



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Third Sunday in Easter

APRIL 18, 2021 | YEAR B | RITE II



- THE LITURGY OF THE WORD -

The people's responses are in **bold**

PRELUDE | *MY GOD WILLS WHAT IS BEST ALWAYS* | J.Kindermann, b.1616

OPENING ACCLAMATION | BCP 355 | Fr. Birch

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY | BCP 355 | Fr. Birch

Celebrant 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 IN EXCELSIS | BCP 356 | David Hurd, b.1934

Choir / People

**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.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

FIRST READING: ACTS 3:12–19 (NRSV)

| Lector

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*P*eter 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.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM 4

| BCP 587

| Lector

*A*nswer 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.

bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the Lord.

“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”

Many are saying,
“Oh, that we might see better times!”
Lift up the light of your countenance
upon us, O Lord.

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil
increase.

Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your

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 (NRSV)

| Lector

Reader A reading from the first letter of John.

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.**

HYMN | #193 *THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT* | *Puer nobis*



1. That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
2. His Ri - sen flesh with ra - diance glowed; his
3. O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do



1. sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
2. wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
3. thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee



1. eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
2. wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
3. all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.

Words: Latin, 5th cent.; ver. *Hymnal* 1940

Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

LM

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 24:36B-48 (NRSV)

| Dcn. Lauri

Deacon 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.

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

THE SERMON

| Fr. Birch

THE NICENE CREED

| BCP 358

| Lector

All 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

| BCP 392 (VI)

| Dcn. Lauri

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
**For our families, friends, and neighbors,
and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice,
and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Diana our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; and for the new ministry of Fr. Birch.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

| BCP 364

| Dcn. Lauri

Deacon As our Savior, Christ, has taught us, we now pray.

All

**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 PEACE | BCP 360 | Fr. Birch

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

THE BLESSING | Fr. Birch

Celebrant May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. Amen.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

DISMISSAL | BCP 366 | Dcn. Lauri

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE | *WHAT GOD ORDAINS IS ALWAYS GOOD* | J. G. Walther, b.1684

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