

ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

April 18, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Live on Facebook and YouTube

The Altar Flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and
in thanksgiving for her parents, Joan & Larry Corr given by Susan Lenkaitis

PRELUDE: It is Well with My Soul

arr. Mark Hayes

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymnal 657 (v. 1 & 2)

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God

Hymnal S280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
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 LESSON

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.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches
Thanks be to God

PSALM 4 (read responsively)

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.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

MEDITATION MUSIC: Nearer my God to Thee

arr. Diane Bish

THE SECOND LESSON

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.

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SEQUENCE HYMN: Abide with me

Hymnal 662 (v. 1 & 2)

- 1 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 2 I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
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.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Kevin Dellaria

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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

Deacon: Let us pray for Christ's Church, and for the world.

Creator God who entrusted this planet to us, help us to be conscious caretakers of its oceans and continents. May we recognize its fragility as a pinprick of light in space and hold in reverence all forms of life.

For the flow of time and return of seasons.
We give praise and thanksgiving.

We pray for the universal church whose teachings are present in the world and in our hearts. May we grow in holiness and humility, and reach out to those who respond to its challenges or seek its comfort.

For the unity of worship which transcends difference.
We give praise and thanksgiving.

Lord, look to our nation in these troubled times, and guide those in authority that they grow in wisdom and come to know the true meaning of service.

For the embrace of your Love which heals division.

We give praise and thanksgiving.

We ask your protection on all medical workers, care givers, first responders, and those who labor in essential services. May your hand guide and protect them, and your Spirit fill all of us with patience, compassion and respect.

For the strength of community to overcome crisis.

We give praise and thanksgiving.

We pray for our parish, St. Francis-in-the-Fields, for Willistown Township, and for Chester County, and for all communities represented in our parish. May we understand our place in the varied tapestry of humanity, and support one another in word and action.

For concern and friendship offered in unlikely places.

We give praise and thanksgiving.

For those who are suffering this season because death has come near, or where mental or physical illness has disfigured mind or body, may we look to the resurrection of our crucified Lord and know that we are not alone.

For the comfort of your embrace.

Thanksgiving and praise forever and ever.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Praise to the Lord

arr. Mark Hayes

DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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 was 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Hymnal S129

**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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O God,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. And in those homes where elements have been gathered, let their presence be in remembrance of your death, until you come again.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed St. Francis, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

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 FRACTION

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM: Christ our Passover

Hymnal S155

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the fest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

A PRAYER FOR COMMUNION IN SEPARATION

Creator of all and Giver of Life, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed together at your table, and we lament our distance now. Be present, Lord Jesus, in our separation, as you are always present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of the bread. May your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. **Amen**

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC: Improvisation on Hyfrydol

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

EOW 70

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

SEASONAL BLESSING

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 blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: All hail the power of Jesus' Name Hymnal 450 (v. 1 & 6)

- 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!
- 6 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
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DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: Toccata

Theodore Dubois

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ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS
WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS – April 18, 2021

Streaming Only at 10 am – Outside at 11:30 am

Due to COVID-19, St. Francis will continue to do a streaming-only service at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings. Outdoor, in-person worship is at 11:30 am, and will continue at that time on Sundays, weather permitting. The outside service will be limited to 50 people for now, seating will be offered with social distancing, and masks will be required. Registration information with a link to our registration page on SignUp Genius will be sent each week. You may also park in the parking lot and remain in your car and tune your radio to 92.7. No registration is required for the parking lot and Communion will be brought to you.

Drive-In Eucharist

A shorter service of Drive-In Eucharist is offered on **Wednesdays at Noon and on Sundays when the Youth Group gathers** (see schedule). To be part of this short service, simply park in the St. Francis parking lot, stay in your car, and tune your radio to 92.7 FM. A bulletin will be provided to follow the service, and Fr. Kevin and/or Diane will bring communion to your car. All services are subject to weather.

