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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 A.M.

APRIL 14, 2024

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In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome! Whether you are a guest or a long-time member, we are blessed by your presence which helps us to more fully gather as the beloved community of God.

Established in 1753, St. Luke's today is an Episcopal community that is grounded in the Eucharist and is focused on becoming a church that follows, looks, and acts like Jesus. We invite you to come and see the difference Christ makes through abundant grace, intentional worship, and beloved community.

If you are our guest today, we encourage you to please complete a Guest Card, found in the pew rack in front of you and place it in the offering plate or speak to the clergy who will greet you as you leave the church. We want to be able to fully welcome you into our communal life at St. Luke's.

Worship in Eastertide

In Eastertide, we celebrate and share the Good News that the Lord is risen! Just as the Cross shows us that God's love has no limit, Easter proclaims that love triumphs over all, even Sin and Death. In the season of Easter, which runs through the Day of Pentecost, we focus on our Baptismal union with Jesus Christ and one another. The color for the season is white, symbolizing the dawn of the renewed Creation that was opened with the tomb on Easter morning. We enthusiastically stand and shout Alleluia as we rejoice in the glory and wonder of the Resurrection.

THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY The Women at the Tomb

Dorothy Papadakos

(incorporating the hymn tune *Salve festa dies*, #175)

HYMN IN PROCESSION

#205 Good Christians all, rejoice *Please stand. Sung by all.*

Hymnal 1982

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

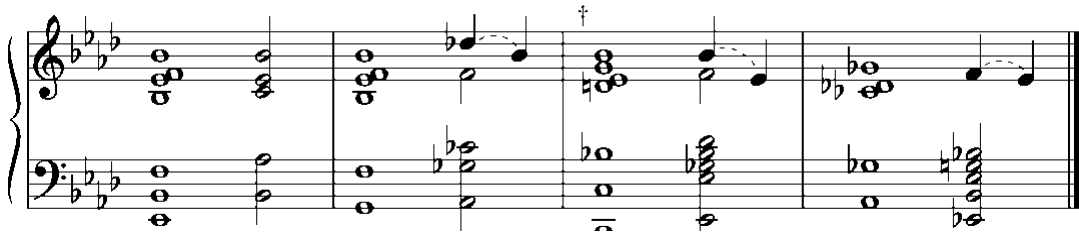
Book of Common Prayer, 355

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

PASCHA NOSTRUM *Sung by all.*

Wonder, Love & Praise



Cantor Alleluia

All Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for **us**;
therefore let us keep the **feast**,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and **e-vil**,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alle-**lu-ia**.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die **again**;
death no longer has dominion over **him**.
The death that he died to sin, once for **all**;
but the life he lives, he lives to **God**.

† So also consider yourselves dead to **sin**,
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alle-**lu-ia**.

Christ has been raised from the **dead**,
the first fruits of those who have fallen **asleep**.
For since by a man came **death**,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the **dead**.

† For as in Adam all **die**,
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alle-**lu-ia**.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, 224

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **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.**

THE FIRST READING *Please be seated.*

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.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

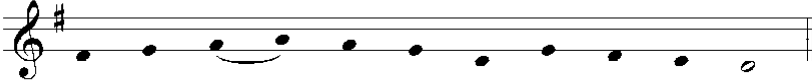
People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 4

Sung by all.

Plainchant, Mode 7

Refrain

Mode 7 

You have put glad-ness in my heart, O Lord.

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated.

- 1 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.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?" **Refrain**
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord. **Refrain**
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **Refrain**

THE SECOND READING

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

#189 Love's redeeming work is done *Please stand, sung by all.*

Hymnal 1982

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

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

People: **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.

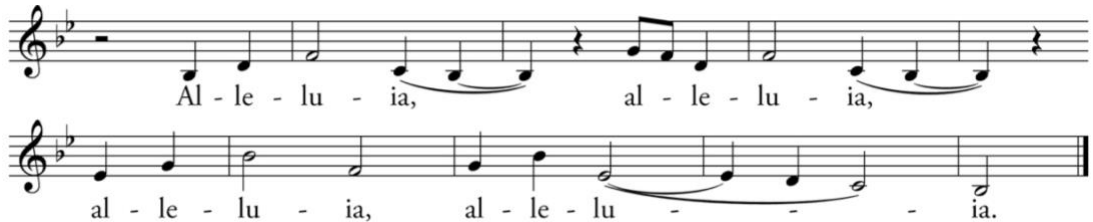
Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah 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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE ALLELUIA RESPONSE "A Repeating Alleluia"

Calvin Hampton



THE SERMON *Please be seated.*

The Rev. Dr. Robert Black

Notes for Reflection

- Have you ever forgotten that you are God's beloved child?
- What makes you forget this? Remember this?
- How does the Church help your relationship with God?
- In what ways could the Church draw you closer to God's love?
 - What role do other people play in your faith?
 - Who will you invite to "come and see"?

