

# The Third Sunday of Easter

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*Welcome to all who are here in person or watching online services. The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation is here "to bear witness to God's love and invite, encourage, and prepare God's people to share that grace with others". You will notice rubrics in place throughout the service for kneeling or standing, as well as singing along to hymns. You are invited to participate however you wish.*

## **The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

### **Prelude**

### **The Word of God**

#### **Processional Hymn 180 (vs. 1&4)**

*He is risen, he is risen!*

**1** He is risen, he is risen!  
Tell it out with joyful voice:  
he has burst his three days' prison;  
let the whole wide earth rejoice:  
death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.

**4** He is risen, he is risen!  
He hath opened heaven's gate:  
we are free from sin's dark prison,  
risen to a holier state;  
and a brighter Easter beam  
on our longing eyes shall stream

#### **The Easter Acclamation**

**BCP 355**

*Celebrant*      † Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

#### **The Collect for Purity**

**BCP 355**

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 In Excelsis**

**S280**

**1** Glory to God in the  
highest, and peace to his  
people on earth.

**2** Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you  
thanks, we praise you for your  
glory.

**3** Lord Jesus Christ, only Son  
of the Father, Lord God,  
Lamb of God,

**4** you take away the sin of  
the world; have mercy on us;  
**5** you are seated at the right  
hand of the Father; receive  
our prayer.

**6** For you alone are the Holy  
One, you alone are the Lord,

**7** 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 Celebrant says to the people*

*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 Lessons

*Please be seated.*

### The First Lesson

Acts 3:12-19

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."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 4

*Cum invocarem*

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 Lesson

1 John 3:1-7

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Sequence Hymn 339 (vs. 1&3)

1 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,  
 leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
 come into the daylight's splendor,  
 there with joy thy praises render  
 unto him whose grace unbounded  
 hath this wondrous banquet founded-  
 high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,  
 yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

## *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

3 Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,  
 let me gladly here obey thee;  
 never to my hurt invited,  
 be thy love with love requited;  
 from this banquet let me measure,  
 Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;  
 through the gifts thou here dost give me,  
 as thy guest in heaven receive me

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

*Priest* † 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.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Paul McCabe

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

**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

*Intercessor*

## The Peace

*Jesus said, Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you. During this time may you receive this peace, which Jesus offers to all.*

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

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn 490 (vs. 1&3)

*I want to walk as a child of the light*

**1** I want to walk as a child  
of the light. I want to  
follow Jesus. God set the  
stars to give light to the  
world. The star of my life  
is Jesus.

*Refrain: In him there is no  
darkness at all. The night  
and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of  
the city of God. Shine in  
my heart, Lord Jesus.*

**3** I'm looking for the  
coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with  
patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of  
Jesus. *Refrain*

The Presentation Hymn 380

*Praise God, Vs.3*

**3** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

*The Celebrant, faces them and sings or says*

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 him thanks and praise.**

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 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus and Benedictus S 130

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

*Celebrant and People*

**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 people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

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 Father, *Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

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. 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 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 Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Presider*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said or sung by all:*

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;**

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

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 Hymn 343 (vs. 1&4)

**1** Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless  
thy chosen pilgrim flock  
with manna in the wilderness,

### *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

**4** Lord, sup with us in love divine  
thy Body and thy Blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine,  
be our immortal food.

### Communion Hymn 306 (vs. 1&6)

**1** Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our  
guest; nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is  
thine; thyself at thine own board make  
manifest in thine own Sacrament of Bread  
and Wine.

### *Come, risen Lord, and deign to be*

**4** One with each other, Lord, for one in  
thee, who art one Savior and one living  
Head; then open thou our eyes, that we may  
see; be known to us in breaking of the  
Bread.

### The Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*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.**



## The Blessing

*The Celebrant may bless the people.*

## Recessional Hymn 208 (vs. 1&5) *Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**1** The strife is o'er, the battle done,  
the victory of life is won;  
the song of triumph has begun.  
Alleluia!

**5** Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live and sing to thee.

Alleluia!

