



Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you."

Luke 24:36b  
The Third Sunday of Easter

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER HOLY EUCHARIST

April 14, 2024

We welcome you today, and always, just as you are. All directions for sitting, standing, and kneeling are "as you are able". If you need assistance, please ask a neighbor or an usher.

Let us gather in silence to listen to God before the Eucharist and gather to build community after the service.

*Congregation shares in saying the words in bold.*

PRELUDE

## THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain (*St. Kevin*)

H 199

*All Stand.*

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:  
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;  
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;  
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.  
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*All Remain Standing.*

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*All Remain Standing.*

*Presider:* 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.

*People:* **Amen.**

## GLORIA

*All Remain Standing.*

*8:00 AM is Spoken.* Glory to God in the highest, 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. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 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.

*10:15 AM is Sung.*

Glory to God to God in the highest (Canticle 20) (Powell)

S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. 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. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*All Stand.*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* 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.

*People:* **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

*All are Seated.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>12</sup>[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?<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM: Psalm 4

*All Remain Seated.*

<sup>1</sup>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.**

<sup>2</sup>“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*

**how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*

**when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.**

<sup>4</sup>Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*

**speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, \*

**and put your trust in the LORD.**

<sup>6</sup>Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” \*

**Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, \*

**more than when grain and wine and oil increase.**

<sup>8</sup>I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*

**for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

*All Remain Seated.*

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

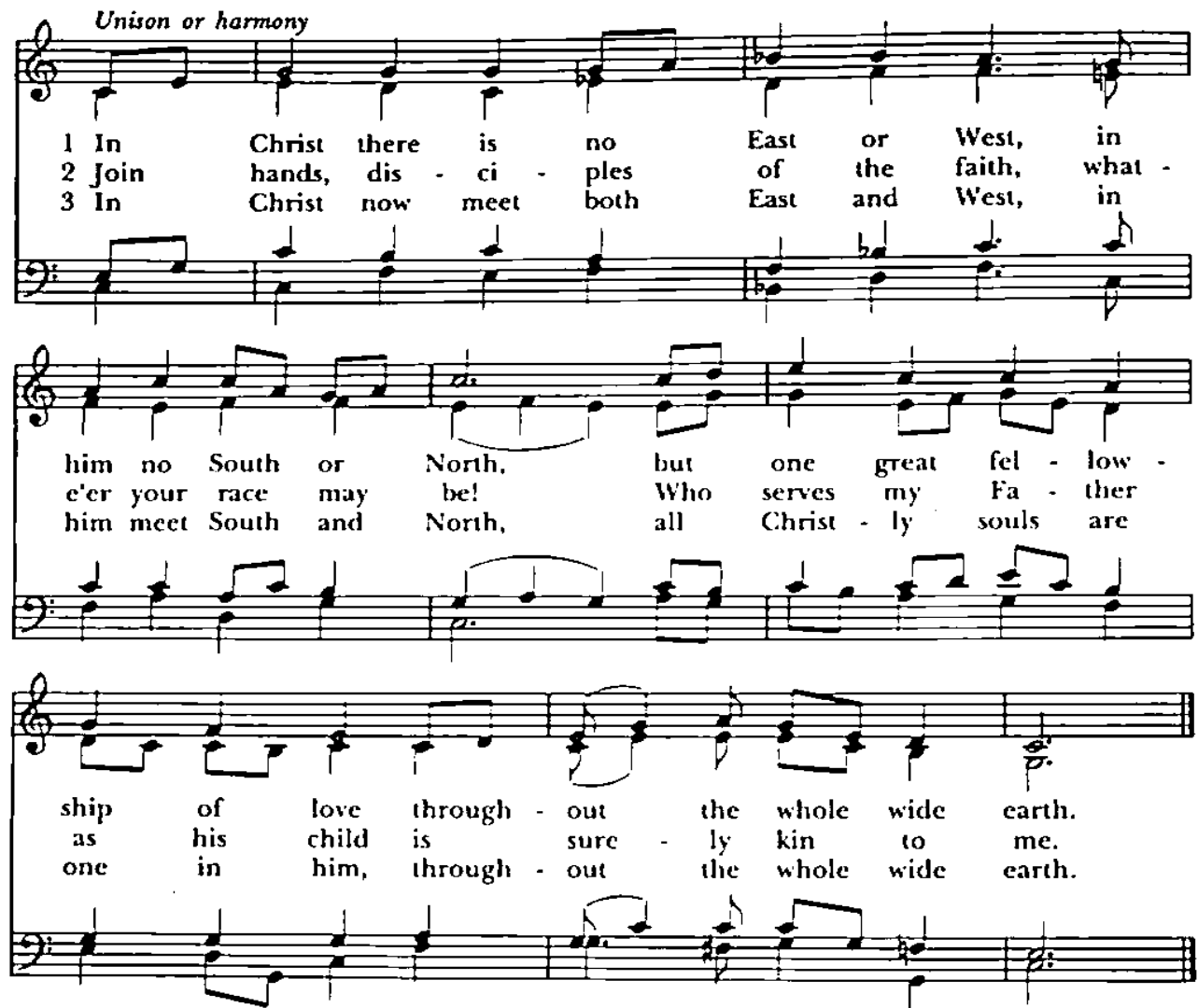
GOPSEL ACCLAMATION

In Christ there is no East or West (*McKee*)

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*All Stand. Repeat Verse 1 after the Gospel Reading.*

*Unison or harmony*



1 In Christ there is no East or West, in what -  
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in  
him no South or North, but one great fel - low -  
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are  
ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.  
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

*All Remain Standing.*

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

