

Welcome to St. John's Church



The Third Sunday Of Easter:

Sunday, April 14, 2024
10:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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HOLY COMMUNION

*Children's activity bags are available on the bench by the Baptistry.
Please return them after the Service.*

Prelude *May Peace Enfold Us*

Tom Brand

Text: *May peace enfold us in this place.*

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Opening Hymn # 711

Seek Ye First The Kingdom Of God

1



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,



and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be



add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

2



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



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



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

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

The Gloria *Missa Brevis* Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)

*Translation: 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,*

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter saw that a crowd had gathered, and he said: Friends, why are you surprised at what has happened? Why are you staring at us? Do you think we have some power of our own? Do you think we were able to make this man walk because we are so religious? The God that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and our other ancestors worshiped has brought honor to his Servant Jesus. He is the one you betrayed. You turned against him when he was being tried by Pilate, even though Pilate wanted to set him free. You rejected Jesus, who was holy and good. You asked for a murderer to be set free, and you killed the one who leads people to life. But God raised him from death, and all of us can tell you what he has done. You see this man, and you know him. He put his faith in the

name of Jesus and was made strong. Faith in Jesus made this man completely well while everyone was watching. My friends, I am sure you and your leaders didn't know what you were doing. But God had his prophets tell that his Messiah would suffer, and now he has kept this promise. So turn to God! Give up your sins, and you will be forgiven.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Metrical Psalm 4 *the congregation is invited to stand and sing the Psalm*

1. *O God, defender of my cause,
Have mercy, hear my plea.
You set me free when most hard pressed;
I call, O answer me.*
2. *“How long will you dishonor me,
You creatures of the dust,
And worship gods that cannot speak
And in false idols trust?”*
3. *The faithful know God does great deeds;
I call and God will hear.
Speak to your heart in secret, then,
Sin not, but stand in fear.*
4. *Now pay the sacrifice required
And trust in God's great might;
While many seek for better times,
Lord, let us see your light.*
5. *You put more gladness in my heart
Than when our crops increase;
You, Lord, alone make me secure;
I fall asleep in peace.*

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

A Reading from the Gospel of St. Luke

While Jesus' disciples were talking about what had happened, Jesus appeared and greeted them. They were frightened and terrified because they thought they were seeing a ghost. But Jesus said, “Why are you so frightened? Why do you doubt? Look at my hands and my feet and see who I am! Touch me and find out for yourselves. Ghosts don't have flesh and bones as you see I have.” After Jesus said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. The disciples were so glad and amazed that they could not believe it. Jesus then asked them, “Do you have something to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish. He took it and ate it as they watched. Jesus said to them, “While I was still with you, I told you that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Books of the Prophets, and in the Psalms had to happen.” Then he helped them understand the

Scriptures. He told them: The Scriptures say that the Messiah must suffer, then three days later he will rise from death. They also say that all people of every nation must be told in my name to turn to God, in order to be forgiven. So beginning in Jerusalem, you must tell everything that has happened.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A Children's Homily

Fr. Geoffrey, Priest-in-Charge

The children are invited to come forward and sit on the chancel steps for the homily.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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 all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay 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.

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.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Officiant: May Almighty God grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, but also time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of God's holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of God be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Anthem

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

Donald Fishel (b. 1950), arr. Tom Brand

Text: *Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.
Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Saviour.
Sing alleluia, allelu. Sing alleluia, allelu.*

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

People **It is right to give our 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:

Sanctus S # 130

The musical score for Sanctus S # 130 is presented in two systems. The first system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The vocal line begins with the lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and" and is accompanied by chords in the piano part. The second system continues the vocal line with "might," followed by a long rest, and then "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and rests corresponding to the vocal line.

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the consecration prayer.

Then 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,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

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, St. John, our Patron, 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,

*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 S # 154

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains three phrases of 'Al - le - lu - ia'. The second staff contains the phrase 'Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;'. The third staff contains the phrase 'there - fore let us keep the feast.'. The fourth staff contains three phrases of 'Al - le - lu - ia'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Agnus Dei S # 164



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for you, the Beloved People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians of all ages and denominations are welcome to receive Communion in this place. This is God's house and the Lord's table, not ours

INSTRUCTIONS: Those wishing to receive Communion should come forward to the Altar rail as directed. Please speak with an Usher if you need to receive Communion in the pew. The consecrated host will be placed in the hands or upon the tongue of the

recipient, as desired. If one wishes intinction, then either the chalice bearer or the communicant may take the host and dip it in the wine. Otherwise, communicants may sip from the chalice, assisting by taking hold of its base. If the communicant does not wish to receive the wine, one can simply cross their arms across their chest so to indicate.

Gluten free wafers are available. Just ask at the altar rail if you wish one.

Communion # 325 *Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees*

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees); Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our
2. knees); Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees). When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
2. knees). When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, Oh - Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me). me).

Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees); Let us

praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees). When I

fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, Oh—

Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me).

Let us pray.

The People join in saying this prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn LEVAS # 221

This Little Light Of Mine

This lit - tle light of mine
Ev - 'ry - where I go_

I'm gon-na let it shine!
I'm gon-na let it shine!

Gon-na let it shine! Gon-na let it

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This lit - tle light of mine
Ev - 'ry - where I go_

I'm gon-na let it shine!
I'm gon-na let it shine!

shine! Gon-na let it shine, shine, I'm gon-na let it

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This lit - tle light of mine
Ev - 'ry - where I go_

I'm gon-na let it shine!
I'm gon-na let it shine!

shine! Gon-na let it shine, shine, shine,

Let it shine, _ let it shine, let it shine!
Let it shine, _ let it shine, let it shine!

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Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Ministers Today:

Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman

Organist & Choirmaster: Tom Brand

10:00 Reader: Junior Gustave

Chalicer: Rebecca Bent

VeeJay: Laura Daly

Altar Guild: MB Witt, Ginny Reynolds

Ushers/Greeters: Bob Futh, Natalie Dyer, Hezekiah Gum

Reception: MB Witt, Corrine Johnson



Coffee Hour Reception

*There is a Reception in the Parish Hall following the Service.
All are invited. Please join us for a time of fellowship.*

The Frederick Gunn School Music Program Presents

A Chamber Concert

An Eclectic Mix of Music Solos & Small Ensembles

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