

**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY  
14 April 2024 Year B  
**10:30 AM**

\* Indicates please stand

**Prelude** Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier (*Dearest Jesus, we are here*), BWV 731 J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

**\*Processional Hymn** Christ is alive! (*Truro*) **Hymnal #182**

**\*Opening Acclamation** **BCP 355**

**\*Collect For Purity**

**\*Gloria** **Hymnal #S-279**

**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.*

**The First Lesson**

**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.”

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 4**

*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 Epistle 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.

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**\*Sequence** He is risen (*Unser Herrscher*)

**Hymnal #180 vv 1–2**

**\*The Gospel Reading**

**Luke 24:36B–48**

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

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**\*Sequence** He is risen (*Unser Herrscher*)

**Hymnal #180 vv 3–4**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Kit Tobin**

**\*The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.

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

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.

**\*The Prayers of the People**

In the breaking of the bread, our eyes are opened to the presence of Christ, and in the opening of our lips we give thanks and intercession through our prayers, responding to each petition by saying, "Hear us, O risen Christ."

+ Author of Life, help us to witness to the power of your Son's resurrection, that through our words and actions, others may come to know your gift of forgiveness and the power of eternal love that yields a perfect harvest; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, O risen Christ.*

+ Defender of our Cause, strengthen our resolve to bring your hope to all parts of the world, and to the leaders of the nations give the wisdom to overcome barriers to peace and security; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, O risen Christ.*

+ Creator of the Universe, inspire the people in our churches to imaginatively reach out in witness to those who have no understanding of the Christian faith, or who no longer take part in the fellowship of the baptized; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, O risen Christ.*

+ Divine Presence, reveal your death, resurrection and coming again through the mystery of your Body and Blood, that we who know you in the breaking of the bread, may be spiritual food for those who do not know you; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, O risen Christ.*

+ Eternal One, be with those whose earthly life has run its course; may they and all the faithful departed, through your mercy, rest in peace; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, O risen Christ.*

+ God of our Salvation, who took our place before the madding crowd, fill our hearts with gratitude and lift our voices with the song of thanksgiving; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, O risen Christ.*

As a people of repentance, forgiveness, and liberation, let us continue our prayers.

We pray without ceasing for justice, reconciliation, peace, and an end to hatred and war. We also pray for God to change the hearts of all the leaders and decision-makers in our countries and around the world. For we are in dire need of hearts that love, show mercy, and are willing to live in unity with others; hearts that respect human dignity and choose life rather than death.

*God of peace and justice, hear our prayers. Amen*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for

Joan	Jim	Sarah	Amelia	Christina
Charles	Gerald	Avery	Michael	Chavon
Wes	Cece	Nathan	Susan	Russell
Virginia	Theodore	Jane	Jeff	
Shirley	Lorraine	Chris	Mary Beth	
Richard	Edith	Carole	Jack	
Linda	Kathryn	Sandy	Julianne	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Nora Clark, Woodrow Miller, Jacob Fox

### **Confession Of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

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**

*Please remain in your pew. Wave!*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*And also with you.*

**Announcements & Welcome**

**Offertory Sentence**

**Anthem** Jesu dulcis memoria

attributed to Tomás Luis de Victoria (1545–1611)

**\*Presentation Hymn** The Lamb's high banquet (*Ad cenam Agni providi*)

**Hymnal #202**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

Expanded Language Prayer A

**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:** *continuing:* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy** (*Sanctus*)

**Hymnal #S-130**

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and became 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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, Jesus 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, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s 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 and drink of new and unending life in Christ.

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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**Fraction Anthem      Lamb of God** (*Agnus Dei*)

**Hymnal #S-164**

### **The Communion of the People**

*All people are invited to the Lord’s Table.*

*Eucharist will be distributed in the center aisle. Please come forward in a single line to receive.*

*You may either intinct your wafer or you may drink from the common chalice after consuming the wafer.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

### **Communion Music**

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless (*St. Agnes*)

**Hymnal #343**

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest (*Sursum corda*)

**Hymnal #306**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*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.*

### **Blessing**

**\*Recessional** Alleluia! The strife is o’er, the battle done (*Victory*)

**Hymnal #208**

### **Dismissal**

**Postlude** Prelude in C Major, BuxWV 137

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

**Crucifer:** Ceril Sandstrom

**Liturgical Ministers:** Ceril Sandstrom, Sara VanLooy, Stephanie Nevels

**Virtual Vergers** Michael Roman, Amber Massa, John Jackson

*This morning we welcome The Rev. Kit Tobin as our celebrant and guest preacher.*

**St. John's extends a warm welcome to visitors!**

**May you experience the Lord's presence during worship. Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate and stay for coffee in the parish hall after the service.**

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#### **Please Join Us:**

Coffee Hour has resumed in the Parish Hall following the service. Masks are optional when you are not actively eating or drinking.

**Forward Day by Day** for **February, March, and April** is available on the table in the rear of the church.

**Candles and Flowers:** If you wish to give Sunday flowers in memory of a loved one, please call the church office (607-273-6532).