



Third Sunday Of Easter

April 14th, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to worship at Saint John's Episcopal Church.

Here are a few notes to make you feel more comfortable.

- Relax and allow your focus to be on praising God, not on the “right” way to do things, because there is no “right” way.
- Please remain muted for the duration of the service unless you have a speaking role. All are welcome to unmute themselves during announcements.
- Above all, ask questions through Zoom's chat feature, if you have them. Anyone in the congregation will be happy to try and answer them.

We gather quietly for a period of meditation and reflection.

The Liturgy of the Word

The service begins with three chimes of a bell, followed by the announcement of the opening hymn.

OPENING HYMN – 182 (*standing, as able*)

CHRIST IS ALIVE! LET CHRISTIANS SING

Brian A. Wren

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| 1 | Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die. | 4 | In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified. |
| 2 | Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and conquer every place and time. | 5 | Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love, and praise. |
| 3 | Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior with the Father reigns. | | |

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*standing, as able*)

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

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.

SONG OF PRAISE – S280 (*standing, as able*)

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 (*standing, as able*)

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant 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 FIRST LESSON: ACTS 3:12-19 (*seated*)

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 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4 (*seated*)

Leader Let us read Psalm 4 responsively by whole verse.

- 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 3:1-7 (*seated*)

Reader A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

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

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 24:36b-48 (*standing, as able*)

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON (*seated*)

The Rev. Christopher Richardson

THE NICENE CREED (*standing, 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM III (*standing, as able*)

Officiant Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
People That we all may be one.

Officiant Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Officiant We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Officiant We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Officiant Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Officiant Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Officiant Give to the departed eternal rest;
People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Officiant We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Officiant Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Today we especially pray for The Alcott Family, Mary Becht, Susan Bush, the Correa family, Jenny Coss, Sue Craig, Maureen Cunningham, Michael Curry, Chad Dade and family, Katrina Filmore, Darrell Forren, Kim French, Steve Gorup, Brenda Groff, John Kissel, Kevin Lewis, Marian Peeler, Barb Phillips, Taryn Rapp and family, David Richards, Nadya Richardson, Rodger Silvia, Charles Spissu, Dale Van Bibber, Mike and Sue Whitaker, Eric Williams, Keller, Monica, and all of the people across the world affected by natural disasters, violence, and war.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Officiant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

People Amen.

PEACE (*standing, as able*)

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*seated*)

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (*seated*)

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

OFFERTORY HYMN –LEVAS 213 (*seated*)

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

Caroline Sandell-Berg

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| 1 | Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven,
Such a refuge e'er was given. | 4 | Praise the Lord in joyful numbers,
Your protector never slumbers;
At the will of your defender
Every person must surrender. |
| 2 | God His own doth tend and nourish,
In His holy courts they flourish;
From all evil things He spares them,
In His mighty arms He bears them. | 5 | Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy. |
| 3 | Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth. | | |

DOXOLOGY (*standing, as able*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures, high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

The Holy Communion

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D (*standing, as able*)

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

People 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.

(*standing or kneeling, as able*)

Celebrant 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.

People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Celebrant 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. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Saint John 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.

People AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*standing or kneeling, as able*)

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

People 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 (*standing or kneeling, as able*)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

EUCCHARISTIC HYMN –306 (*seated*)

COME, RISEN LORD, AND DEIGN TO BE OUR GUEST

George Wallace Briggs

- 1 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;
 nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
 thyself at thine own board make manifest
 in thine own Sacrament of Bread and Wine.

- 2 We meet, as in that upper room they met;
 thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand:
 "This is my Body"; so thou givest yet:
 faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.

- 3 One body we, one Body who partake,
 one Church united in communion blest;
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
 with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.

- 4 One with each other, Lord, for one in thee,
 who art one Savior and one living Head;
 then open thou our eyes, that we may see;
 be known to us in breaking of the Bread.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*standing or kneeling, as able*)

Celebrant Let us pray.

People 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.

THE BLESSING (*standing or kneeling, as able*)

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

CLOSING HYMN –492 (*standing, as able*)
SINGG, YE FAITHFUL, SING WITH GLADNESS

John Ellerton

- 1 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness,
wake your noblest, sweetest strain,
with the praises of your Savior
let his house resound again;
him let all your music honor,
and your songs exalt his reign.

- 2 Sing how he came forth from heaven,
bowed himself to Bethlehem's cave,
stooped to wear the servant's vesture,
bore the pain, the cross, the grave,
passed within the gates of darkness,
thence his banished ones to save.

- 3 So, he tasted death for mortals,
he, of humankind the head,
sinless one, among the sinful,
Prince of life, among the dead;
thus he wrought the full redemption,
and the captor captive led.

- 4 Now on high, yet ever with us,
from his Father's throne the Son
rules and guides the world he ransomed,
till the appointed work be done,
till he see, renewed and perfect,
all things gathered into one.

DISMISSAL (*standing, as able*)

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All are invited to join us in our meeting room following the service for coffee and fellowship.
- The 7th EPISCOPAL NIGHT AT THE SYMPHONY – Episcopal Night at the Symphony returns Friday evening May 24th, 2024, at the Ohio Theatre featuring The Columbus Symphony Orchestra & Chorus for “Mozart’s Mass in C minor.” Check Symphony’s website for details. Ticket prices are \$60 per person and include food and beverages at a 5:30pm reception in the Galbreath Pavilion, as well as orchestra seating for the concert which begins at 7:30pm. The price for the reception only is \$35 per person (if you already have your tickets). Please send a check for the full amount, along with the names of those in your party to the Rev. Bruce Smith, 627 Yaronia Dr. N., Columbus, OH 43214, and include your email address. DEADLINE for reservations and payment is May 10th.
- Please review the names in the prayer list. If you requested prayers for someone and the circumstances have changed, please email Sam, and let her know so that she can update the prayer list.
- St. John’s and Sacred Table are hosting a dinner church twice a month on Wednesday evenings. This will be an opportunity to gather around a “dinner table” as sacred space. Worship and a meal will all be one experience, and we will have local artists, poets, and musicians joining us. The next dinner will be hosted at St. John’s on April 17th at 6 p.m.
- You can now enroll in Kroger Community Rewards. This is a way to raise funds for St. John’s simply by shopping at Kroger. If you need assistance with this process, please contact Sam at stjadministrator@st-johns-columbus.org.
- Street Church meets at the PNC on the corner of Central and Broad on Sundays at 1 p.m.
- If you know anyone in assisted care, please reach out to us! We would love to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

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Mission Statement:

St. John's is a body of Christians, where all are welcome, giving thanks to God through traditional worship in an informal setting and serving God, fully dedicated to being in ministry with our neighborhood and beyond.

Vision Statement:

St. John's envisions a world of equity, peace, and compassion. At St. John's you can be yourself, while experiencing God's love, without fear of judgment.

Who We Are:

St. John's was founded in 1873 as a neighborhood mission and continues to strive to be fully engaged in the Franklinton community through worship, service, and relationships. We do not do outreach; everything we do reaches out into the larger community and invites the community into the life of the congregation.