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>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.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>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.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>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, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

*Gospeler:* The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

*All are Seated.*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*All Stand.*

*Presider:* In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say:

*People & Presider:* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All Remain Standing.*

*Cleric:* Together, let us pray for the Church and for the world. Please hear and answer our Prayers.

*The Lay Reader continues with the following Prayers, and the People remain in silence for a moment after each prayer:*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good, especially those living under hostile conditions in Israel, Palestine, Gaza, Ukraine, and Haiti.

*Silence*

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pray that those enduring any disasters may be safe and restored, especially those affected by the gun violence in Philadelphia, storms in Texas, the wildfire in Oklahoma, the explosion in Italy, and the flooding in Russia.

*Silence*

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Keep watch over all those who work as educators, provide healthcare, organize or volunteer with non-profits, serve in the military, and operate as emergency responders, including Richard W., Eric C., Michael S., Chris W., Mark R., Michael B., Marshal N., Nicole G., Deonne H., David B., Tony G., Mark, Timothy N., Jerome S., Tommy K., William S., Bianca D., Austin, Neil S., Julie S., Evan H., James R., Robert W., Rob H., Tom H., Joan H., David III, Michael D., Doug C., Mitchell H., and Wayne M.

*Silence*

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We ask your prayers for all those who are sick; suffering; ill; infirm; disabled; confined; homebound; hungry; thirsty; needy; homeless; imprisoned; and addicted; especially these persons on our Prayer List: Lisa S., Ginny B., Theresa T., Fran F., Roy R., Mark S., Susan F., Patty, Christine M., Lisa P., Eva S., Katie C., Chris G., Bill G., Don G., Patti B., Alysha, Michele, Jane B., Bill F., Janice K., Tracy, Jim, Susan A., Emily D., Becca D., Katharyn H., Ben G., Mary Lou W., Lynne W., Jimmy W., Missy W., Jimmy Carter, and Vincent N.

*Silence*

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*The Presider reads a concluding collect.*

*People: Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*All Stand.*

*Presider:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The Ministers and People may greet one another with the sign of peace.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*All are Seated.*

[See the Announcements Section at the end of the Bulletin for all the events happening around our Parish Church.](#)

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*All Remain Seated.*

*The Presider selects an Offertory Sentence.*

*8:00AM The Offering Plate is stationary, positioned in the back by the baptismal font. Please leave your sacred gift there.*

*10:15AM Offering Plates will be passed through the congregation. Please make your sacred gift when it comes to you.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Look there! the Christ, our Brother, Comes”

by Peter Curtis

*All Remain Seated.*

Look there! the Christ, our Brother, comes resplendent from the gallows tree  
and what he brings in his hurt hands is life on life for you and me.  
Joy! joy! joy to the heart and all in this good day's dawning.

