



SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026, 10:30 A.M.
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE PRELUDE

Prelude in G
Grand Choeur Dialogue

Johann Sebastian Bach
Eugene Gigout

THE OPENING HYMN 207 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

All stand.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

THE GLORIA



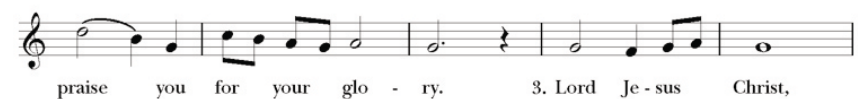
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



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



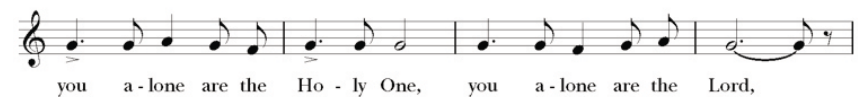
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



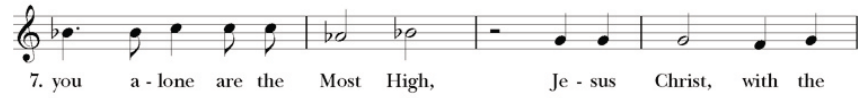
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-



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

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.**

THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 2:14, 22-32

A reading from the book of Acts.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Therefore 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17

Sung by the choir.

¹I 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.

²The cords of death entangled me;

the grip of the grave took hold of me; *

I came to grief and sorrow.

³Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *

"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

¹⁰How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
¹¹I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
¹²I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
¹³Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
¹⁴O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
¹⁵I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
¹⁶I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
¹⁷In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE: 1 PETER 1:17-23

A reading from First Peter.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 200 *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 24:13-35

All stand.

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now on that same day two of the 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.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

The Celebrant and People say together

**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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM IV

All kneel as able.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for _____. (*Silence*)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for _____. (*Silence*)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. (*Silence*)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. (*Silence*)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We also pray for _____. (*Silence*) Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially, _____, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. (*Silence*)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially, ___ that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. (*Silence*)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Priest and People

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.

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 *The people stand to greet one another.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION *All sit.*

You are very welcome to receive Holy Communion if you have been baptized in any Christian Church. Those who wish not to receive Holy Communion may come to the altar rail, fold their arms across their chests, and receive a blessing from the priest.

THE OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

All stand to sing the Offertory verse when the offering is brought to the altar.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

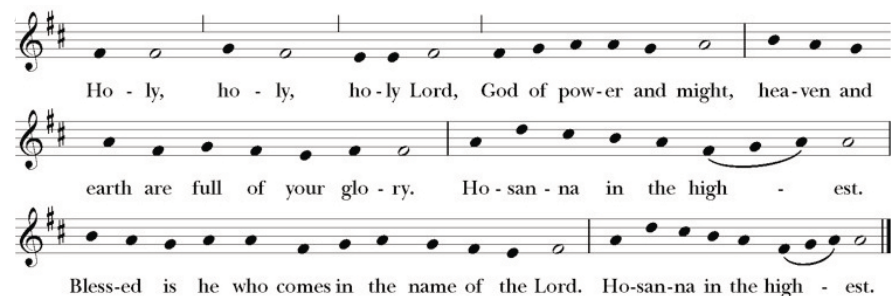
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (PRAYER A) *p. 361*

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says

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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 was destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he was 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 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.**

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

People and Celebrant

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

The Celebrant presents the holy gifts to the congregation saying

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.

Communion is offered in both kinds at the communion rail or the station on the floor.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All kneel as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The Celebrant blesses the people

Go now and follow the risen Christ.

Love God and nourish the faith of God's little ones.

Make Christ known to all people

for God has chosen you as an instrument

to lead others into the way of mercy and love.

And may God change your anguish into a joyful dance;

May Christ Jesus lead you from betrayal to mission;

And may the Holy Spirit fill you with light and love and purpose. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN 208 *The strife is o'er*

THE DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE POSTLUDE

Toccata (Symphony V)

Charles-Marie Widor

Clergy: The Reverend Duncan Johnston, DMin, *Rector*
The Reverend Mark E. Waldo, Jr., *Associate Rector*

Director of Children's Formation: Sarah Collier

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Organist: Joel Gregory

Acolytes: Thomas Arrington, Knox Presley Clark, Davis Schremser, Harlan White

Altar Guild: Melissa Carter & Debbie Schremser

Lector and Intercessor:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Ushers/Greeters: Elizabeth Lawlor, Liam McMullen, Nick Prillaman, Ashley Roseboro

