



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

*The Third Sunday of Easter*  
*April 19, 2026 10am*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude** Variations on the Gregorian Hymn *Ad Coenam Agni*

Jehan Titelouze (1562-1633)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Hymn #305** *Come risen Lord, and deign to be our guest*

ROSEDALE

**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**

*Presider* The Lord be with you

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

**The First Lesson:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41

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

Psalm 116      *Dilexi, quoniam*                      *Tone VIII.1*



- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplicátion, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I / called upón him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hólđ of me; \*  
I came to / grief and sórrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LÓRD: \*  
“O LORD, I / pray you, sáve my life.”
- 10 How shall I repay the LÓRD \*  
for all the good things / he has dóned for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvátion \*  
and call upon the / Name of thé LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LÓRD \*  
in the presence of / all his péople.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LÓRD \*  
is the death / of his sérvants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your sérvant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have / freed me fróm my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgíving \*  
and call upon the / Name of thé LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LÓRD \*  
in the presence of / all his péople,
- 17 In the courts of the LÓRD’s house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
/ Hallelújah! [*Ant.*]

**The Second Lesson:** 1 Peter 1:17-23

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

**Sequence Hymn #343** *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

ST. AGNES

*Verses 1 -3 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.  
Verse 4 will be sung after the reading.*

**The Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35

*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**

The Rector

**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*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

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

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

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*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

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*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for Bridget, Tony, Lyn, Megan, Cecilia, Elizabeth, Lin, David, Alicia, Mateo, Sam, Ellen and Joan.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

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*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*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



*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 Tithely.*

*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.*

**Offertory Hymn #432** *Oh praise ye the Lord! Praise Him in the height*

LAUDATE DOMINUM

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*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.**

*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.*

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.

*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.*

**Communion Anthem** *Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round*

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

**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 #195** *Jesus lives!*

MOWSLEY

**The Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude** *Benedicite*

from *Buxheimer Orgelbuch* (ca.1470)

If you're new to St. John's, we welcome you. To stay in touch, please fill out one of the **Visitor Cards** available in your pew to share your contact information and/or to sign up for our weekly newsletter to stay in touch about what's going on in the church. We invite you to join us again tomorrow to share this special time in our church year.

**Ministers Serving Today:**

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Officiant  
Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director  
Tommy Bresler, Vestry Person of the Day  
Duncan and August Holbrook-Smith, Readers  
Simon Ringrose, Intercessor  
August Holbrook-Smith, Chalice  
Jane Struss and Cary Cox, Ushers  
Robin Moody, Altar Guild  
Simon Ringrose, Jane Struss and Alice Krapf, Coffee Hosts

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our second communion class for children** will be held this Sunday in preparation for a First Communion service on May 17. Whether a child already receives communion regularly or not, the classes are a nice way to spend some time together and talk about what exactly it is we do on Sundays and why. The class will meet after the service in the Rector's Study.

**UTO mite boxes** can be placed in the collection plate or delivered to the office this Sunday and next. Coins will be counted and deposited at the end of April so a check for the offerings can be sent on to the United Thank Offering. Thank you to those who made this a part of their Lenten discipline.

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Mr. Matt Hast and Ms. Shannon Fry, Wardens