

#### **GOOD MORNING & WELCOME**

Welcome to everyone joining us for worship this morning. Whether or not you consider yourselves members of this congregation, we are glad you are here. If the flow of worship should seem unfamiliar to you, relax and let God's presence envelop you, without a worry about when to stand, sit or kneel. If you are new to St. John's, please sign our guest register.

The Rev. Nathan Carr – Vicar
The Rev. Lisa Chronister – Deacon
The Rev. William Font – Deacon
Cynthia Cortright D.M.A. – Organist / Choir Director
Daisy Leyva-Lara, Children's Coordinator

## **Serving Today:**

Cantor – Doug Rogez
Greeters / Oblationers – Marilyn Rogez and Trish Morgan
Lay Readers – Xander Rodgers, H.L. Watson,
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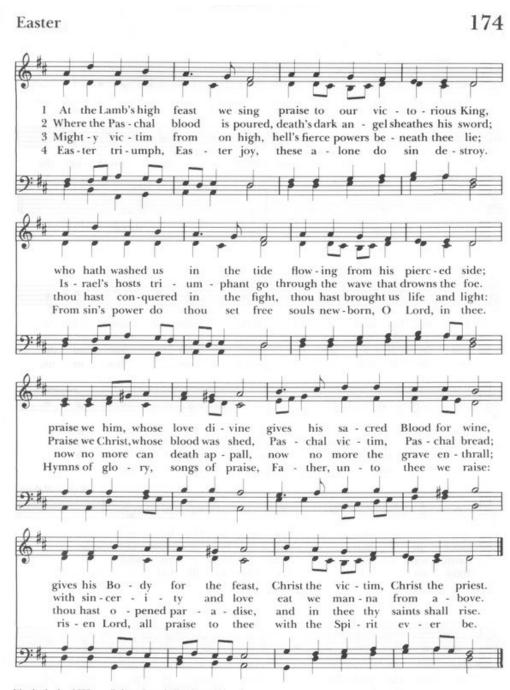
# The Third Sunday of Easter - Year A

Rite I - Holy Eucharist - April 23, 2023 - 10:15 AM

### The Word of God

#### **Prelude**

Processional The Hymnal, #174



Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt. Music: Salzburg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no

secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie The Hymnal, S91

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3X) Christ have mercy upon us. (3X) Lord, have mercy upon us. (3X)

Gloria The Hymnal, S204

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

#### **Collect of the Day**

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.** 

## We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The First Lesson Acts 2:14a,36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 *Dilexi, quoniam* 

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \* because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called **upon** him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took **hold** of me; \* I came to grief and **sorrow**.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*
  "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
- 10 How shall I repay the **Lord** \* for all the good things he has **done** for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \* and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the **Lord** \* in the presence of all his **people**.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the **Lord** \* is the death of his **servants**.
- 14 O Lord, I am your **servant**; \*
  I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my **bonds**.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \* and call upon the Name of the **Lord**.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the **Lord** \* in the presence of all his **people**,

17 In the courts of the Lord'S **house**, \* in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Halle**lujah!** 

The Second Lesson 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### The Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal, #294

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King: heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.

2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our King: one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.

3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King: born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the

only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon Reverend William Font

The Nicene Creed BCP 327

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 of God, Light of 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 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 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

## The Prayers of the People

Form VI BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble:

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Poulson our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers; For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Hear us. Lord:

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept. Leader and People say together

Most merciful God.

we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

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 Celebrant may add sentences from scripture

Please stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

**Announcements** 

#### **Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**

#### **Blessing Prayer**

O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; strengthen their trust in your goodness, and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Offertory

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

## **Congregational Offertory**

The Hymnal #492

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 come 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.

#### Doxology

The Hymnal, #380 (verse 3)

# The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I BCP 333

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People And with thy spirit.**Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus The Hymnal, #S114

Holy, holy holy Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

And now, 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.

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.