Flower Guild: Bette Smith

Flower Delivery Team:

Videographer: Jim Cannon

Altar Flowers are given in memory of: Molly Ledyard McGough, Joseph Matthew McGough, Sr., Joseph Matthew McGough, Jr., Ethel A. Mahan, Oscar C. Mahan, Danella Kennedy Ledyard, William Morgan Ledyard

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners:

Laura Brendle, Rick Durden, Marla Foster, Carolyn Fillmore, Anne Hill, Emily Crump Johannes, Valinda Johnson, Carma Marks, Richard McCrory, Pat McDonald, Eddie McDowell, Martha Collier Mosely, Cameron Napier, Bud Nason, Elizabeth Potter, Shirley Price, Sarah Spratling, Debbie Steindorff, Barbara Wallace

Prayers are also requested for these friends: Gail Alsobrook, Mac Burton, Phil Butler, Lizzy Dickens, John Ferguson, Bob Geddie, Mark Grantham, Roger Holliday, Stephanie Holmes, Josie Lee, Martha Ellen Locke, Charles Lewis, Nicole Lusk, Margaret Moore, Skip Parks, Pat Patterson, Serge Ruffato, Ron Skoneki, Johnny Smith, Madera Spencer, Chandler Taylor, Connie Thomas, Katherine Weidner, Michael White, Frank Winkler, Ross Wisnewski, Sharon Carney Wright

Pastoral Care Team for April: Jane Barganier, Melissa Carter, Allison Prillaman, Alice Barganier Longshore

Please notify us when you are sick or hospitalized so that we might provide pastoral care. The prayer list will be updated monthly, please notify us if names need to remain longer.

New Rector's Forum: Bouncing Back

Beginning Sunday, April 12, join us for a new Rector's Forum series, Bouncing Back, focused on what it means to live resilient Christian lives in an ever-changing and often challenging world. Together, we will explore how our faith equips us to navigate setbacks, uncertainty, and growth with hope, courage, and trust in God's enduring presence. Through thoughtful conversation and reflection, we'll consider practical ways to cultivate spiritual resilience in our daily lives.

The forum meets Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the library. All are welcome—come as you are and join the conversation.

VBS Is on the Horizon...

Step back in time this summer at St. John's for an unforgettable Vacation Bible School experience! From June 1–4, children are invited to journey to ancient Rome for "ROME: Paul and the Underground Church," a vibrant marketplace-style VBS. Each day, participants will explore bustling shops, meet early Christians, and discover what life was like for Paul and the underground church as they shared the Good News in a challenging time.

Through hands-on activities, storytelling, music, and crafts, children will experience Scripture in a whole new way—immersing themselves in the sights, sounds, and spirit of the early Church. Registration link is available on the St. John's website or by emailing sarah@stjohnsmontgomery.org.

Join a Guild at St. John's

St. John's is blessed with many opportunities to serve, and we invite you to share your time and talents by joining one of our church guilds.

Guilds are at the heart of our parish life. They support our worship, care for our community, and help us live out Christ's call to love and serve.

Some of the Guilds and Committees in need of volunteers include:

- Altar Guild - contact Kitty Coleman or Chuck Moore
- Flower Guild - contact Jean Smyth
- Reception - contact Libby Beck
- Pastoral Care - contact Virginia Banister

No experience is required — training and guidance are provided. Whether you can serve occasionally or regularly, there is a place for you.

Feel free to contact the committee chair with any questions or you may contact Christine Kline by email at firefamily1991@gmail.com.

Come serve. Come belong. Come grow in faith.

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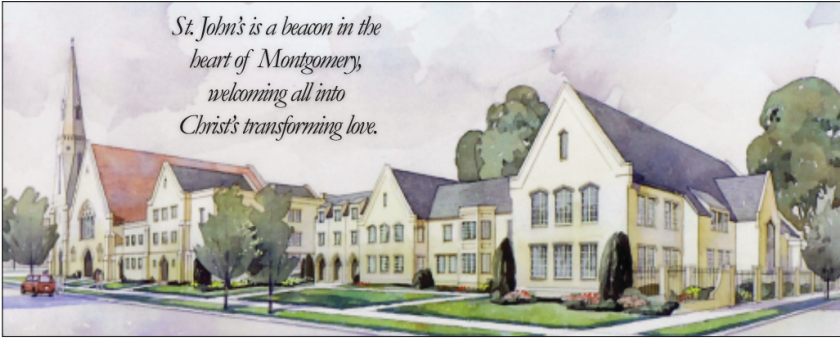
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