

# *St. Michael's Episcopal Church*



*April 26, 2020*

## *The Third Sunday of Easter*

PRELUDE

“GOOD CHRISTIANS ALL, REJOICE AND SING”

DAVID PAXTON

*Tune: GELOBT SEI GOTT,  
by Melchior Vulpius*

*Please stand.*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

### *The Word of God*

OPENING HYMN

The day of resurrection!

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*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

BCP 355

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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.

GLORY TO GOD *Gloria in excelsis*

POWELL

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 224

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Silence.*

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 PEOPLE SIT.

## THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 2:14a, 36-41

*Peter urges the convicted crowd to repent.*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE RESPONSE

*responsively by half verse*

PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,  
**because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**

2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me;  
**I came to grief and sorrow.**

3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”

10 How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his servants.

14 O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the Lord’s house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

## THE EPISTLE

1 PETER 1:17-23

*Sons and daughters of God have both privilege and responsibility.*

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

Day by day

#654

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 24:13-35

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

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

*Please stand.*

## THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

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

*Celebrant* How shall we repay the Lord for all the good God has done? Let us offer the prayers of our hearts, saying, "Stay with us, Lord Jesus; and set our hearts on fire."

*Please remain standing.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have ransomed us by your own precious blood.  
Once again, as a holy community, we place our faith and hope in you.

*Silence*

Stay with us, Lord Jesus; **and set our hearts on fire.**

Save us, O Lord, from corruption. Deliver the nations and peoples  
from greed and hatred. Place in your children hearts of repentance.

*Silence*

Stay with us, Lord Jesus; **and set our hearts on fire.**

O Lord, you are the giver of good things. We thank you for this planet; we thank you for its gifts.  
We pray a blessing on the seeds that are being sown this spring that the harvest might be bountiful.

*Silence*

Stay with us, Lord Jesus; **and set our hearts on fire.**

O Lord, you are made known in the breaking of bread and so we pray for all those who lack bread.  
We pray for the hungry. You feed us generously at your table. Help us to generously feed the world.

*Silence*

Stay with us, Lord Jesus; **and set our hearts on fire.**

Whenever we call upon you, gracious Lord, you incline your ear to us. We raise our voices for those  
for whom we care: those who are ill, those who are struggling, those who are in need of your mercy.

*Silence*

Stay with us, Lord Jesus; **and set our hearts on fire.**

Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants. We trust you  
with our dead and with our dying. Jesus, be gracious with them, we pray.

*Silence*

Stay with us, Lord Jesus; **and set our hearts on fire.**

*Celebrant* Preserve us all, O Lord, and take us home to your heart, so that all our lives may  
be woven together in prayer and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*There is no* **CONFESSION OF SIN** *during the Easter Season.*

*All standing.*

## THE PEACE

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

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

## *The Holy Communion*

*Please stand.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

#343

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING [EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D]

BCP 372

*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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,



# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD *Sanctus*

POWELL

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

## THE PEOPLE STAND TO PRAY DURING THE ENTIRE EASTER SEASON.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may ✠ descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Michael, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever.

**AMEN.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

BCP 364

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 FRACTION *Sung*

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

Therefore let us, Alleluia, let us keep the feast

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

THE INVITATION

THE COMMUNION

*All standing.*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

*Celebrant* 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.

## THE EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

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.**

## CLOSING HYMN

That Easter day with joy was bright

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## THE DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

“LET THERE BE JOY”

BEATRICE A. MILLER

