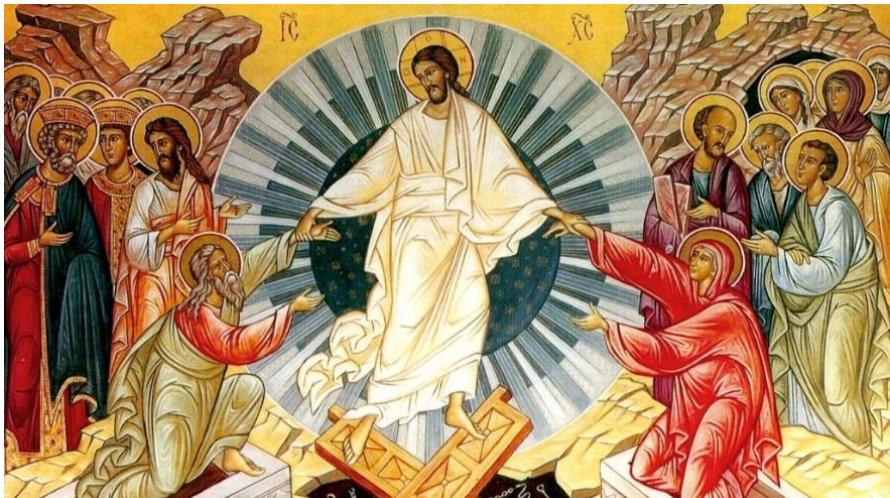




St. Francis
Episcopal Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 23, 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM



Welcome to St. Francis Episcopal Church. We are glad to have you with us today as we worship and invite you to participate throughout the service. May God bless you this and every day.

St. Francis Sunday Schedule:

Please check the Church Calendar and Email Express for this Sunday's updated information.

Nursery: Infants to 3 years - 9:45am in the Nursery

Inspired - The Bible as Story: Adults - 9:10am in the Red Room

Children's Chapel: Children - During the 10:00am Service in the Children's Chapel

Episcopal 101: Adults - 11:15am in the Red Room (Starting May 7th)

The 1619 Project: Adults - 4:00pm - 5:15pm in the Red Room

EYC: Youth - 5:30pm in St. Mike's House

Jr. Choir: 3rd to 12th Graders - 4:15pm-4:45pm in the Choir Room

Youth Handbells: 3rd to 12th Graders - 4:45pm-5:30pm in the Choir Room

PRELUDE

Benita McFarland, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand, sung by all.

OPENING HYMN: Christ the Lord is risen again

Hymnal 184



1 Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain!
2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en - dured the strife,
3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up - on the cross

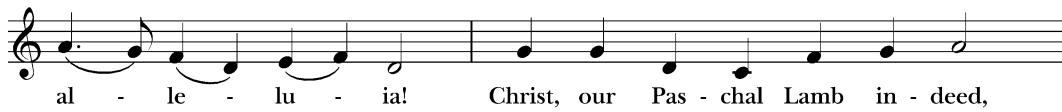


Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings,
takes our sin and guilt a - way that with an - gels we may say:
is ex - alt - ed now to save, wrest - ing vic - tory from the grave.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia!



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, our Pas - chal Lamb in - deed,



Christ, to - day your peo - ple feed. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Michael Weisse (1480-1534); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Christ ist erstanden*, melody from *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533; harm. after Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612).

Please remain standing.

THE WORD OF GOD

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

GLORIA

Phillips



Choir: 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.

People: Refrain

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

People: Refrain

Choir: 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.

People: Refrain

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a,36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sung by all

PSALM 116:1-3,10-17

Anglican Chant, Sam Doyle

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took / hold of me; *
I came to grief and / sorrow.
- † 3 Then I called upon the Name of the / Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my / life."
- 10 How shall I repay the / LORD *
for all the good things he has / done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the / LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the / LORD *
in the presence of all his / people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the / LORD *
is the death of his / servants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your / servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my / bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanks- / giving *
and call upon the Name of the / LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the / LORD *
in the presence of all his / people,
- 17 In the courts of the / LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-23

A reading from the first Letter of Peter:

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand, sung by all.

GRADUAL HYMN: Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest Hymnal 306

1 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;
2 We meet, as in that upper room they met;
3 One body we, one Bo - dy who par - take,
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:
one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;
who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;
thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest
"This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;
in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

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Please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up

and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Milton C. Williams, Jr.

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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Celebrant and People:

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: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord hear our prayer”
Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; that we all may be
one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve
you; that your Name may be glorified by all people, we pray to you,
O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; that they may be faithful
ministers of your Word and Sacraments, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the
world; that there may be justice and peace on the earth, we pray to
you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; that our
works may find favor in your sight, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; that
they may be delivered from their distress, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest; let light perpetual shine upon them,
we pray to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; may we also
come to share in your heavenly kingdom, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
(Silence)

Intercessor: We pray to you, O Lord.
People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: The altar flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our grandchildren Hal, Bert, Maye, and Viv, given by Mary & Bob Plybon.

