



April 23, 2023
The Third Sunday of Easter
9:00am

Prelude *Good Christian Men, Rejoice (Gelobt sei Gott)* Paul Manz

Welcome

Opening Hymn *At the Lamb's high feast we sing* Hymnal 174

Clergy Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Gloria David Hurd

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to His peo - - ple on earth.

Lord, God heav - en - ly King al - might - ty God and Fa - ther.

We wor - ship You. We give You thanks. We praise You for — Your

glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

Fa - ther Lord God Lamb of God, You take a - way the

sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us. You are
 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther. Re - ceive our prayer.
 For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One... You a - lone are the Lord.
 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.

Collect of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Clergy 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.**

Reading

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Therefore 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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!

Sequence Hymn

All creatures of our God and King

Hymn 400 (vs. 1-4)

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

Clergy
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of the 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.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Charles Stewart

The Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

Leader

Given new life by the risen Christ, let us pray for all who stand in need of grace, hope, and life.

A brief silence.

In this diocese, we pray for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe; the people of Grace Episcopal Church in Syracuse and their priest, the Rev. Christine J. Day, and the people of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Syracuse and their priest, the Rev. Julie Calhoun-Bryant. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry; and the people of the Diocese of Georgia and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Frank Logue. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Church of the Province of Uganda and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Stephen Samuel Kaziimba Mugalu. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

For the whole world, that the crucified and risen Christ will mend what is broken and fill all corners of the earth with justice and peace. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

For Creation, that we may have wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature responsibly that generations to come may continue to praise you for your bounty. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

For the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee People, the traditional custodians of the land on which we are worshipping today. We acknowledge and express our gratitude that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations, and we celebrate their continuing contributions to the life of this region. God of new life; **hear our prayer.**

For all who are overshadowed by illness of body, mind, and spirit, especially those we now name _____. That the Holy Spirit's healing and life-giving presence will touch their lives. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

That all who await new life, those about to be born and those about to die, will know Christ's presence with them. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

That with all the faithful who have died, especially those we now name _____, we will join in songs of praise at the victory feast of God who triumphs over death and gives eternal life. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Leader

Gracious God, we give you thanks. Hear our prayers and receive them for the sake of the crucified and risen one, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year. *Adapted from St. Patrick, c.389*

Offertory

I sing the almighty power of God

Peter Niedmann

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

A seasonal prayer is said here

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 gain 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

Joel Martinson

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

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.**

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

Hymn 417

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-
lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

The Communion

Music at Communion *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness (Auf, auf, mein Herz)* Wilbur Held

The Postcommunion 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.

Easter Blessing

May we who have received the gift of God’s reconciling love, be his body for the world, his hands to bring blessing, and his joy in the promise of creation restored. And may Almighty God bless you, renew the risen life of Christ within you, and bring forth in you the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Closing Hymn *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more* Hymn 296

Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ, Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude *God of Grace (Cwm Rhondda)* Paul Manz

This morning we welcome and give special thanks for the ministries of The Rt. Rev. Gladstone B. "Skip" Adams III as celebrant, Deacon Chuck Stewart as preacher, and Mr. Glenn Armstrong as organist while Becky and Kip Coerper are on pilgrimage in the Holy Land with a group from St. James’ and the Diocese.

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