

The Third Sunday in Easter April 14, 2024 10:30 a.m. The Holy Eucharist

Welcome to St. John's Church. We are glad you are here. If you are new to us today and have questions about our worship, please ask our ushers or one of our members in the pews. Here is some information to assist you:

Children's Chapel meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

<u>Nursery care</u> is available in the Parish Hall. Your infants and toddlers are welcome to stay in the nursery during the church service.

Other Helpful Information

Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall and behind the church.

The Book of Common Prayer is red.

The Hymnal is blue. Numbers preceded by "S" are in the front of the hymnal.

<u>Food and Beverage</u> We thank you for not eating or drinking in the church.

<u>Communion</u> All are welcome at Christ's table. To receive wine by drinking from the chalice, please go to the right at the communion rail. To receive wine through intinction, go to the left; a member of the clergy will dip your wafer in the intinction cup and hand it to you. To take just the wafer or to receive only a blessing, please go to the right. Glutenfree wafers are available upon request. To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. If you prefer communion be brought to you in your pew, let the usher know.

<u>We will continue to livestream worship on YouTube for our online community</u>. We hope that by offering an option for online worship, those who are not able to come to church will feel connected.

Our Mission

We are a caring, spiritual community, joyfully embracing and nurturing all; serving God, each other, and the community.

This is a holy time and place. Please prepare for worship in silence, so others may do the same.

The Word of God

Prelude Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J.S. Bach

Processional "All creatures of our God and King" verses 1, 4, 6, 7

Hymnal 400

Salutation BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity Said in unison BCP 355

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 "Glory to God" Gloria in excelsis.

Hymnal S 280

The 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*.

Please be seated.

The First Reading 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

The Response The choir leads the congregation in chanting the psalm.

Psalm 4



Thanks be to God.

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People

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 in-crease.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall a-sleep; *

for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn "Blessed Jesus, at thy word"

Hymnal 440

The Holy Gospel Remain standing.

Luke 24:36b-48

Gospeler 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.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon The Rev. Amelie Wilmer

The Nicene Creed Please stand as you are 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.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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.*

*The translation of the Nicene Creed was approved for congregational use at the 2018 General Convention of the Episcopal Church and is published in *Text Of Expansive Language Liturgies From Resolution* 2018-D078.

The Prayers of the People Please stand or kneel as you are able.

In this Easter Season, we celebrate the resurrection and our union with Christ in his risen life. Knowing that we are a beloved and redeemed people, let us pray to God who raised his son from the dead, saying "hear our prayer."

O God, creator of life and giver of gladness, let us be your Beacon on the Hill, shining your light so brightly that others may come to know you, to love, and to be loved. Help us to reach out to those around us, bearing fruit through acts of kindness, welcome, and fellowship.

God of redemption and renewal, hear our prayer.

For the courage and the grace to be a Beloved Community, welcoming everyone.

God of redemption and renewal, hear our prayer.

For all houses and places of worship, especially for Holy Comforter, Richmond; Holy Cross, Dunn Loring; Episcopal High School, Alexandria; and St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Alexandria.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer*.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Mark, Gayle, and Bud, our bishops, for the clergy of St. John's, and for all who proclaim the Good News of the Risen Christ.

God of redemption and renewal, hear our prayer.

For the elected leaders and unelected policy makers of our nation, and for an informed and active citizenry. God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer*.

For justice and peace on this earth, especially in Ukraine, Palestine, and Israel, Haiti, South Sudan, and other places of unrest.

God of redemption and renewal, hear our prayer.

For your creation, which you have called good, that our hearts may be enriched to care for it.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer*.

For all who are sick, addicted, struggling, burdened, or suffering, especially Claire, Johnny, Rosa, Lana, Marti, Judith, Brett, Charlie, Mike, Chase, Brenda, Pauline, Kate, George, Mark, John, Stokes, Shelby, Claudia, Faye, Doug, Paul, Will, and Marilyn.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer*.

