



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021 · 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square.

All who seek God are welcome at God's table.

PRELUDE: *Arabesque*

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

RECTOR'S WELCOME

HYMN 182

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Please stand as the procession enters. Sung by the choir.

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

The Reverend Robert W. Fisher
Rector

The Reverend Savannah Ponder
Associate Rector

The Reverend William Morris
*Assisting Priest for Engaging
Faith and the Workplace*

Kaye Edwards
Assistant for Church Growth

Brent Erstad
Director of Music and Organist

Samantha Scheff
Associate Organist

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), rev.

Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Please continue to stand.

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

GLORIA (from *Mass in E*)

Sung by the quartet.

Jeffrey Smith

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

THE READING

Please be seated.

1 John 3:1-7

9:00 a.m.

Read by Carolyn Crouch.

11:00 a.m.

Read by Uche Onwuamaegbu.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 4

9:00 a.m. *Read by Richard Greene.*

11:00 a.m. *Read by Jessica Sanchez.*

- 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.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Tone VI

Alleluia.
The disciples knew the Lord Jesus:
In the breaking of the bread.
Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

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

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.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Please be seated.

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand.

9:00 a.m. *Led by Lauren Edwards.*

11:00 a.m. *Led by Matthew Taylor.*

Leader: Gracious God, we thank you for giving us power through your Holy Spirit to reveal your life to the world; strengthen, bless, and guide us to make you known by word and example. For our companion relationships with the **Anglican Church of Southern Africa*** and **the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem**. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for **St. George's Church, Glenn Dale**. We pray especially for **Michael**, our Presiding Bishop, for **Mariann and Chilton**, Bishops of Washington, and for all bishops and other ministers.

People: **We are your Church, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: We thank you for your creation, and pray for the earth which you have given us to cherish and protect; nourish in us your love for all you have made.

People: **We are your stewards, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: Guide and bless us in our work and play, and shape the patterns of our political and economic life; we pray for **Joseph**, our President, the leaders of **Congress**, the **Supreme Court**, and for all who serve our country; that all people may be fulfilled through the bounty of your creation.

People: **We are your servants, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: Awaken our hearts to your presence in all people: those we love easily and those with whom we struggle, those different from us and those similar to us, those familiar to us and those unfamiliar to us.

People: **We are made in your image, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: We thank you for calling us to the glorious heritage of your holy people. Free us from lack of vision, and from inertia of will and spirit. By your life-giving Spirit, lead us out of isolation and oppression, redeem and restore us.

People: **You are the life within us, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: We thank you for the gift of life, with all its blessings and sorrows. Shield the joyous, especially those who are celebrating a birthday this week, especially **Jeanne Arnold, Lee Azzarello, Andrea Charters, Grace Corcoran, David Estes, Charlotte Galm, Anne Harrell, Everett Haugh, Cliftine Jones, Mauricio Lovelace, Earl Matthews, Leah Proffitt, Katherine Seifert, and Catherine Stolar**; for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially **Celia Boddington and Paul Bledsoe, Caroline and Stephen Faris, and Marti and Bob Patchell**; and in thanksgiving for the baptism yesterday of **Christopher John Gorud**. Comfort and strengthen those in any need or trouble, especially those who are sick and who are shut-ins. Bless those who will be born today and bless those who have died, especially **Robin Dalby** who died April 14, that by joining with the company of all your saints we may rejoice in one unending song of praise.

People: **In you alone we have eternal life, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

** In particular, the Kwasa Centre in the Diocese of the Highveld.*

Priest: O God our strength and salvation, hear all our prayers this day, and grant that we may live in the joy of the Resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION

Priest: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

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.**

THE PEACE

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Here, O my Lord

Barry Rose
(b. 1934)

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face,
Here faith would touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven.
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

I have no help but thine, nor do I need
another arm save thine to lean upon;
It is enough, enough, my Lord, in deed,
My strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

—Words: Horatius Bonar

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (from *Mass in E*)

Jeffrey Smith

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.

Please remain standing.

Priest: Holy and gracious God: 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 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:

Priest and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Priest and People:

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

Priest: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Priest: 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.

All persons, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. During this time, our practice will be to offer the bread and the wine following health guidelines. An usher will provide communicants with hand sanitizer before the priest (who has washed his or her hands immediately prior) places a blessed wafer into your hands. Take a few steps, remove your mask, and consume the wafer. Blessed wine in small paper cups on a tray will be offered by a lay server.

After drinking the wine, place the cup in the basket at the end of the line.

Receiving the bread only is a valid way to share in Holy Communion. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. Children may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest by crossing their arms over their chest.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

Anthem *Blessed be the God and Father*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley
(1810–1876)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Which according to His abundant mercy,
hath begotten us again unto a lively hope
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled,
that fadeth not away, reserved in heav'n for you,
Who are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation
ready to be revealed in the last time.
But as He which hath calleth you is Holy,
so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.
Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.
Love one another with a pure heart fervently.
See that ye love one another.
Love one another with a pure heart fervently.
Being born again, not of corruptible seed,
but of incorruptible, by the word of God.
For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man
as the flower of grass.
The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away.
But the word of the Lord endureth for ever,
Amen.

—Words 1 Peter 1 vv. 3–5, 15–17, 22–25

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand.

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Priest: Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: *Postlude*

Arnold Cooke
(1906-2005)

ST. JOHN'S SINGERS: Kerry Holahan, *Soprano*; Charlotte Stewart, *Alto*; Andrew Brown, *Tenor*;
and Christopher Jones, *Bass*.

ASSISTING AT THE 9:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY: Lauren Edwards, *Crucifer*; James Doyle, *Lay Minister*;
Katherine Kyle, *Flower Guild*; Sara McGanity, *Greeter*; Patricia Leslie and Rick Young, *Ushers*.

ASSISTING AT THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY: WonYong Shim, *Crucifer*; Thom Sinclair, *Lay Minister*;
Katherine Kyle, *Flower Guild*; Caroline Faris, *Greeter*; John More and Livy More, *Ushers*.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptism yesterday
of **Christopher John Gorud**.



Welcome!

AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, we believe Christ is calling us to be a renewed church in a changing world. Empowered by the Spirit of God, we respond to Jesus' call as we deepen our bond with Christ through worship, become a community where all are accepted, and work together as laity and clergy to do God's work in the world.

ST JOHN'S WAS ORGANIZED IN 1815 to serve as a parish church for Episcopalians residing in the neighborhoods in the west end of the District of Columbia. Its cornerstone was laid on September 14, 1815, and it was consecrated on December 27, 1816. Beginning with James Madison, every person who has held the office of President of the United States has attended a service at the church. Several Presidents have been communicants. Thus, St. John's is often referred to as the "Church of the Presidents." Pew 54 is the President's Pew. The architect of the church was Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who assisted in the rebuilding of the U.S. Capitol and the White House after the War of 1812. Twenty-five of the stained glass windows in St. John's were designed and executed by artisans of the noted Lorin firm of Chartres, France.

ST JOHN'S WEBSITE WWW.STJOHNS-DC.ORG has up-to-date information about the Church including the weekly calendar, the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, the music calendar and newsworthy events.

Vestry

Paul Barkett, *Senior Warden*
Clark Ervin, *Junior Warden*
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