And now the prayer of Spiritual Communion for those who are not present:

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen

#### The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei The Hymnal, S158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

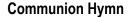
**Prayer of Humble Access** 

**BCP 337** 

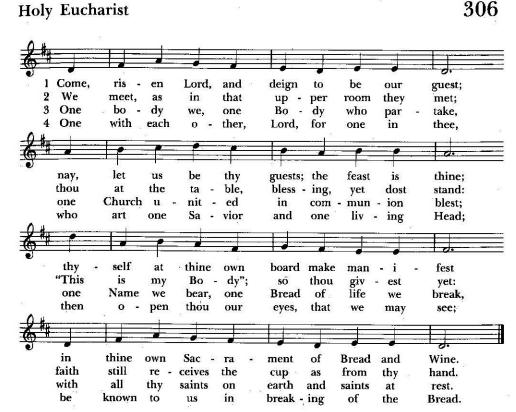
We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## We Share the Gifts of God

#### **Holy Communion**



The Hymnal, #306



Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt. Music: Sursum Corda, Alfred Morton Smith (1879-1971)

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## **Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 339** 

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

Recessional The Hymnal, #296



Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt. Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** 

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

#### Please hold these souls in your ongoing prayers:

Bob Denys Lenets Mary Anne Reed **Beverly Bradley** Jean Ledet & Chad Mathew Reynolds Braiden Kathleen Rhodes Dixon Lewis Honor Carr Rob. Ruthie and Kara Lynn Cynthia Cortright Tony Marruchella Samuel Stephanie Dunham Leland Mayo Adrienne Robertson Ed Betty & Delbert Millican Betty Sinclair and Ryan Lightfoot Family of Kenneth Sharon Ellington Joyce Ezell Trish Morgan Sosna Jim Freeman Paul Mosier John Steward and David Nelson Lee DeWitt Tom Freeman Myrna Gowman Joy Nelson Martha Steward Steve Hammontree The Nichols Family Nancy Steward Sig Hanson Babette Patton Ed Tebow Donna Walters Jean Inge Patty Jessica The Pearson Family Colette Amelia Ginny Wynn Judd Monte Pratt

#### **Altar Gifts**

The flowers and candle are given today by Glen Fields in memory of his parents, Eddie and Alma Fields.

If you would like to donate towards flowers in memory or honor of someone close to you, please call Nancy at the church office. Suggested donation for the altar flowers is \$50, or \$10 for the sanctuary candle.

#### **Birthdays This Week**

26 – Myrna Gowman 28 – Devie Maxwell

#### **Anniversaries**

25 - Mike & Waneima Maney

#### **Announcements**

"Church History – The Reformation" led by Steve Orwig continues . . . WEEK SEVEN (April 23) Introduction to the Tudors and the BCP—

- 1. What was Henry VIII's motivation for wanting to split from the Pope?
- 2. When was the first Book of Common Prayer published? Who was the English monarch then?

[Note: for questions like these, Wikipedia is a pretty good place to start.]

Tuesday, April 25, at 5:30 pm – Feast of St. Mark in Mary Chapel

Wednesday, April 26, at 5:30 pm – Evening Prayer in the Mary Chapel

You're invited to the CAIR Oklahoma Partnership Celebration on Thursday April 27, 5:00-7:00 with a program from 5:45-6:15 in the Wade Dalton Hall. CAIR's final day of service at the Resource Center is Wednesday April 26 and they need extra help in the Resource Center as they prepare to move, some extra hands to sort on Mondays and Wednesdays between 11:00 and 4:00. Look for links to sign up in this week's Thrilling Thursday announcements.

St. David's is hosting a free Will and Financial Family Planning Clinic on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 12:00. To sign up, or for further information contact Cecelia Williams at (405) 449-4408 or email: <a href="mailto:cecelia.williams@laok.org">cecelia.williams@laok.org</a>. St. John's parishioners are invited to this first of two in a series. Look for full information in the Thrilling Thursday this week.

**DOK Discernment Classes are scheduled to begin Saturday, May 6, at 10:00 am.** All women interested in becoming Daughters of the King are encouraged to participate. **Eight sessions are planned**, led by Nancy Steward and Kathleen Ferguson.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 7, for the Blessing of the Pet Ashes Garden and the first Pet Blessing service following the Sunday service, at 11:45ish. All are welcome with your favorite pet friend!!!

**Teacher's Toolbox is in need of** a variety of color copy paper at this time. Our teachers so appreciate your donations.