

St. John's Episcopal Church

The THIRD Sunday of EASTER



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Holy Eucharist, Rite II
April 14, 2024 · 10:30 AM

*All are welcome to worship God in this place.
In church before the service, please respect others by being silent.
Bold print indicates all the people shall read aloud*

PRELUDE Cantabile

Joseph Jongen

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Alleluia! The Strife is O'er

Hymnal - 208

Victory

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
4 He closed the yawning gates of hell, the bars from
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OPENING & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Book of Common Prayer 355

The Celebrant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant 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.

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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 FIRST LESSON

Acts 3:12-19

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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

2 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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 4

The psalm will be sung by all.

Cum invocarem



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**?”
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**.
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**.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 1:1-2:2

Reader A reading from the first letter of John.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Hymnal - 182

Truro

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller 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.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Abraham Allende

THE NICENE CREED

Book of Common Prayer 358

All 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Praying the Scriptures by Jeremiah D. Williamson

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. So let us appeal to the Lord, saying, “Answer us when we call, O God; **have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**”

Speak peace to your Church, Lord Christ. Open our minds to your truth. Open our hearts to your presence. Send us forth into the world as witnesses to your resurrection.

Silence

Answer us when we call, O Lord;
Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Speak peace to our world. Lord Christ. Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” Lift up the light of your countenance; give the people of the world hope.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Answer us when we call, O Lord;
Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Speak peace on earth, Lord Christ. You entered into the created order and blessed it. Give us eyes to see signs of redemption. Give us courage to responsibly care for all that you have made.

Silence

Answer us when we call, O Lord;
Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Speak peace to those who work for the end of hunger and poverty, Lord Christ. You know the pangs of hunger; you know also the depth of our community’s need. Comfort and encourage those who become discouraged in their work. Set free all those who are

hard-pressed; fulfill all those in need.

Silence

Answer us when we call, O Lord;

Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Speak peace to the sick and sorrowful, Lord Christ. When we call upon you, you hear us. You do wonders for the faithful. In your name we pray that our loved ones would have their health restored.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

Answer us when we call, O Lord;

Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Speak peace to those who are dying and those who are grieving, Lord Christ. Having been baptized into your death, O Christ, we await the day when we will be like you, experiencing the fullness of your resurrection.

Silence

Answer us when we call, O Lord;

Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Praying the Scriptures by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Priest O Lord, your mercy endures forever. Hear the prayers of your people. And grant us the strength and the courage to walk in your ways, all the days of our lives. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Book of Common Prayer 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Officiant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM O For A Closer Walk with God

Charles V. Stanford

All **All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.**

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer 364

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All praying together

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S- 163

Robert Powell

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 INVITATION

Celebrant 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.

HOLY COMMUNION*Please let Pastor Allende know if you would prefer gluten free wafers.***COMMUNION MOTET** Come, Risen Lord

Richard Konzen

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of Thy Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I present to You my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to You. And since I can not now receive You sacramentally, I beseech You to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to You, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate You from me. May I live and die in Your love. **Amen.**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER*Book of Common Prayer 366**Celebrant* Let us pray.*The people all stand as they are able and pray together*

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 EASTER BLESSING*Book of Occasional Services*

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness

Hymnal - 492

*Finnian***DISMISSAL***Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.****POSTLUDE** Monologue (*Con moto*)

Josef Rheinberger

MUSIC NOTES

The composer of this morning's prelude, Joseph Jongen (1873-1953) was admitted to the Liège conservatory at the age of seven, spending the next sixteen years there. In 1903 he was appointed to the faculty of the Liège conservatory and taught counterpoint and harmony. After World War I, he returned to Belgium from England and was appointed to the faculty of the Brussels conservatory to teach fugue. Jongen composed a great variety of music, but sadly, he destroyed many of his works. Today, only his organ music is performed regularly. Jongen's music is always melodic and full of rich harmony. The *Cantabile* works as a canon with some contrasting sections.

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901) is best known for his twenty organ sonatas, but also composed a variety of shorter works. The postlude this morning is from his first set of Monologues. Rheinberger was also a teacher, having several prominent musicians study with him during his tenure at the Munich conservatory.

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