



# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. Whoever you are, and wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here, just as you are, to experience God's love.

St. John's is a compassionate Christian community of healing, hope, and hospitality at the heart of Centreville's Historic District. First consecrated on July 14, 1854, St. John's was partially burned in the Civil War, rebuilt, expanded, and is now home to 12 faith communities. To learn more about us, talk to one of our clergy, chat up a neighbor, join us after worship, and visit us at [stjohnscentreville.org](http://stjohnscentreville.org).

Today's service follows the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Responses are in bold. Music can be found in the blue hymnals in your pew. Service music, noted with an "S," can be found in the front of the book, and our hymns, noted by an "H" and their number, after that. Participate as the Spirit moves you!

Services are live-streamed, so please be aware that you are being recorded. Cell phone use—texting, pictures, video, social media—is encouraged, but please silence your devices and disable Wi-Fi during worship.

## The Word of God

### Prelude

**Processional Hymn:** H 182 "Christ is alive! Let Christians sing"

*Truro*

### Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

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

### Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

**Song of Praise:** H 417 "This is the feast of victory..."

*Festival Canticle*

(All sing vv. 1,3,5; Men v. 2; Women v. 4)

### Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 224

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

### Children's Story

*Our youngest parishioners are invited to come forward for today's story. They'll adjourn to children's chapel, returning in time for Communion.*

### 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."

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

**Response:** Psalm 4, *Cum invocarem*

BCP, p. 587

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.**

"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \* **how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"**

Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \* **when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.**

Tremble, then, and do not sin; \* **speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

Offer the appointed sacrifices \* **and put your trust in the LORD.**

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \* **Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.**

You have put gladness in my heart, \* **more than when grain and wine and oil increase.**

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \* **for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

**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.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*Before the gospel reading, an acclamation is sung:*



Music: Chant Mode VI

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

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

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

**Sermon:** The Rev. Kevin Laskowski

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP, p. 358

**Prayers of the People:** Form VI

BCP, p. 392

**The Peace**

BCP, p. 360

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

### The Holy Communion

#### The Offertory

*At this time, the gifts of God in bread and wine and the gifts of the people are collected and brought forward in thanksgiving. Thanks to all who have pledged a portion of their time, talent, and treasure to God’s mission here at St. John’s. As the Spirit moves you, please give generously by cash or check, use the QR code at right to donate online, or text STJOHNSCENTREVILLE” to 73256 to give using your mobile device. Donations of food and other items for Western Fairfax Christian Ministries and the Katharine K. Hanley Family Shelter can be given to the usher or to the church office.*



**The Presentation of Alms & Oblations:** H 400, v. 7 “Let all things their creator bless”

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

BCP, p. 361

**Sanctus:** S125, “Holy, holy, holy, Lord”

**Prayer A (cont.)**

BCP, p. 362

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

Music: *Danish Amen Mass*, Charles George Frischmann and David Kraehenbuehl; © 1970, J. S. Paluch Company, Inc.

**Great Amen:** *Danish Amen*



A - men, a - men, a - men.

Traditional Danish

**The Lord’s Prayer**

BCP, p. 364

**Fraction Anthem:** S 154 “Christ our Passover”

**Communion Hymn:** H 306 “Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest”

*Sursum Corda*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

BCP, p. 365

**Announcements**

**Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn:** H 432 "O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height"

*Laudate Dominum*

**Dismissal**

BCP, p. 366

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Postlude**

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**Announcements**

**Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God.

**Thanks** to Tatiana Andronikova once again for filling in for our music director Mandy Hull while she is away.

**A Call for Treasurer.** Our current Treasurer Craig Staresinich has asked to step away from this role to pursue other activities in his retirement. Thank you, Craig, for your years of invaluable service and for sharing your many gifts with us. The Treasurer is a parish volunteer who works with our staff and bookkeeper to report on the parish finances to our Finance Committee and Vestry. If you have an interest in this ministry, and feel you might be called to it, contact Rev. Kevin.

**Last Call for Progressive Dinner.** The Progressive Dinner returns April 27! Parishioners meet for drinks, hors d'oeuvres and fellowship at the home of a parishioner before dividing into groups and heading to other homes for dinner. The evening ends at yet another location for dessert and coffee. Past dinners have been a huge hit, and everyone has had a wonderful time! Sign up with Penny Parker today to be part of the festivities.

**Brick Blessing.** A new batch of bricks for St. John's Walk of Saints has arrived! With these new additions, St. John's will celebrate Katharine Lavery's 50 years of music ministry, mark the baptism of Hannah Hadfield, and honor the memories of Bill Davis, Frank Gatt, Henry Hadfield, and Robin Laskowski. We will bless the bricks on the walkway by the bell after worship next week, April 21, 2024. They will then be installed during the week.

**Coffee Hour.** Please join us in the hall after the service for coffee and refreshments.

**Adult Lectionary Forum.** Grab a snack and join us in the library to discuss today's readings.

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**TODAY'S MINISTERS**

Celebrant:	The Rev. Kevin Laskowski	Crucifer:	Monti Zimmerman
Deacon:	The Rev. Steve Busch	Lector:	Dick Griffith
Music Director:	Mandy Hull	Alms Counters:	Marie McDermott, Penny Parker
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