Pickleball

During the month of April, Pickleball will be set up in the parking lot from 5:00- 6:30 every Wednesday (weather permitting) for anyone interested in learning to play or sharpening their skills! All are welcome to join in the fun as we gather safely outside! Please contact Suzanne Steinberg at 610-608-0830 for more information.

Fellowship

Fellowship is looking for volunteers to join our committee. We need YOU to help us explore ways to gather together socially while staying safe during these uncertain times. Please contact Suzanne Steinberg at 610-608-0830 if you are interested in joining this amazing group!

High School Youth Group

The High School Youth Group will meet Sunday, April 25 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist will be in the parking lot at 5 pm. All are invited to Holy Eucharist.

Lectionary Bible Study

Lectionary Bible Study meets virtually on Wednesdays at 10 am on Zoom to pray and discuss the readings for the following Sunday. The Zoom link is on the website, www.stfrancisfields.com and is also sent out on a Constant Contact email to the congregation. All are welcome.

Altar Flowers

Did you know that you can dedicate the Sunday Altar Flowers in honor of a friend or family member, in remembrance of a loved one, or for some other special recognition? Altar Flower dedications are just \$50.00, and helps provide a fresh arrangement each week. The form for dedicating Altar Flowers can be found on our parish website, www.stfrancisfields.com.

Vegetable Garden

The St. Francis Vegetable Garden provides hundreds of pounds of fresh produce each year for individuals and families in need. With spring now here, the gardening process is set to begin, and this important ministry is in desperate need of help. A couple of hours each week is all it takes to help our garden flourish, and the work can fit around your schedule. If you can help, please contact Mahala Renkey or the Church office.

Ushers & Greeters

Outdoor services are beginning and Ushers and Greeters will be needed. This is a distinguished and important ministry, and is even more important during this time of “gentle” re-opening. Your participation would be appreciated. If you are interested and feel safe in this calling as an usher or greeter please contact John Stearns at jstearns4@verizon.net, Tony Fernandes at jets741@verizon.net or Mike Quinn at mike@diserafinoquinn.com. Please indicate if you would be an usher or greeter for outside services and/or eventually indoor services.

This week we pray for: Aaron, Ben Baker, Bill, Melanie Blasingame, Bruce, Norman Broadbelt, Brian Cahill, Athena Carrigan, Claire, Larry Corr, Suzanne DeAngelo, Len Dickerson, Kitty Egan, Electa Mary Huber, Tommy Huber, Ian & Christina, Linda Jackalous, Justin, Darrell Lamb, Dorothy Langton, Skip Lewis, Linda, Mel, Carl O’Fria, Sr., Nancy Orlando, Beth Pietrzak, Jan Pizarro, Nora Pizzi, Alan Rabenau, Raskin Family, Wilhelmina Savage, Lynn & Lewis Secreto, Ian Sidley, Ted Snowe, Bill Spane, Bill

Speaker, Lois & Andy Steiner, Travers, Anell Warren, Phyllis Warren, Duncan, Ann & Collin.

Prayers from the Youth Group: Prayers for those getting their vaccines and for the church's remodeling; Please pray for anyone who is looking for but cannot find a vaccine and that they do find one soon; Pray for those still waiting/unable to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week: Ned Conway, Jill Quinn, Bill Pearse and Wes Thomas.

In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for our Vestry and Wardens, our Parish Administrator, our Building & Grounds Committee, and our Churchyard Committee.

MINISTERS OF WORSHIP & SERVICE

	April 18	April 25
Altar Guild	Sue Vanasse	Sherri Lewis
Flower Guild	Sandra Healey	Carolyn Marchitell
Intercessor 10	Dave Dutton	Ida Guckes
Intercessor 11:30	Mike Burke	Larry Schroepfer
Reader 10	Dave Dutton	Ida Guckes
Reader 11:30	Mike Burke	Larry Schroepfer
Greeter/Usher 11:30	Tony Fernandes Shirley Warren	Edith Rowland Anne Crowley
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