

*Acknowledging our past  
Embracing our future*

## THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024

10:00 AM

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### Welcome to St. John's Norwood!

At the heart of our church family is a desire to reflect God's love and gracious hospitality to all. Our members represent a variety of racial and ethnic backgrounds, nationalities, family configurations, political affiliations, sexual orientations, abilities, and religious traditions. We are single, married, partnered, divorced, widowed, remarried, LGBTQIA+, with and without children, empty nesters, old and young, and people with disabilities; you name it - we are here, and we're glad you've come.

Families, we are so happy you are here. Your children's energy adds vitality to our worship, and we appreciate the effort you've already taken to join us this morning. We offer a variety of supports for young families, and invite you to find what's best for your family today.

Our **Prayground**, in the front of the Nave, offers an area for our youngest worshipers to play quietly while also being a part of the service. The pew next to the PrayGround is reserved for parents to support their children.

**Children's Chapel**, for worshipers 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and under, is after the Gospel.

Children follow the cross-bearer out of the Nave, and return during the Peace.

**Kid's Kits** and **Sunday Papers** are located at the Wisconsin Avenue entrance to the Nave.

A **Children's Library Collection** is available in the lounge, just outside the front-right doors of the Nave.

**Nursery Care** is available for children under age 6; just ask a member of the Welcome Team.

The presence of children is a gift to our church and reminds us that our parish is growing.

Thank you for welcoming our children and for offering encouragement to their parents.

For more information about St. John's, see the **St. John's Notes and News** bulletin.

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# THE WORD OF GOD

Voluntary "Meditation"

Gabriel Dupont  
(1878- 1914)

Opening Hymn 193 "That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright"

PUER NOBIS

Please stand and face the procession

## The Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*Celebrant* 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 the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## Gloria S 278

William Mathias

*organ*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us. you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our  
 prayer. For you a-lone are the  
 Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord. you a-lone are the Most High,  
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **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.**

*Please be seated*

### The Reading

1 John 3:1-7

*Lector* 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand and sing*

### Sequence Hymn 305 "Come, Risen Lord"

ROSEDALE

## The Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

*Celebrant* 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. Sari Ateek, *Rector*

*Please stand as you are able*

### The Prayers of the People

*Leader* Trusting in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation, saying: Gracious God, hear our prayer.

*Brief silence.*

The world is a dangerous place, O God. Quell violence. Foster peace. Cultivate understanding where there is none.

Gracious God,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* The world is a beautiful place, O God. Your creation is full of glory; your works fill us with awe. Make us better caretakers of the planet, and teach us to live in concert with all you have made.

Gracious God,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* The world is a wounded place, O God. Heal the hurts and illnesses of the body. Soothe troubles of the mind and sorrows of the heart. Mend divisions between parties and people.

Gracious God,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* The world is a blessed place, O God. Teach us to be agents of blessing; to build up and not tear down, to life up all that is good, to foster kindness and notice grace.

Gracious God,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* The world is a scary place, O God. Bolster our courage to stand up for justice. Replace our fear with faith in your work. Keep before us your vision of the world, where justice and peace reign and love prevails.

Gracious God,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* The world is a fragile and finite place, O God. Keep us in resurrection hope as we remember those who have died, especially those whom we now name. (*Pause for remembrances.*) Renew our faith in the eternal life you promise.

Gracious God,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Good and Gracious God, ruler of heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## Liturgy of Welcome

*The Rector addresses those who are to be welcomed into the church*

This morning, we welcome you as new members of our church family. On this day you become an integral part of the ministry of this church, and you join us in a mutual commitment to care for one another on this journey of faith and life.

*Then, addressing all members of the congregation, the Rector says*

Let us stand and join with these who are committing themselves to us, and renew our own commitment to our common work as a church family:

By the grace of God, will you devote yourself to the pursuit of God through worship, prayer, and love of neighbor?

*People* **I will with God's help.**

Will you commit yourself to an ongoing journey of personal and spiritual growth, and to grow in generosity and giving for the sake of The Kingdom of God?

*People* **I will with God's help.**

Will you join us in building community, and to making known the healing love and presence of God through one another?

*People* **I will with God's help.**

Will you devote yourself to making a difference in this world with the love of God, both in your own circles of influence, and through our work together as a church community?

*People* **I will with God's help.**

*To the congregation, the Rector continues*

Let us welcome our new members.

*People* **As Christ receives us and makes us his own, so we receive you as fellow members of Christ's body and one of our own. Be among us to share God's love and the ministry of this church.**

## The Peace

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

*Please be seated*

## Welcome and Announcements



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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