Intercessor: We pray to you, O Lord.
People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Lord Most Holy

César Franck
Brittany Griffin, Soprano

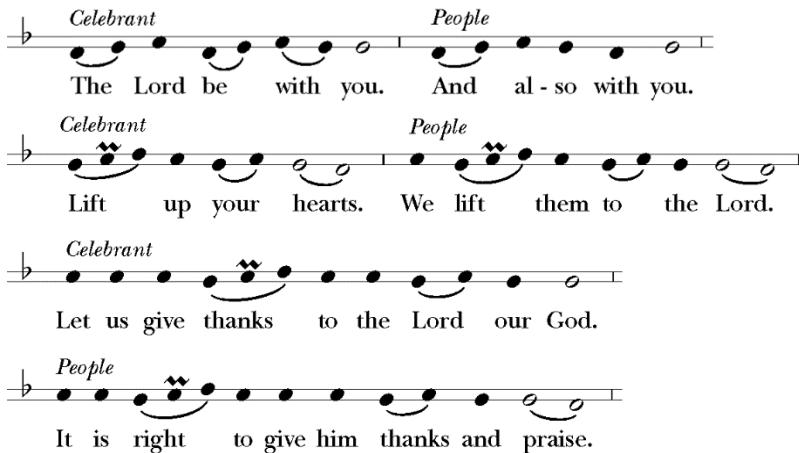
O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty,
O loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway.
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee;
Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace.
Father, Father, guide and defend us.

Rule Thou our willful hearts, keep Thine our wandering thoughts;
In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee;
And in temptation's hour, save through Thy might power,
Thine aid O send us; hear us in mercy.
Show us Thy favor, so shall we live, and sing praise to Thee.

Please stand.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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Music notation for Eucharistic Prayer A. The notation is in common time with a key signature of one flat. It consists of four lines of music, each with a 'Celebrant' part and a 'People' part. The lyrics are:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them to the Lord.

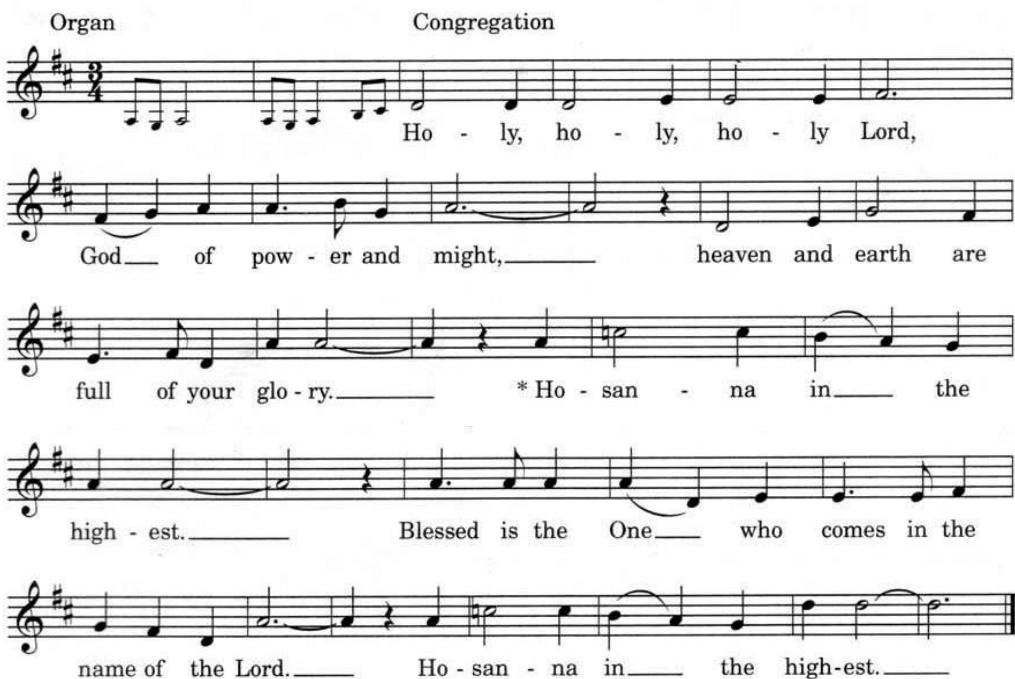
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sung by all.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Phillips



Music notation for Sanctus and Benedictus. The notation is in common time with a key signature of two sharps. It consists of four lines of music, with 'Organ' parts on the first and third lines, and 'Congregation' parts on the second and fourth lines. The lyrics are:

Organ: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Congregation: God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are

Organ: full of your glo - ry. * Ho - san - na in the

Congregation: high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the

Organ: name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Please remain standing.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A CONTINUES

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Celebrant: ...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: ... 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.

People: AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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

Sung by all.

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

Phillips

Organ

Congregation

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

The Choir sings the verse "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us" after which all repeat the refrain.

THE PEACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant: 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.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive bread only, place one palm of the hand in the other and the clergy will offer the Body of Christ to you. If you would like to receive bread and wine keep your hands by your side, and the clergy will intinct the body into the wine and place the body and blood on your tongue. To receive a blessing in lieu of communion, cross your arms over your chest and the clergy will give you a blessing.

Please be seated.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Benita McFarland, organ

Please stand.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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 BLESSING

Celebrant: 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.

Please stand, sung by all.

CLOSING HYMN: O praise ye the Lord

Hymnal 432

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.; based on Psalms 148 and 150. Music: *Laudate Dominum*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

POSTLUDE

Benita McFarland, organ

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

In loving memory of Mary, Guy, and Danny, given by Ginger Hinton.

In loving memory of Peggy Marsh, Anne "Baba" Ravenel, and Nina given by Renee, William, and James Gaunt.

In loving memory of Robert Rodes and Dorcas Whitney McGoodwin; and James L. and Aneita Caddigan, given by Middleton and Judy McGoodwin.

In loving memory of Rob and Ruth Holland; Clyde and Della Stubbs; and Raymond Handy, given by Van and Jane Stubbs.

In loving memory of Martha Wood and Audrey Pentz, given by Vara and Jim Cox.

In loving memory of Mary Lou C., Emmit C., Jean V., John Kruska, and Mitch Allen, given by Rick Cathy Kruska.

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