Good Jesus Christ inside his pain looked down Golgotha's stony slope  
and let the blood flow from his flesh to fill the springs of living hope.  
Joy! joy! joy to the heart and all in this good day's dawning.

Good Jesus Christ, our Brother died in darkest hurt upon the tree  
to offer us the worlds of light that live inside the Trinity.  
Joy! joy! joy to the heart and all in this good day's dawning.

Look there! the Christ, our Brother, comes resplendent from the gallows tree  
and what he brings in his hurt hands is life on life for you and me.  
Joy! joy! joy to the heart and all in this good day's dawning.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### SURSUM CORDA

*All Stand.*

*8:00 AM is Spoken.*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*10:15 AM is Sung.*

Lift up your hearts

S 120

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant, and the second is for the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant, and the fourth is for the People. The lyrics are: "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 him thanks and praise."

### PROPER PREFACE

*All Remain Standing.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say:



SANCTUS

*All Remain Standing.*

*8:00 AM is Spoken.* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*10:15 AM is Sung.*

Holy, holy, holy (*Schubert / Proulx*)

S 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*All Stand or Kneel.*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all. When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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." Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*All Remain Standing or Kneeling.*

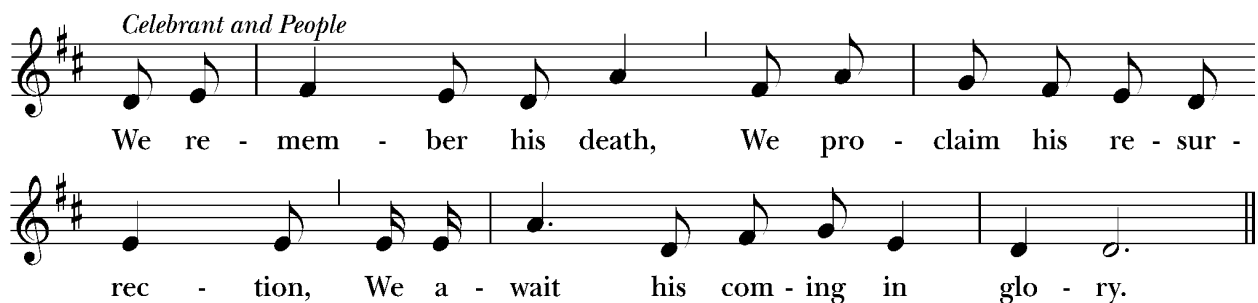
*8:00 AM is Spoken.* **We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.**

*10:15 AM is Sung.*

We remember his death (*Robinson*)

S 138

*Celebrant and People*



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -  
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

## EPICLESIS

*All Remain Standing or Kneeling.*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

## THE GREAT AMEN

*All Remain Standing or Kneeling.*

*8:00 AM is Spoken. Amen.*

*10:15 AM is Sung.*

Amen (Robinson)

S 146



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*All Remain Standing or Kneeling.*

*Presider:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

*People & Presider:* 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, forever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### FRACTION ANTHEM

*All Remain Standing or Kneeling.*

*8:00 AM is Spoken.* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*10:15 AM is Sung.*

O Lamb of God (Powell)

S 163

Musical notation for 'FRACTION ANTHEM' in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.' The notation includes triplets and a key signature change from B-flat major to D major (two sharps) for the final phrase.

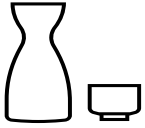
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All Sit or Kneel.*

*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All Remain Sitting or Kneeling.*



*Communion is distributed by kneeling at the altar rail in the form of the bread host and wine from the common chalice. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest, as you are able. If the steps are a difficulty, please alert an usher for assistance.*

## COMMUNION HYMN      Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest (*Sursum Corda*)

H 306

*All Remain Sitting or Kneeling.*

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;  
3 One bo - dy 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.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*All Remain Sitting or Kneeling.*

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*People & Presider:* Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.

BLESSING

*All Remain Standing or Kneeling.*

*Presider:* Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and bestowing life to those in tomb and the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit now and forever.