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

## The Dismissal

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

## Postlude

### Prayer List

Susan, John, Elizabeth, Milton, Lauren, Liz, Foster, Kevin, Jennifer, Ed, Sherrie, Connie, Irene, Tom, Dick, Nick, Lynda, Christine, Jess, Joan, Scott, Pam, Bill, Dianne, Todd, Michael, Nick, Paula, Sarah, Noel, Jessie, John, Dolly, Craig, Jackie, Parker, Mark & Chrissie, Bill, Sadie, David & Elizabeth Still, Greg, Christopher, Mario, Bruce, Darren, Ann, Jerry, Dwayne, Brian, Angela and Ruth. For all those affected by COVID-19, for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Tod, Nathan, Ryan, Mark, and Daniel, and for any unspoken prayers.

### For the Departed

We pray for the repose of the soul of Priscilla Daigle, mother-in-law of Horace Higgins sister; May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

### Birthdays:

4/18 Irene Griggs

4/21 Jan Thurmond

4/23 Rachel Cangemi

4/18 Jeannie Bowen

4/21 Lantie Hearn

4/20 Judy Drobinski

4/22 Gina Kimberl

### Anniversaries:

4/ 23 Matt & Karen Reaves

**Update from Fr. Paul+ on COVID measures for Worship Services**

Grace to you and peace from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ. As you know, from the beginning of the pandemic, I have continually stayed abreast of guidance from the CDC, the public health dept., the Diocese, and other authorities to ensure that ECA is following best practices in terms of safety protocols. After reviewing and interpreting all currently available guidance, and in conjunction with discussions with the Vestry, we are putting in place the following COVID Safety Protocols for ECA. These protocols will remain in effect until further notice; however, you may be sure that I will continue to review, consider and interpret any new or additional guidance that may come along and revise these protocols accordingly so that ECA members may continue to worship together safely. At this time we will hold 2 inside worship services not to exceed 50 persons at 8:30am and 10:00am and 1 outside Sunday worship service not to exceed 75 persons at 11:15am with some modifications. It is my sincere hope that we will be able to slowly begin to resume worship among one another keeping within the trust granted to me and the Vestry that you have given us. We have been away from one another for some time and I am aware new "routines" have been created and getting "back in the saddle again" will take an intentional part from all of us. My hope and prayer is that being a part of a worshiping community with one another will take precedence once again in our lives and we will get back to making a difference in the lives of those who are in need both physically and spiritually. May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. In Christ, Fr. Paul+

**Ushers/Counters/Lectors Needed**

As we transition back to traditional worship, we are beginning to schedule volunteer positions again. You will see them listed in the weekly newsletter beginning in May. Currently, we are in need of ushers, lectors and counters. If you are interested in volunteering on Sunday mornings, please email [ecanews@bellsouth.net](mailto:ecanews@bellsouth.net). Thank you!

**Reach Collecting Food items for Local Food Pantries We Support**

We may not be gathering for in-person worship due to diocesan restrictions, but the need for food items at our local food pantries continues. ECA is supporting local charities such as Never Alone and Papa's Pantry in their food ministries. You are welcome to come by on Sundays to drop off these much-needed items, or drive-by the office during the week. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of helping those in need!

**Education for Ministry to Resume this Summer: Mark your calendar**

Education for Ministry is a small mentored group that provides the framework for understanding life and shaping actions as Christian faith is deepened. EFM will resume in August from 1:30-4:00. EFM is a study to help discern your calling and If you are interested or need more information, contact Katie Dunlap at 404-444-6874 or [katiedunlap5@gmail.com](mailto:katiedunlap5@gmail.com)

**Do you need Prayer, Counseling or Confidential Assistance?**

Fr. Paul is making his Pastoral Rounds. If you are in need of counseling, prayer, simple virtual visit or confidential assistance; please contact Fr. Paul directly at **pcm09@bellsouth.net** or call him at 770-490-7234. You may also contact the ECA Senior Warden, Wanda Ziembinski at **ziemby@hotmail.com**. Part of what makes ECA so special is the community and support we offer to one another!

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