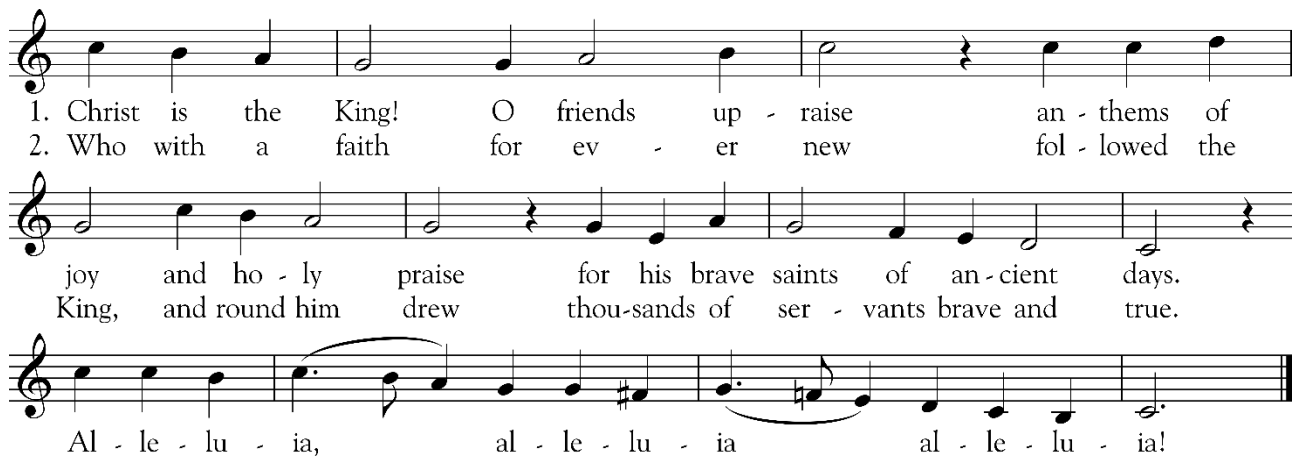
## Anthem “With a Voice of Singing”

Martin Shaw  
(1875-1958)

*Please stand and sing*

## Presentation Hymn

GELOBT SEI GOTT



1. Christ is the King! O friends up - raise an - thems of  
2. Who with a faith for ev - er new fol - lowed the  
joy and ho - ly praise for his brave saints of an - cient days.  
King, and round him drew thou - sands of ser - vants brave and true.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia!

## 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 our thanks and praise.**

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

**Sanctus** S 128

William Mathias

organ  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
organ  
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.

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the Lord and God of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:  
*People* **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.**

## Fraction Anthem WLP 866

Owen Burdick



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, 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, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

*Celebrant* All are welcome at the Lord's table.  
We welcome those of you who are joining us online. May the grace that flows from this table find you wherever you may be, and may that grace be yours in abundance this day.  
We who are many, and in many places, are one body,  
*People* **because we all share in one bread and one cup.**  
*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Communion of the People

*At St. John's, all are welcome to the Lord's Table.*

*Our "bread" is in the form of wheat-based wafers (though gluten-free are also available) and our wine is fermented/contains alcohol.*

*You may receive the wine from a silver chalice, or keep your wafer in hand to intinct (dip) in a ceramic chalice.*

*If you prefer to receive the bread only, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest after receiving the bread.*

*Or, if you'd like to receive a blessing instead of communion, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

*If you require assistance to reach the altar or need to receive Communion at your seat, please inform a Welcome Team member.*

*Healing Prayer Ministers are available for private prayer in the Tower Lobby (to the right of the pulpit).*



**Communion Anthem** “What is This Bread”

Jean Neuhauser Baue

**Communion Hymn** “Be Still and Know”

John L. Bell

*Sung several times*



Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of a sequence of notes: a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a half note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a half note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a half note G3, and a final whole note G3. The lyrics are written below the staff, with the first phrase 'Be still and know that I am God.' aligned under the first seven notes, and the second phrase 'Be still and know that I am God.' aligned under the remaining notes.

*Please stand as you are able*

**The Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* Eternal God, 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 blesses the people.*

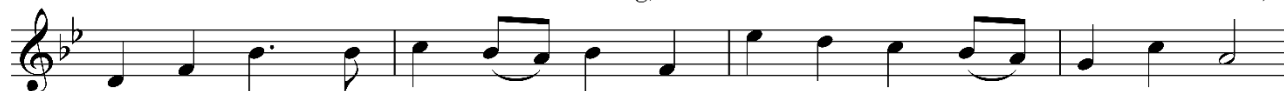
*People* Amen.

## Closing Hymn "Steadfast God, the One We Worship"

NORWOOD PARISH



1. Stead-fast God, the One we wor-ship, meet us in our bound-less praise;  
2. Tree of Life, our source of in-crease, help thy church to turn and thrive.  
3. Just and mer-ci-ful Cre-a-tor, found where faith and life con-verge,  
4. Nour-ish-ment of all our be-ing, send us forth to love and serve;



giv-ing thanks with cease-less an-thems heart and voice to thee we raise.  
Vine that climbs be-yond our build-ings, teach thy bran-ches thus to strive!  
Christ In-car-nate, bless these cross-roads, let com-mun-i-ty e-merge!  
let us share thy gifts here of-fered: free-ly giv'n yet un-de-served.



Blest are we with grace a-bun-dant poured forth from the font di-vine,  
Sea-sons pass, each bear-ing chang-es: joys and sor-rows deep and wide.  
Cor-ner-stone of ev-'ry chan-cel, Pil-lar of each sa-cred shrine,  
Shift our gaze and fo-cus out-ward, that our works may form thy praise,



kneel-ing 'round thine o-pen ta-ble, fed are we with bread and wine.  
Yet, through all, we hold the pro-mise that in thee we may a-bide.  
help us hum-bly forge a like-ness of thy king-dom's true de-sign.  
wit-ness-ing through word and ac-tion God's great good-ness all our days.

## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

## Voluntary "Fanfare"

Francis Jackson



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## Leaders in the Liturgy

<b>Clergy</b>	The Rev. Sari Ateek, <i>Rector, Preacher</i> The Rev. Sarah Reynolds, <i>Associate Rector, Celebrant</i> The Rev. Anne Derse, <i>Deacon &amp; Minister for Community Engagement</i>
<b>Musicians</b>	St. John's Singers & St. John's Choir, Jason Kent West, <i>Interim Director of Music Ministries</i>

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