



## Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 18, 2021

### PRELUDE

*Abide with Me*

William H. Monk, arr. Robert A. Hobby

## The Word of God

### Entrance Rite

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*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.**

#### CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

*The following is said, all standing*

**Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \***

**therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \***

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \***

**death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \***

**but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \***

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.  
Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

### 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 Lessons

### FIRST READING: *Acts 3:12-19*

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>12</sup>[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?<sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

<sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

### PSALM: *Psalms 4*

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>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.**

<sup>2</sup>“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*

**how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*

**when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.**

<sup>4</sup>Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*

**speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, \*

**and put your trust in the LORD.**

<sup>6</sup>Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*

**Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, \*

**more than when grain and wine and oil increase.**

<sup>8</sup>I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*

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

## SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the First letter of John.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>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.

*Silence may follow.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*You may remain seated*

"Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done"

**H-208** *Victory*

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ped.*

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 \*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ped.*

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Music: *Victory*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1826-1889)

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**GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48**

*All stand.*

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

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

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>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.”

<sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>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.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>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, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Victor C. Hailey

**THE CREED**

*All stand.*

**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

**Presider:** Gracious and Loving God, Christ's peace penetrates our startled and terrified hearts: Open our minds to understand the scriptures and to know ourselves to be your beloved children, as we pray saying: Know that God does wonders for the faithful; **when we call, God will hear us.**

**Litanist:** You have called your Church to be witnesses of the resurrection and to proclaim in your name repentance and forgiveness of sins: Lift up your countenance upon us, O God, that we may see and touch the presence of the Risen One. Know that God does wonders for the faithful;  
**People:** **when we call, God will hear us.**

**Litanist:** Though the nations of the earth act in ignorance and reject the call of the Holy and Righteous One, fulfill what you have foretold through all the prophets, that we might see better times. Know that God does wonders for the faithful;  
**People:** **when we call, God will hear us.**

**Litanist:** We praise our Wounded Healer, Christ, who suffered, and rose from the dead on the third day, that your divine re-creative power may be at work throughout the world to confront injustice, disease, poverty, and sadness. Know that God does wonders for the faithful;  
**People:** **when we call, God will hear us.**

**Litanist:** Answer the people of this community, Almighty One, defender of our cause, and set us free when we are hard-pressed, that we may dwell in safety until the day when we will see you as you are. Know that God does wonders for the faithful;  
**People:** **when we call, God will hear us.**

Hear our prayers for all for whom we intercede, especially: The Versis Family, Marty Shacochis, Liana Mayor, Jeanne Centofanti Jensen, Toni Hoffer, Judy Shackelton, Wayne Lockard and the Lockard Family, David Kerr Park, Leo Landry, Matthew, Phil Hoge, Joan Langenfeld, Eloise Hendrixson, Mary and Scott Vining, Loretta March, Leonard Tabor, Mae, Samantha, Larry, Evelyn Ellis, Colleen Larsen, Bill and Carolyn, Nicholas, Rhodie Housley, Elizabeth Grove,

Darlene Austin, Gerry Cole, Sally, Earnie Curles, and those we name with our lips or in our hearts; those who have been deployed and put in harm's way to defend our country; and those who work for the safety of our communities and the security of our country.

For Eleanor Edinger, in celebration of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, for whom the flowers in the chancel are offered by Lucy Edinger Kallal and Family.

We celebrate the goodness of your blessings among us, especially for those in the fellowship of the faith in our Diocese: Church of Christ the King, Woodlawn; St. Andrew's Church, Glenwood; and St. Barnabas' Church, Sykesville; and in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer: our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico and the Church of Ireland.

We remember all who have died, that they may be revealed to be like you, O God, in the resurrection life of Christ. Know that God does wonders for the faithful;

**People:** **when we call, God will hear us.**

**Presider:** O God of our ancestors, you have glorified your servant Jesus: Fill our wondering hearts with your joy and love, that we may live faithfully and may be righteous as he is righteous, living in your life-giving Spirit through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*All stand.*

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

**People** **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Holy Communion — Eucharistic Prayer B

## OFFERTORY SOLO

*I Know that My Redeemer Liveth from Messiah*

Georg Frederick Handel

Marjorie Centofanti, *soprano*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The People remain standing.*

**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 him thanks and praise.**

*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:

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Stephen and all your saints, we may



enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

*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**

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

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **[Amen.]**

### **COMMUNION MOTET**

*Haleluia! We Sing your Praises*

*Haleluya! Pelo tso rona South African*

### **A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*from the Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*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.**

## **EASTER BLESSING**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

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

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

## **POSTLUDE**

*Ricercar pro Tempore Festis Paschalibus*  
(on CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN)

Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fisher

*The flowers in the chancel are given by Lucy Edinger Kallal and Family to the glory of God and in honor of Eleanor Edinger's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

*Over the next few weeks, you will notice that there will be no confession of sin in our liturgies. There is a long-standing tradition in the Church of not saying the "General Confession" during the fifty days from Easter Sunday until The Day of Pentecost.*

*The reason for this omission during the Great Fifty Days is not because we are no less sinners, but rather to emphasize in our worship the ultimate defeat of sin and death that took place on the cross, and to celebrate our redemption and newness of life in Christ, which is what the Season of Easter is all about!*

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