**
The Rev. Terri M. Murphy, Deacon
Sunday Warden: **Jane Alperson**

Altar Guild: **Kate Rohrbaugh, Leona Cosby, Denise Franklin,
Nathan Franklin, and Brenda Freeman**

8:00 AM Service

Lector/Intercessor: **Tom Jacobson**
LEM: **Luz Guiab**

10:00 AM Service

Director of Music Ministries: **Bailey Joy Myers**
Lector: **Frank Malone**
Intercessor: **Annie Brown**

LEMs: **Gloria Hunt and Cathy Eliot**
Ushers & Greeters: **Chuck McCarter and Jacki Smith**
Tech Team: **Lia Kvatum and Violet Connell Kvatum**

Serving Next Week

Sunday, April 21, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: **The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, Rector**
Preacher: **The Rev. Terri M. Murphy, Deacon**
Sunday Warden: **Joe Simpich**

Altar Guild: **Hunter Howe, Jeanette Witter, Deborah Percell,
and Mary Beth Flournoy**

8:00 AM Service

Lector/Intercessor: **Jocelyn Lindsay**
LEM: **Morna Holden**

10:00 AM Service

Director of Music Ministries: **Bailey Joy Myers**
Lector: **Liz Malone**
Intercessor: **Kenn Derby**

LEMs: **Buck Buckingham and Bob Cosby**
Ushers & Greeters: **Bill Schauman and Kathleen Fulton**
Tech Team: **Monica Allen and Bill Schauman**

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THE VESTRY OF ASCENSION

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 - Cathy Eliot (27) • Denise Franklin (25)
- Chris Parker Hunt (25) • Barb Menard (27) • Deborah Percell (27)
 - Joe Simpich (25) • Andreas Smith (27)
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To submit a prayer request or
add birthdays, anniversaries, and other thanksgivings
to the Sunday prayer list please email:
Jennifer Woods, knitpick@mac.com and
The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, revdrjeb@comcast.net



For peace and an end to violence and terrorism everywhere.

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Maggie and Orion Howard
Hunter, Ross, Andrew and Brandon Howe
Addison and Gloria Hunt and Chris Parker Hunt
Fern Hunt and Mary Kelly;
Magda Jackson-Cooper

For those celebrating birthdays:

April 15: **Monica Allen**

April 17: **Mark Bolgiano, Will Bolgiano**

April 18: **Heidi Nelson**

April 19: **Andrew Howe, Allan Van Buren**

For those celebrating anniversaries:

April 18: **Emile and Nancy Thomas (9th)**

In our Diocese:

We pray for the laity in our diocese who are the center of the
work and love of our parishes and their communities.

St. George's Church, Glenn Dale

St. George's Church, Valley Lee

St. George's, DC

In the Anglican Communion:

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa,

New Zealand and Polynesia

For those with HIV/AIDS everywhere, but especially in Africa.

In the World:

All with the COVID-19 virus and all who have died.

For people in need of healing

(*indicates a member of the parish; italics, new this week):

*Faye Adams, *Sadie Ajavon, Virginia Allen, Tina Arnold,
Cindy Bean, *Bob Brown, *David Cato*, Joré Yvonne Chumbley,
Kester Duncan, *Keith Ecker, *Sally Feder, Sean Fitzsimmons,
Geoff Grub, Elizabeth Haines, Judy Haveman, Ben Heffer,
Jere Herzenberg, Joe Hickerson, Vivian Hill, *Maggie Howard,
Sheldon Jones, *Chris Lewellyn, *Dawn Martin,
*Eva McBurrough, Daniel Moodie, Roger Philip¹,
*Roger Rohrbaugh², Beverly Roof, Judy Sasmore,
Robin Schueneman, Emily Schuster, *Carol Schwobel,
*Heather Sisan, *Martha Smith, Ceil Snyder, *Joyce Sterling,
Darion Thomas, *Joan Thomas and Family, *Helen Van Doren,
*Libby Williams

*Please take the Prayer List home
for use in daily prayers.*