

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Hymnal # 174

The Word of God

BCP 355

*The people standing, the Priest says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*The Priest says the Collect for Purity*

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.**

Gloria

Hymnal # 417

The Collect of the Day

*The Priest says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*The Priest says the Collect.*

**Amen.**

**The Lessons**

**BCP 357**

*The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (3:12-19)

<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw it, he 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? <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup> ‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

*After each Reading, the Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God of my right!  
You gave me room when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame?  
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?  
*Selah*

<sup>3</sup> But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;  
the LORD hears when I call to him.

<sup>4</sup> When you are disturbed, do not sin;  
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.  
*Selah*

<sup>5</sup> Offer right sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> There are many who say, ‘O that we might see some good!  
Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!’

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart  
more than when their grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup> I will both lie down and sleep in peace;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

A reading from the first letter of John (3:1-7)

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>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.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke (24:36b-48)

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>36b</sup> Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>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.’ <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, 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 in their presence.

<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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>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, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

*“An Earthly Redemption”*

Fr. Tom Reeves

*All standing*

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

Form II

*The people standing or kneeling*

BCP 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
for our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all  
ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;  
and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the  
oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper  
knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed .  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Priest says the Collect.*

**Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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 Peace

BCP 360

*All stand. The Priest says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem

The Great Thanksgiving

*All those baptized by a known Christian tradition are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We encourage our members to receive the wine by the Common Cup. However, if you choose to intinct (dip) the bread into the wine, please allow the cupbearer to intinct for you.*

Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 372

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

*Celebrant and People*

S 124

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

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*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own

first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant 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 he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Presiding Bishop, Michael Currey, Bishop Burgess, Father Tom, and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

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Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

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

S 119

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

S 161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn

Hymnal # 343

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you  
 with gladness and singleness of heart;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

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Dismissal

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

Hymnal # 205

Postlude

*(go forth into mission, exiting the sanctuary as the postlude is being played)*

*Today's altar flowers are  
shared in loving memory of John David Venus,  
by his daughter, Valerie Schaeffer.*

**St. Matthew's Schedule beginning April 14**

**14 Sunday**—7:30 a.m.—Rite I  
9:00 a.m.—Adult Study  
10:00 a.m.—Rite II  
Children's Choir rehearsal  
Bell ringers rehearsal  
11:00 a.m.—Coffee Hour  
5:30 p.m.—Evening Prayer

**Monday**—

**Tuesday**—10:00 a.m.—Stitchin' Bees

**Wednesday**—4:30 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday** —7:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer

**Friday**—

**Saturday**—

**21 Sunday**—7:30 a.m.—Rite I  
9:00 a.m.—Adult Study  
10:00 a.m.—Rite II  
Children's Choir rehearsal  
Bell ringers rehearsal  
11:00 a.m.—Coffee Hour  
5:30 p.m.—Evening Prayer

*Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9 a.m.—1 p.m.*

*\* Approved Groups—St. Matthew's guests attending.*

**Reoccurring Events:**

Each Sunday—Adult Study in Parish Hall, 9AM  
Each Tuesday—Stitchin' Bees, 10 AM  
Third Thursday—Vestry, 6:30 PM  
Second Saturday—Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8AM  
Second Sunday—Tolkien Reading Group, 6PM  
Third Sunday—Theology Uncorked, 6PM