For the dying and the dead, especially for Cindy Liebert Crowder and Chris Bowles, who died this past week.

God of redemption and renewal, hear our prayer.

For our own needs and thanksgiving, which we offer either silently or aloud.

God of redemption and renewal, hear our prayer.

Silence is kept.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace BCP 360

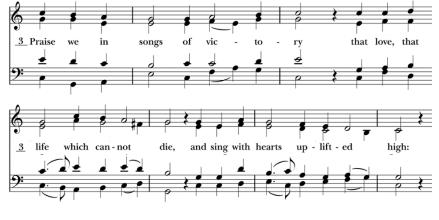
Announcements

The Offertory Anthem Ride on, King Jesus

Arr. Sydnor

The Presentation of the Offering "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!" verse 3

Hymnal 205





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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Hymnal S 125

WL&P 863

The Sanctus

The Great Amen

The Celebrant continues as participants kneel or remain standing.

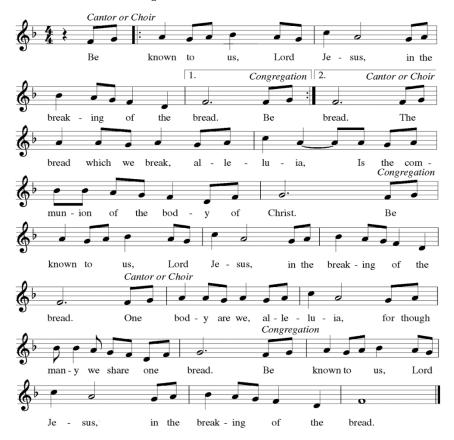


The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

Fraction Anthem All sing.

WL& P 875



Please sit or kneel. All are welcome at Christ's table. To receive wine by drinking from the chalice, please go to the right at the communion rail. To receive wine through intinction, go to the left; a member of the clergy will dip your wafer in the intinction cup and hand it to you. To take just the wafer or to receive only a blessing, please go to the right. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. If you prefer communion be brought to you in your pew, let the usher know.

Communion Hymns "Christ the Lord is risen again!"

Hymnal 184

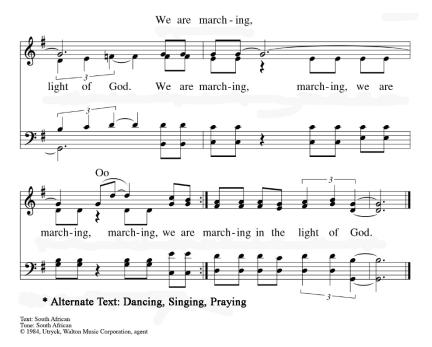
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The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing





The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

The flowers at the altar are given by Laura Streat in memory of Cindy Liebert Crowder.

Welcome to St. John's Church

If you are seeking a place to explore your faith, we invite you to make St. John's Church your spiritual home. Please complete a visitor card, found in your pew, and place it in the offering plate to receive our weekly email. We hope that you will join us immediately following the service for coffee hour in the Parish Hall.

Prayer for St. John's Church

O God, creator of life and giver of gladness, let us be your Beacon on the Hill, shining your light so brightly that others may come to know you, to love, and to be loved. Help us to reach out to those around us, bearing fruit through acts of kindness, welcome, and fellowship. Amen.

Land Acknowledgment

Please join us in acknowledging and honoring the Indigenous peoples who are the original inhabitants of the land on which St. John's Church now stands: the Chickahominy, Eastern Chickahominy, Mattaponi, Monacan, Nansemond, Nottoway, Pamunkey, Patawomeck, Powhatan, Upper Mattaponi, and Rappahannock tribes. We offer our respect to their tribal members past and present.

Serving this Morning

CelebrantThe Rev. Amelie WilmerPreacherThe Rev. Amelie Wilmer

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Deacon The Rev. JD Dickinson

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