*People:* Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

That Easter day with joy was bright (*Puer nobis*)

H 193

*All Stand.*



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the  
 2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his  
 3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do  
 4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in  
 5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing  
 2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn  
 3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee  
 4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon  
 5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
 2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.  
 3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.  
 4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.  
 5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

DISMISSAL

*All Remain Standing.*

*Cleric:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

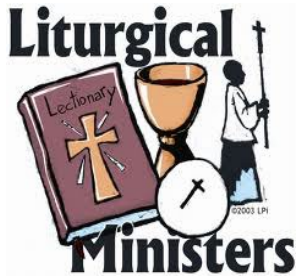
POSTLUDE

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## CCRP EVENTS & INFORMATION

Whoever you are, for whatever draws you to join us today, we are glad that you are here. If you would like to learn more about how to connect and grow through the ministries of the Episcopal Church in this region, and Christ Church Ridley Park (CCRP), please find the Connect Card under “Dive In” or “Join” on our website: [ChristChurchRidleyPark.org](http://ChristChurchRidleyPark.org).

**Service Time Change!** The second Sunday Eucharist service will begin at 10:00AM starting on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. See you all 15 minutes earlier for the new Worship Time next month.



**A Call for New Liturgical Ministers:** The Liturgy is the work of the people. It takes everyone's participation to make it happen in a proper way. There is no holiness factor to join or written test in any way. All that is required is being faithful and giving it a try. We are in need of lectors, eucharistic ministers, ushers, choir members, and altar guild. It would be a wonderful addition to have people bring the gifts of bread and wine each week to the altar. In this time of new starts it would be wonderful to see some new faces participate in new ways. Training for anyone interested in becoming a lector, usher, or eucharistic minister will take place between services next Sunday on April 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00AM.

**Sunday School & Children's Chapel:** This is an interactive, storytelling, and creative Christian worship time for children Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Children meet in the Whaley Sunday School Room during the 10:15AM service with Leader Sharon Cotter. The invitation is open to any household with children interested in engaging in faithful wondering together.



**Adult Forum:** Adult Forum is a time to reflect on the day's readings, the events of the world, and how it relates to our lives. No preparation is needed; just show up. It will be held every Sunday after the 8:00AM Eucharist and go until about 10:00AM. You can show up whenever you can make it, and there is no commitment.

**Homebound Visits:** Our Team of Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) are ready to bring communion to homebound parishioners. If you would like a visit from Fr. Michael or would like to receive communion in your home, we ask that you and notify the Church Office so that it can be arranged for you.



### DEPPICH SCHOLARSHIP

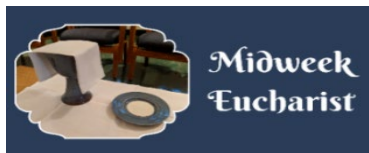


**Deppich Scholarships:** The Earle and Marie Deppich Scholarship Fund was established by the Vestry of Christ Church to remember The Deppichs and to emphasize the importance that Christ Church held in their life and the lives of many others. Applicants must be affiliated with Christ Church and must have been accepted by or be attending an accredited college, seminary, or trade school. Scholarship applications will be available Online and in the Church Office starting Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. They are due back to the Church Office fully completed with all documentation by Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



**Learning the Eucharist:** From now through Pentecost, Sunday School will be focusing their lessons on the Eucharist. This is a wonderful opportunity for hands-on learning where children will return to their caregivers during service to receive Eucharist together.

**Daily Office:** Through Facebook or the parish website you can join Fr. Michael on Mondays through Saturdays for Morning Prayer at 8:30AM and Evening Prayer at 7:00PM. Join live or replay any video throughout the day at your convenience. These services will last about 10 to 15 minutes. It will include a Psalm, a Scripture Reading, and Intercessions for those in need. The great thing is you will not even have to leave the comfort of your home. Once they are prayed live, you can watch them at any point during the day.



**Midweek Eucharist:** Fr. Michael will preside over Eucharist every Wednesday evening at 7:00PM. Not a morning person? Work on the weekends? Looking for a midweek faith practice? Then we will see you in the pews on Wednesdays.

