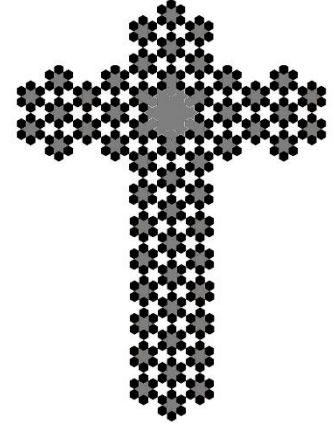


THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021
10:00 AM Service
Holy Communion



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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

During this time of social distancing: Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

Humming or simply listening to hymns is appropriate.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Priest **D** Deacon **L** Leader **C** Congregation **All** Everyone

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

Randall DeBruyn

Symbols in the Bulletin: P Priest, D Deacon, C Congregation, L Leader

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE GATHERING HYMN

Christ Is Alive!

H. 182 vs 1,5

- C ***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.***

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P 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.
- C **Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Acts 3:12-19 • Psalm 4 • 1 John 3:1-7 • Luke 24:36b-48

The First Reading:

📖 *The First Reading is taken from Acts, chapter 3...*

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.**

Metrical Psalm 4

[Tune: *The Kingdom Come*]

H 615 vs 1-4

***O God, defender of my cause, Have mercy, hear my plea.
You set me free when most hard pressed; I call, O answer me.***

***“How long will you dishonor me, You creatures of the dust,
And worship gods that cannot speak And in false idols trust?”***

***The faithful know God does great deeds; I call and God will hear.
Speak to your heart in secret, then, Sin not, but stand in fear.***

***Now pay the sacrifice required And trust in God’s great might;
While many seek for better times, Lord, let us see your light.***

The Second Reading:

℣ *The Second Reading is taken from 1 John, chapter 3...*

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.

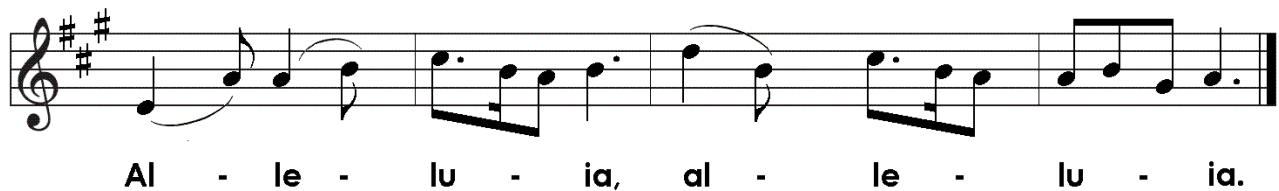
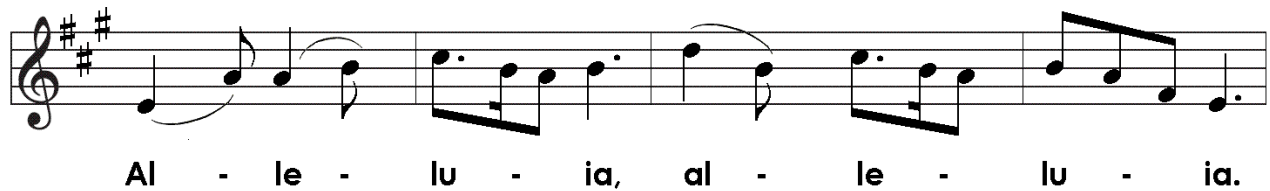
Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia



The Gospel

Ⓓ 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.**

SERMON

Michael Durning

THE NICENE CREED

☩ **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

- ☐ Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered all people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray.
- ☐ Risen Lord, we pray for your Church, that it may continue your work of reconciling all people to God; for our clergy and our bishops; for the many lay people who serve the church and serve others through the church.
- ☑ **We pray for all gathered here in worship and prayer, here and around the world.**
- ☐ Risen Lord, we pray that the joy of Easter may ever grow within us and the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may cease.
- ☑ **We pray that a passion for justice, peace, and the common good will fill each of our hearts, and for the Spirit to guide us in lives of active faith.**
- ☐ Risen Lord, we pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, and those who struggle, [especially for... *add names from notebook*]. Please name those on your heart, silently or aloud. [*Leave time...*] Comfort, restore and heal them.
- ☑ **We pray that the troubles facing us will teach us that we endure nothing alone, but that you are always present, creating, redeeming and sustaining us every step of our journey through life.**
- ☐ Risen Lord, we give thanks for the multitude of gifts you shower upon us, for the beauty of this home you have created for us, and especially for the flowers given today to your glory, and for the birthdays this week, Rhiannon Sharpe, Barbara Colacicco, Laura McGary, Dot Bourdon, and for those celebrating anniversaries this week, Frank & Sandy Kneen, and for the blessings of this life, and for the blessings of this life, Grant us a sense of joy and wonder in all your works.
- ☑ **We give thanks for our lives and the lives of our families, friendships, and neighbors near and far, and praise you for your mercy and care for us.**
- ☐ Risen Lord, we pray for those who have died, [especially for... *add names from notebook*.] Please name those on your heart, silently or aloud. [*Leave time...*] May the hope born of Easter give both them and us peace, acceptance and renewal.
- ☑ **Heavenly Father, grant that all who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth may praise you forever, with all the angels and saints in heaven. We ask this through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

- ☐ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- ☑ **And also with you.** (*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- ☐ Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. Bring your tithes, gifts and offerings with a heart full of gladness.

OFFERTORY

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

Sacred Harp
Julian Guini, soloist

PRESENTATION

- ☐ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

PRESENTATION HYMN

Were the Whole Realm of Nature Mine

474, vs. 4

***Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

- ☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

- ☐ Lift up your hearts.

☑ **We lift them to the Lord.**

- ☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

- ☐ It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has 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:

- ☐ ***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.***

S. 129

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P 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."

P 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:

☐ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P 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.

P 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.

All Amen.



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
A **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

- P** Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the Bread.
C **We come with joy to meet our Lord.**
P 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.

THE CHANT

Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord

***Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Sing, praise and bless the Lord.
Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!***

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P** Let us pray...
C **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

- P** The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
C **Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN

He is Risen, He is Risen!

H 180 vs 1, 4

***He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.***

***He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.***

THE DISMISSAL

☞ Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve our Risen Lord!

☞ **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Glorious Majesty

Lani Smith

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher	Michael Durning
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Organist	Sandra Rogers
Acolyte/Crucifer	Laurie Toohey
Lectors	Mary Ratliff & Laurie Toohey
Prayers of the People	Carolyn Hughes
Ushers	Steve & Caroline Maisel
Building & Grounds	Pat Cates