

Third Sunday of Easter

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April 14, 2024 • In person at 10:15 a.m. or streaming on Facebook Live and YouTube

PRELUDE

Hilf, Gott, daß mirs Gelingt
[Help Me, God, to Succeed]

J. S. Bach

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The People's responses are printed in **bold** type.

OPENING HYMN

Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice

#212

1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let
2 Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the
3 those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in

1 Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - joice in Christ, a -
2 saints their Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their
3 in - fi - nite de - gree, those feet still free to

1 gain re - joice and on his prais - es dwell.
2 ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,
3 move and bleed for mil - lions and for me.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

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Monday-Friday





Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services. A staffed nursery is available if desired, for infants through preschool age children. Additionally, activity bags for creative young minds are available for worship services in the narthex. Children make a *joyful* noise!

HYMN OF PRAISE:

#S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty 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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **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.**

FIRST LESSON:

Lector: A reading from Acts.

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 this man 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 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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM:

¹Answer 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?”**

³Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; ***when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.**

⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin; ***speak to**

your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices ***and put your trust in the Lord.**

⁶Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” ***Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart, ***more than when grain and wine and oil increase.**

⁸I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; ***for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

SECOND LESSON:

Lector: A reading from First 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

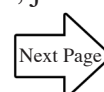
[Acts 3:12-19]

Lector:
Judy Schillinger

[Psalm 4]

[1 John 3:1-7]

Lector:
Teresa Pappas



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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

#474

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

[Luke 24:36b-48]

THE GOSPEL:

Deacon: The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Jesus 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: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED:

Lector: Let us confess our faith with 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lector: In this season of Easter, let us offer our prayers with all our heart, mind, and body.

Gracious God, inspire all of us to know your saving power and serve you with true humility. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Give discerning hearts and minds to those who hold authority in the nations of the world, that they may move toward peace and reconciliation and away from violence. We pray for all countries torn

apart by violence and war and for those who have died in all places of strife. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Show us, your human family, how to share and mobilize resources so that those in need and those with plenty may join together. Deepen our desire, sharpen our will and intention to respect the dignity of all. We pray for all those in our own city, country, and around the world who suffer from homelessness or poverty. Lord, in your mercy, **receive**

The Rev. Brian Gross

Lector:
Katy Lee

We believe...



our prayer.

Inspire all in this community to learn and grow in our knowledge and love of you. Bless our relationship with one another that we may speak and act in love, truth, and humility. Be in our praying, thinking, and all that we do that we may choose your will. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Break the bonds of illness, addiction, despair, and loneliness by your healing power. We bring in prayer those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. We pray especially today for Joe, Roland, Sandy, Lynne, Charlene, Karlett, Valerie, Lucas, Darrell, Doug, Kris, Susie, Marissa, Renee, Sue, Carolyn, Carol, Tobin-Grace, Adley Jo, and Mark. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Give rest, O Christ, to those who have died with all your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting. We pray especially today for Shirley Ann Paul Kalvig. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

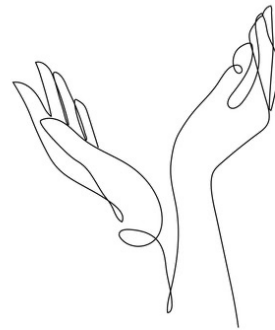
We celebrate those in our congregation

with birthdays this week, Julie. We also celebrate those with anniversaries; Julie & Mike.

We pray for the people, the missions, and the ministries of our companion Dioceses of Swaziland in Eswatini, Brechin in Scotland, and of Nzara in South Sudan.

Let us pray for our own needs or the needs of others either silently or aloud.

Celebrant: Almighty God, you raised up Jesus Christ, that the whole world may shine forth your presence. Open the eyes of our faith, and so infuse us with the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may bear witness to his Name in all the cares and occupations of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



We Confess...



The Peace, the last part of the Service of the Word, is meant to offer each other a brief word of "peace" as we come together as a community for the Eucharist.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: 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

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.

People: **And also with you.**

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 OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

I Come with Joy to Meet my Lord

#304

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.

THE DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

#380

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord;
 People: **And of your own have we given you.**

Online giving:



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE



Holy Communion is God's feast for *all* of God's people. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, to *this* feast, you are most warmly welcome. We receive communion in one kind (the wafer), or both kinds (wafer and wine) by intinction (dipping the wafer in the chalice bowl), or by drinking from the chalice.

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and every where 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 he 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:

Holy, holy, holy...

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.

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:

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

You may kneel or stand.



Our Father...

Chalice Bearers:

Judy Frantz
Judy Schillinger
Daniel Lieurance
Teresa Pappas

During the distribution of Communion, anyone may go to the side chapel near the columbarium to receive a prayer for healing and anointing with oil.

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

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

INVITATION

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal God, our Creator, 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.**

THE BLESSING

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
 and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the Risen Christ. Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

E. Gesangbuch



Celtic Worship
 SERVICE
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Appearing to the Disciples
Luke 24:36-48

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