**Celebrating Graduates:** We would love to celebrate the Class of 2024 Christ Church Scholars in next monthly newsletter with a Graduate Spotlight. If you have a graduating 8th Grader, High School Senior, College Student, or Graduate Student, please email Mackenzie Alexander at [Youth@ChristChurchRidleyPark.org](mailto:Youth@ChristChurchRidleyPark.org) as soon as possible. Thanks!

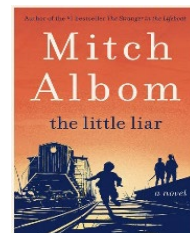


**Good Shepherd Healing Service:** Next Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 a Healing Ritual will take place during Services to include the sacrament of Anointing and Laying on of Hands. Did you know? Praying for healing can be offered anytime of the year before surgeries, illness, or any other need. Please contact Fr. Michael, and he will gladly pray along with you.



**Upcoming Baptism:** On Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, please join us in celebrating the sacrament of Baptism for Vivian Zappone at the 10:15AM Eucharist.

**Book Club:** The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 2:00PM to discuss The Little Liar by Mitch Albom. This moving historical fiction novel follows the stories of 4 different yet interconnected characters and looks at the redemptive power of love and the gray area between truth and lies.



**Funeral for Parishioner Ginger Cain:** The life of our beloved friend Virginia “Ginger” Cain will be celebrated on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Christ Church. The Visitation will begin at 9:00AM, and the Eucharist will take place at 10:00AM. All are welcome!

**Digital Evangelists:** Spreading the good news of Jesus and the work of Christ Church is the responsibility of each of us. We need your help to take pictures of church events and not only share them to the Church social media but also your own social media. Posting photos and sharing church events are small ways we can expand our presence in the world.



**Sponsor Altar Flowers:** Beautify the sanctuary with Altar Flowers shared “in memory” or “in honor” of someone special. Information on how to donate flowers is located under the “GIVE” button on our website under the tab labeled “WORSHIP” in the upper righthand corner of the homepage. Names of the donors and the tribute will be placed in the Parish Bulletin for that week.



## Easter Traditions

- The Easter Season goes from the Easter Vigil to Pentecost (50 days). It's longer and more important than Lent.
- The two main symbols of Easter are the Paschal Candle and the Font.
  - The Paschal Candle is the large candle lighted throughout the Great Fifty Days. It is marked with the Alpha and Omega (the beginning and the end) and five nails containing incense symbolizing the glorious wounds of Christ. It is also lighted at baptisms and funerals.
  - The Baptismal Font is located at the back of the church since it is through baptism that we enter the church. Feel free to dip your hand into the water as you enter church or make the sign of the cross as a small way of reminding yourselves of your baptism when entering the church.
- You will get wet in the Easter Season! Asperges, or sprinkling with Holy Water, is another small way to remind you of your baptism. It is also very fun for priests!
- Since it is a season of joy the confession is traditionally omitted. In the early church kneeling was also forbidden since it was a sign of penance, but that is up to your personal piety.
- We will be using Eucharistic Prayer D in the Easter Season. Traditionally, attributed to St. Basil from the 4<sup>th</sup> Century. He stressed the role of baptism and the Holy Spirit in the prayer. The Prayers of the People can also be included in the Eucharistic Prayer.

## EASTER SEASON



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**Altar Flowers today are in loving memory of  
John Houpt and Sara Houpt by their Daughter Carol King.**



## Feast Days of the Week:

- Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Damien, Priest & Marianne Cope, Monastic of Hawaii  
Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Peter Williams Cassey, Deacon & Annie Besant Cassey  
Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Kateri Tekakwitha, Lay Contemplative  
Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Juana Inés de la Cruz, Monastic and Theologian  
Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr

### Christ Church Ridley Park (CCRP) Leadership

The Reverend Michael Ruk, Interim Priest-in-Charge  
The Reverend Dennis Bingham, Deacon  
Dr. Josh Miller, Choirmaster / Organist  
Mackenzie Alexander, Communications Director  
Nicholas D'Amato, Parish Church Administrator

Vestry Members: Sharon Cotter, Nicole Bowden, Eileen Capozzoli, Earl Dempsey, Bruce Horne, Nancy Mobley, Kathleen Okarski, Patrick O'Neill, Carol Parasink, Barbara Torrens, & Judy Yorke

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