



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Third Sunday of Easter • Youth Sunday

10:30 am • April 14, 2024

THE VOLUNTARY: Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 633/4

J. S. Bach

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 182. Christ is alive!

Truro

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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 SONG OF PRAISE: 205. Good Christians all, vv. 1 and 5

(see pew card)

THE WORD OF GOD

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 COLLECT FOR YOUNG PERSONS

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S HOMILY

Erin and Campbell O'Connor

After the homily, the children aged 3–11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.

THE FIRST LESSON

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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 4

We will recite the psalm antiphonally by whole verse, beginning with the Narthex side.

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.

THE SECOND LESSON

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: 440. Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Liebster Jesu

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b–48

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glorify 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.

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

THE SERMON

Davis Dutton, Emmy Dykes, and Kate Krouse

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy Spirit, you join us together in a common bond of love and faith in Jesus Christ. Keep all churches focused on God’s mission of healing and reconciliation of all people. Give wisdom to those who lead the church: lay leaders, deacons, priests, and bishops. Strengthen all of us to do your work in the world, so that we will be drawn closer to your kingdom here on earth every day.

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

God of all people and nations, help us to work together for peace and harmony. Help the leaders of our country remember that we are all created in your image, and that in working together we can accomplish so much more. For it is in the combining of our efforts for the good of all humanity that we can all be truly free.

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

You tell us to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the imprisoned. Bless all who provide comfort to those in need. Keep our own eyes open to the opportunities in which we can minister to others. For in the eyes of others, we shall see you.

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

Healing and Holy God, be with all those who suffer from the lasting trauma that gun violence leaves in its wake. Grant us strength and courage to live and work in hope of a better day, our minds fixed on bringing your peace to the world.

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

Watch over all who live and work in Raleigh and the towns around us. Keep those who protect us safe, including our firefighters and police officers. Give courage to those who represent us in government. Provide the skills needed for all who work in our hospitals and schools. Grant us all compassion to live and work together so we may make our community a sign of your presence in the world.

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

Heavenly Creator of all, keep watch over those who are in pain or hurt in any way today. Protect those who find themselves in trouble or in danger. May your presence comfort them and give them courage to face their difficulties. For with you, we are never alone.

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

We pray for the sick in our church community: Alice, Alice, Beth, Betty, Bill, Carl, Diane, Don, Jack, Jan, Jane, Joan, Judy, Karen, Lloyd, Loren, Maggie, Marion, Marshall, Maxine, Nancy, Pam, Sherry, Steve, Steve, and those others we name silently or aloud. (*The People may add their own petitions.*)

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

We pray for our families, friends, and neighbors: Al, Anna, Anthony, Beth, Chase, Christine, Danielle, Destiny, Evonne, Gayle, Gemma, Gioia, Herb, Jane, John, John, Kate, Kelvin, Laura-Benton, Licia, Michelle, Mike, Mike, Pam, Roy, Sara, Sylvia, Todd, Vivian, Wyllis, and those other we name silently or aloud. (*The People may add their own petitions.*)

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

We give you thanks all the blessings of our lives—especially for the expected children of Catherine & Patrick, and Kristen & Bailey.

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

God, you give us life. You are also with us in death. Hold all who have died in your arms—especially Stefan Copko, Faye Henson, Henry Hamman, Virginia Hedrick, Coral Taylor, Emily Steinhoff James—that they might be at peace. Comfort us in our sadness. Let us remember with joy and thanksgiving for the time we had together those we name now [silence]. Give rest to them, for we know that with you there is no sorrow or pain, but life everlasting.

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

Almighty God, you raised up Jesus Christ, that the whole world may shine forth your presence. Open the eyes of our faith, and so infuse us with the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may bear witness to his Name in all the cares and occupations of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Hear me when I call Richard Shepherd

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: Thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble. Have mercy upon me and hearken to my prayer. Lord lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. Amen.

THE HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (see pew card)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

The young children are invited to come up to the altar for the Eucharistic Prayer.

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.**

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:

SANCTUS: S-130, Schubert (see pew card)

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Contemporary Version

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

FRACTION ANTHEM: S-168, Schubert (see pew card)

THE COMMUNION HYMN:

186. Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands

Christ lag in Todesbanden

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 FINAL HYMN: LEVAS II. 43. Because He lives

(see next page)

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE VOLUNTARY: Erstanden ist der heil'ge Christ, BWV 628

J. S. Bach



1. God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus; He came to
2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by, And feel the
3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er; I'll fight life's



love, heal, and for - give; He lived and died to buy my
pride, and joy he gives; But great - er still the calm as -
fi - nal war with pain; And then as death gives way to



par - don, An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sa - vior lives.
sur - ance, This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives.
vic - t'ry, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives.



Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row; Be - cause He lives



all fear is gone; Be - cause I know He holds the



fu - ture, And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives.

YOUR GIVING	\$6,814.33	operating income
Week of April 7	- \$9,927.00	operating expenses (2024 budget)
	(\$3,112.67)	net shortfall

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- Wardens* George Douglas (Senior) and Dave McKinnon (Junior)
- Members* David Dykes, Hannah Harris, Roy Immelman, Charles Malone, Allison Martin, Julian McKimmon, Sarah O'Connor, Yvette Smith, Perry Suk, Sam Wesonga
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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats
PREACHERS	Davis Dutton, Emmy Dykes, Kate Krouse Erin O'Connor, Campbell O'Connor
MUSICIANS	Bradley Burgess, Organist and Choirmaster The Nativity Choir
LECTORS	Eleanore Tarry, Vivienne Tarry, Emma Mahoney, Logan Lee
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Owen McKimmon, Davis Dutton
CRUCIFER	Logan Lee
PRIEST CROSS	Raylan Neece
TORCHES	Beatrice Tarry, Morgan Smith
BANNER	Liam Clay
USHER	Parker Walls
ALTAR GUILD	Susan Jordan, Paula Valeria, Brian Fentress
ALTAR FLOWERS	Ailsa Tessier
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Alfred Christensen
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Roy Immelman

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