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand.*

BCP, 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please remain standing.*

Deacon: Christ, the stone which the builders rejected, God has made the cornerstone of a new community. In that name by which we are founded, let us draw near in confidence, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: The risen Christ opened the minds of the disciples to understand the scriptures. May the Church find in the scriptures healing, mission, and Good News for all. For this let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ showed wounded hands and feet to his unbelieving apostles. May we see the risen one in all the wounded of our world. For this let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ our cornerstone intercedes for us before God. Let us and all in authority heed God's call for justice in the Church, in our community, and in the nation. For this let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

We are saved by a God who is light, in whom there is no darkness at all. Let us beg for God's light in those places which seem darkest. Let us ask that God enlighten all who inflict darkness on others. Let us ask that God shine on those who are afflicted by evil. For this let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In the power of Christ's name we are healed. Let us recall all who need healing especially Merilee, Becky, Cam, Patricia, Janet, Mark, Patsy, and Fred and all in the healing professions. For them let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

The power of the Resurrection gives new and abundant life to all. May those who have died receive the fullness of this eternal life. For them let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Loving God, you have glorified your Son Jesus and given him the name by which we are saved. Give us the courage to act in his name. Accept our praise, offered in his name, for we offer this prayer through and with and in Jesus, your Son and our Savior. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

God of grace and glory, you formed us in your image and mercifully restored us in Jesus Christ. In baptism, we were buried with Christ and rose to new life in him. Renew us in your Holy Spirit, that we may grow as members of Christ and temples of the Holy Spirit, and strengthen our union with all of Christ's Body. May we, whom you have counted worthy, nurture this gift of your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith and worship you with holy living; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE *Please stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated.*

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS *Prayed by all.*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Can I Keep From Singing? *Caroline Stephenson, soloist* *American Folksong*

*My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet though far-off hymn that hails a new creation,
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing,
It finds an echo in my soul, How can I keep from singing?*

*What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord, my Savior liveth,
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night He giveth,
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Refuge clinging,
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, How can I keep from singing?*

*I lift mine eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it,
And day by day this pathway smooths, Since first I learned to love it,
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A fountain ever springing,
All things are mine since I am His, How can I keep from singing?*

Text attributed to "Pauline T", music by Robert Lowry, setting by Deford and Loynes

DOXOLOGY: Hymn 193 Verse 5 *Please stand, sung by all.* *Hymnal 1982*

*All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to thee, who, dead, again dost live;
to God the Father equal praise,
and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP, 361

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.**
Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing...who forever sing this hymn to
 proclaim the glory of your Name.

SANCTUS, S-125 *Sung by all.*

Hymnal 1982

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Please remain standing.

The Celebrant continues... therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues... in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, 364

FRACTION ANTHEM, S-154

Sung by all.

Hymnal 1982

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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COMMUNION HYMN

#174 At the Lamb's high feast *Sung by all.*

Hymnal 1982

The Holy Eucharist is central to our worship and identity, and we want all to be able to participate. Please see card at end of each pew for more information about how to receive Communion or a Prayer of Blessing.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand.

BCP, 366

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

HYMN IN PROCESSION

#199 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain *Sung by all.*

Hymnal 1982

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, 366

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY Toccata on O filii et filiae

Lynnwood Farnum

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Eucharist candles given by Holly Cormack in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Cormack, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Cormack, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Taylor

Office candles given by Holly Cormack in memory of her Godparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Gorrell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Cormack, and Maribelle Cormack

Sanctuary Lamp given by Dr. Richard Brownell in memory of Lorraine Brownell and in honor of Elizabeth Brownell Duncan and Heather Elizabeth Duncan, and by Reg Boland in honor of people who are kind

Altar Flowers given by Jane Riley in memory of Helen and Owen Ollerhead, Arthur Hugh Mann, and Molly Evans

Servers This Week: *Ushers:* George Simons, Graham Corriher, Drew Griffith, Gary Thornburg; *Greeters:* Andrew and Susanna Lund; *Emergency Response:* Mark Stephenson; *Lectors:* Robin Swanson, Mary Ann McCubbin; *Chalicians:* Stephen Collins, Dean Cunningham; *Intercessor:* Dick Martin; *Acolytes:* Nicholas Eppheimer, Eleanor Black, Joaquim Chamberlain, Graham Corriher; *Vergers:* Greg Shields; *Vestry Deposit:* Greg Shields, Andrew Jacobson; *Children's Church:* Caroline Stephenson, Tyler Black; *Nursery:* TBA

Servers Next Week: *Ushers:* Bob Setzer, Andy Lund, Pennie Martin, Erik Lipscomb; *Greeter:* Pennie Martin; *Emergency Response:* Stephanie Phoenix, Ryan Poag; *Lectors:* Luke Hamaty, Ryan Poag; *Chalicians:* Chip Carter; *Intercessor:* Michelle Whitson; *Acolytes:* Grace Eppheimer, Nick Clement, Malachi Whitson, Rowen Black; *Vergers:* Gary Thornburg; *Vestry Deposit:* Hank Newman, Jennifer McKinney; *Children's Church:* Kathy Gregg, John Cowan; *Nursery:* TBA

Come and See
the *difference* Christ makes



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