

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**Hear the Spirit ~ See God's Beauty ~ Act in Love**

*The Third Sunday of Easter*  
*April 14, 2024 10am*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude** 6 variations on the chorale *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Hymn #440** *Blessed Jesus, at thy word*

LIEBSTER JESU

**Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

**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.

**The Gloria S-280**

*Service music is found at the beginning of the hymnal, listed in numerical order before the hymns*

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

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*Presider*            The Lord be with you  
*People*              **And also with you.**  
*Presider*            Let us pray.

## The First Lesson: Acts 3:12-19

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

## Psalm 4      *Cum invocarem*      *Tone IV.1*



- 1 *Ansüer* me when I call, O God, defender / of my caúse; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on / me and hëär mÿ prayer.
- 2 “You mortals, how long will you disho/nor my glóry; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
/ and run äfter fäise gods?”
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders / for the fáithful; \*  
when I call upon the / LORD, he will hëär me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and / do not sín; \*  
speak to your heart in / silence üpon yóür bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed / sacrificés \*  
and / put your trüest in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying,  
“Oh, that we / might see bëtter times!” \*  
Lift up the light of your counte/nance upöñ us, Ö LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness / in my héart, \*  
more than when grain and / wine and öil ïncrease.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I / fall asléep; \*  
for only you, LORD, / make me dwëll in säfety. [Ant.]

**The Second Lesson:** 1 John 3:1-7

*insert*

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

**Sequence Hymn #306** *Come risen Lord and deign to be our guest*      SURSUM CORDA  
*Verses 1 and 2 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.*  
*Verse 3 and 4 will be sung after the reading.*

**The Gospel:** Luke 24:36b-48

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*Presider*                The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*                    **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Following the Gospel*

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

**The Sermon**

Michael Fenn, Seminarian

**The Nicene Creed**

**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**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, especially Israel, Palestine, Ukraine and Russia in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Rick, Lyn, Julie, John, Megan, Francie, and Gloria; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect*

### **The Peace**

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

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

*All are invited to exchange greetings of peace.*

### **Welcome and Announcements of our Ministries**

The Rector

**Offertory Hymn #492** *Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness*

FINNIAN



*During the Offertory Hymn, our ushers will pass the collection plate. You are welcome to make an offering by leaving cash or a check in the plate, or by scanning the QR code to donate online via Tithe.ly.*

*Whether you are able to support our ministry financially or not, please know that you are invited to full participation in this church on exactly the same terms and conditions as God's grace and love: completely free of charge.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

*The Presider gives thanks to God, continuing until the words*

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

## The Sanctus *Hymnal S-125*

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 Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words*

....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 Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words*

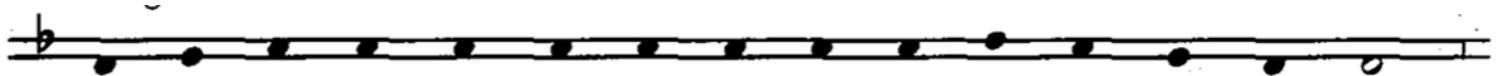
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty  
God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

*Presider* 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 Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*



**Communion Anthem** *Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face*

trad. Manx hymn tune

*All who seek to receive Christ in the sacrament of this meal are welcome to partake of the bread and wine. Please come to the altar up the center aisle and return to your pew down the side aisles. You are welcome to receive both the bread and the wine, bread only, or a blessing. To receive the bread, stand or kneel at the altar rail and the priest will place the host in your hands. The wine is available either from the common cup, or in individually pre-packaged containers on small tables at either end of the altar rail. To receive the wine from the pre-packaged cup, open the foil seal at the top of the container, drink the wine, and place the empty cup into the basket.*

**The Postcommunion Prayer** *Please stand as able.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

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

**The Easter Blessing**

**Closing Hymn #182** *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*

TRURO

**The Dismissal**

*Presider* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Postlude** *Christ lag in Todesbanden*

J.S. Bach

*You are invited to remain seated in the Sanctuary for the Postlude  
or move immediately to the kitchen for refreshments.  
Please help maintain a quiet atmosphere in the sanctuary during the Postlude*

### **Ministers Serving Today:**

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Rector  
Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director  
Michael Fenn, Seminarian  
Pia Bertelli, Deacon-in-Formation  
Paul Newell, Vestry Person of the Day  
Maureen Lavelly and Shannon Fry, Readers  
Jane Struss, Intercessor  
Joanne Graziano and Robin Moody, Ushers  
Ethan Sardina, Altar Guild  
Barbara Bush and Paul Newell, Coffee Hour Hosts

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thursday at 11am**, we meet for lively conversation. Through Eastertide, we will be considering the upcoming week's Gospel reading. Please plan to join us! All are welcome.

**Online giving** which came to us in the early months of the pandemic, has proved to be helpful to a number of regular donors and clearly, is here to stay! This week, we have added an online giving tool by placing a QR code in the bulletin so that anyone wishing to support the mission of St. John's may contribute online at any time.

**Community Closet** which is generally offered on the second Saturday of the month will be set up outside the Parish House this coming Saturday from 2pm – 4pm. Donations of new and gently used clothing are welcome from 11am to 1pm on Tuesdays and from 5:30pm to 7:30pm on Thursdays. Those donations are offered to all at no charge this Saturday as noted above and again on Saturday, May 11.

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