



St. John's Episcopal Church

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Third Sunday of Easter, April 14, 2024, 9 in the morning

Typically, Episcopalians stand to sing and for the proclamation of the Gospel; kneel for confession and prayer; and sit while listening to reading or preaching. You will see some indication for those postures in the bulletin. Your presence is more precious than your posture: please stand, sit, or kneel as you are able and prefer.

Welcome! We're glad you're here!

Page references are to the red Book of Common Prayer. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982, with service music indicated by 'S' at the front of the Hymnal; 'LEVAS' for hymns from red/black Lift Every Voice and Sing; and 'WLP' for hymns from green Wonder, Love, and Praise.

PRELUDE *Christ Arose*

Robert Lowry

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

HYMN 158 *Ah, Holy Jesus*

Stabat Mater Dolorosa

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

Please stand as you are able

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant and People

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 S 280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
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

Seated

First Lesson

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. *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.

Psalm 4 *Cum invocarem*

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

A Reading from 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.

HYMN 306 *Come Risen Lord*

George Walker Briggs

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *24:36b-48*
Glorify 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.

HOMILY

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People

Stand as able

**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

God gives what is good. Let us pray that this goodness of God flow through us into all the world, saying: O God, giver of love, hear our prayer.

O God, your love is in motion. We praise the strength of your love. Where there is hunger, raise up your love. Where there is hurt and persecution, empower your love. Where there are false prophets, proclaim your love. Where there are lies, speak your love. O, God, giver of love, **hear our prayer.**

Where nations are angry and plot harm against one another, bring your love. Where governments lie and deceive, bring your love. Where powers cripple and destroy what you have made, bring your love. O, God, giver of love, **hear our prayer.**

Where the churches alienate one another, bring your love. Where our fears keep us from offering Christ to all the needy peoples, bring your love. When this assembly is marked by division and jealousy, bring your love. O, God, giver of love, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, increase our affection. Increase our compassion. Increase our joy. Show us those we do not see. [*Epecially...*] Magnify our love. O God, giver of love, **hear our prayer.**

[The Prayer List will be shared, and other concerns are welcome to be named silently or aloud.]

Celebrant

O God, we thank you for the power of divine love and for the presence of your love in one another. Guide us all finally into that greatest love who is Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Flute Trio*

Robert Lowry

DOXOLOGY 380, v 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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Standing, seated or kneeling

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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 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 125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN 301 *Bread of the world, in mercy broken*

Rendez a Dieu

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.

Intinction and drinking from the common cup are both offered; the Bread and the Cup are distributed with these words

The Body (and Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.

COMMUNION MUSIC *The Empty Tomb*

Robert Peterson

Let us pray.

**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

CLOSING HYMN **205** *Good Christians All Rejoice*

Gelobt se Gott

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *He is risen*

Edward Broughton

PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Julie D. Bryant, DMin, Rector
Lynn Robinson, Minister of Music • Carol Dunlap, Guest Organist
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Pete Olivere and Sandy Winger, Sound and Live-stream Coordinators

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let's begin in silence; please refrain from talking once the Prelude begins.

Welcome: We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors and newcomers. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Or you may come forward and receive a blessing.

Please join us for coffee hour downstairs after the service.

The Flower Chart for 2024 is posted on the bulletin board downstairs; we welcome and appreciate thank-offerings and memorial dedications

Today, April 14, 4 pm, the Odeon Chamber Music Series features pianist Tatiana R. Mann, an internationally acclaimed performer as soloist and collaborative musician. Her program "The Magic of the Miniature," will include works by Schubert, Granados, Gershwin, and Schumann.

Concerts are performed at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 3241 Brush Drive, Falls Church 22042. Admission is free but a donation of \$20 helps them to defray costs and will allow them to continue to provide fine concerts.

Little Free Food Pantry conversations continue, and we'll offer the whole community the chance to ask general questions and raise concerns on Thursday, May 9th. Meanwhile, let's get started with working out management, support, and logistics so that we have a good plan in place if we decide to take up this ministry! Logistics conversations and brain-storming sessions are set for April 24 and May 1, at 7 pm. If those times are challenging or you want to get the ball rolling early, please be in touch with the Rector at 703 336-2255.

The Book Club has begun to read 'A Woman of NO Importance,' the story of an American socialite who became integral to the French Resistance during World War II. The Club will discuss this book Tuesday, May 7, at 7:30 pm.

Glencarlyn Days Plans are beginning to take shape - with face-painting, balloon animals, and the chance to ring the steeple bell, St John's sits at the beginning of the Saturday Parade. Save the Dates of May 31 and June 1, so we can make the most of our chance to host the community.

Live-Stream Worship Zoom access link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353789589?pwd=OWlmaElNYnpDZ1N2ZVFfSWdNlkoZDUT09>

and Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589. Password: 2020. Or, zoom.com/join Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589 and Password: 2020.