

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Lexington Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter The Holy Eucharist: Rite II The Word of God

10:30 a.m.

Hymn Built Upon the Rock *Kirken Den Er Et*

1. Built on the Rock, the church shall stand e - ven when stee-ples are
2. Not in a tem - ple made with hands God the Al - might-y is
3. We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for His own hab - i -
4. Thro' all the pass-ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are

fall - - ing; Christ builds His church in ev - 'ry land; bells still are
dwell - - ing; high in the heav'n's His tem - ple stands, all earth-ly
ta - - tion; He fills our hearts, His hum - ble thrones, granting us
ring - - ing, man - y may come to hear God's Word where He this

chim - ing and call - - ing, calling the young and old to rest, calling the
tem - ples ex - cel - - ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove chooses to
life and sal - va - - tion. Yet to this place, an earth-ly frame, we come with
prom - ise is bring - - ing: "I know My own, My own know Me, you, not the

souls of those dis-tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - - ing.
live with us in love, mak - ing our bod - y His tem - - ple.
thanks to praise His name; God grants His peo-ple true bless - - ing.
world, My face shall see; My peace I leave with you. A - - men."

WORDS: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1837; tr. Carl Doving, 1909
MUSIC: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1840

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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ has risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.*

Hymn 380 From all that dwell below the skies

1 From all that dwell below the skies
 2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, let
 *3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings Lord, and
 flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
 truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
 him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
 shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
 Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.

Acts 2:14a,36-41

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.

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

Read by Bob and René Glidden (on their 56th wedding anniversary),
 accompanied by Levi Lebsack

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 thanksgiving *

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!

1 Peter 1:17-23

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.

Hymn Baptized in the Name of Jesus

words: Martha Jones Burford, music: Ludwig van Beethoven
music arrangement: Levi Lebsack



1.Bap - tized in the name of Jes - us, now the Spir - it gives us life. Fif - ty days of
2.Wom - en in the morn-ing heard the ang - els, "Je - sus death de - fies!" Then dis - cip - les
3.Christ, be pres - ent at our tabl - es; bless and break our dail - y bread. Fill our hearts with



Great Thanks-giv - ing for Christ's tri-umph ov - er strife. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
reel - ing, griev - ing, saw a stran-ger through dim eyes. As they trav-eled toward Em - ma - us,
Love's com - pass - ion, that we share so all are fed. Keep us mind - ful of the proph - ets,



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - le - lu - ia,
burn - ing in their hearts took hold. May - - our eyes, like
make us hum - ble, just, and true. Al - - le - lu - ia,



Al - - le - lu - ia, Al - - le - lu - ia, Al - - le - lu!
theirs, be op - ened and our faith, like theirs, be bold!
Al - - le - lu - ia, Al - - le - lu - ia, Al - - le - lu!

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.

The Sermon

Fr. Tuck

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

Please pray for the wider Church and intercessions requested by our congregants: Pray for the Church of England, The Most Rev. and Right Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. Pray for the people of Grace Memorial Lynchburg and their rector, The Rev. Alan Cowart. Pray for the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines, the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Justin Badi Arama.

Pray for Jeanne Eichelberger, Carolyn West-Willette, Bettie Cadden, Frances Harcus, Rev. Susan Bentley, Lynda DeMaria, Bob DeMaria, Mary Craighill, Lori Sadler, Pam Holsten, Jordan (friend of David Cox), Lynne Johnson, Melissa Hays-Smith, Pat Gibson, Polly Lawrence, Greg Lemmer, Kent Wilson, Myra Brush, Susan Williams and Eddie Hawkins, Ned Glenn (brother of Elizabeth Harralson), Caroline Hemmings (mother of Anne Hansen).

Pray for those affected by unsafe living conditions, poverty, disease, especially COVID-19, violence and oppression.

Pray for Rockingham County poultry plant workers and their families who are sick with COVID-19.

Pray for those who are unemployed.

Pray for Martha Burford as she discerns her call to the diaconate and her local reflection group, Uncas McThenia, Jeanne Eichelberger, Steve Shultis, Carey Harvycutter, Anne Hansen and Preston Evans.

In thanksgiving for birthdays this week of Chuck Smith, Pierson Hull, Nancy Walker, Sharon Humphreys, David Hansen, David Gates, Jim White and Elizabeth Harralson.

Priest: Silver and gold did not buy us our freedom, but the self-sacrificing love of the Lamb. In thanksgiving for this blessed gift, we offer our prayers, responding to each petition by saying, "Hear us, O risen Christ".

Lector: Open our ears and eyes to hear your word in the midst of the daily routine, to see in others your holy presence, discovering through the voices of the poor and downtrodden your cry for justice; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Enlarge our ministry to welcome the uninitiated to receive the sacrament of baptism, opening the door for them to share in the death and resurrection of Christ, and the freedom to begin life anew; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Imbue our souls with your Body and Blood, the gladness and joy that fill our souls, and from which our love for one another overflows in mercy; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Release the gift of peace wherever it is entombed in fear, that resources spent to create armaments for war may instead be given for medical centers, schools, agricultural development, and employment opportunities; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Encourage the Church to develop new ways of communicating its message, receiving guidance from the past as new expressions are developed to speak to the present age and the generations to come; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

We commend to your loving care all those affected physically, emotionally or financially by the COVID-19 virus. In gratitude for the selfless acts of healthcare and essential workers who serve our communities, we offer prayers for their welfare and safety. Comfort those who mourn, those living in fear from scarcity, and those who have lost hope. Surround them with your love and peace; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Give the dying an assurance of eternal life, bring comfort to the grieving, and grant the freedom of redemption to those who have entered into their eternal rest; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Dear people of God, let us remember that gold and silver are false treasures compared to the risen Christ, in whom we continue our prayers. You may add your intentions silently or aloud, (silence) let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Priest: Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Holy Communion

Anthem Singt dem Herren

Praetorius

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!
Sing the honor of his Holy Name!
Give God glory evermore!

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might, _____

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might, _____

heaven and earth are
full, full of your glory. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 God and Father 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Though we cannot share in the Bread and Wine we believe that Christ is ever present with us through the indwelling Holy Spirit given to us in Baptism. We who are many are One Body because we share in the One Spirit. Together then let us join in thanking God for the grace of our unending communion.

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
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.*

Hymn Love divine, all loves excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem-bling heart.
 with - out ceas - - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Blessing & Dismissal

Music largely recorded remotely and assembled. Musicians include: Joanna Armstrong, Alex Brown, Martha Burford, Jenifer Byrnes, Jonathan Clawson, Mary Doyle, Libby Gruner, Anne Hershbell, Tim Price, Anne Sauder, Robin and Doug Lebsack.

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