

St. Luke's Episcopal Church – Stephenville, TX Third Sunday of Easter Sunday – Year B Holy Eucharist Rite II In Person & Virtual Service – Facebook Live, YouTube April 14th, 2024 10:00 am

Coffee hour to follow at 11am.

To All Who Are Joyful And Thankful, To All Who Mourn And Need Comfort To All Who Are Weary And Need Rest, To All Who Are Friendless And Wish Friendship To All Who Pray And Who Do Not But Ought, To All Who Sin And Need A Savior. And To Whoever Will, The Church Opens Wide The Door ______And In The Name Of Christ, The Lord Says Welcome.______

The Processional Hymn The Hymnal 1982 - #182 Christ is alive

The people standing, the Celebrant says (three times)

Celebrant	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant may say

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

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #280 Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis





The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

	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 Readings

All are seated.

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."

PeopleThe Word of the Lord.PropleThanks be to God.

Psalm 4 Cum invocarem (responsively by full verse, final verse in unison)

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when 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.

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.
People	Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn The Hymnal 1982 #188 Love's redeeming work is done

Then, all standing, as are able, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke** (24:36b-48). *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.

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

The Sermon

A brief time of reflection follows the sermon

Mackenzie Campbell-Furtick

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.

The Prayers of the People: Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons as well Mackenzie and Chris who are in discernment;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Celebrant says the following Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin is omitted during Eastertide

The Peace

People

All stand, as are able. The Celebrant says to the people

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

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries Connie Mulloy 20th Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Offertory Hymn Lift Every Voice & Sing II #It is well with my soul



The Doxology

(sung to The Hymnal 618) **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. Amen. Alleluia (5x)**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing, as are able. The Celebrant 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.

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:

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #130 The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus





The people kneel, as are able.

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**.

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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 Distribution of Holy Communion

Concerning Holy Communion

"This the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little,

you who have been here often and you who have not been here long,

you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

It is his will that those who want him should meet him here."

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If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.

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Communion Hymn The Hymnal 1982 #302 Father, we thank thee

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 Priest gives the blessing

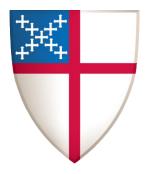
"May God bless you with holy endings, that you may release that which has been with confidence and care. May God bless you with holy in-betweens, that you may dwell in the present with contentment and compassion. May God bless you with holy beginnings, that you may embrace that which is yet to be known with courage and curiosity. And may God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you continually that you may know that you are cherished in Love today and always. Amen" *Bishop Deon K. Johnson*

Processional The Hymnal 1982 #486 Hosana to the living Lord

The Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Celebrant	Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
	Alleluia. Alleluia.
People	Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.



From the Calendar of Saints

April 19 Alphege Archbishop of Canterbury, and Martyr, 1012

Alphege was captured by the Danes during their second Scandinavian invasion of England and murdered, after refusing to allow the collection of a ransom for his life from his overburdened people. Prior to becoming archbishop, he was Abbot of Bath and Bishop of Winchester.

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