

Saint John's Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 13 and 14, 2024

Said Service 5pm, Sung Service 9:30am

The Prelude *Fuge on Allein Gott in der Hob'sei Ehr'*

J. S. Bach

The Processional Hymn *Good Christians all, rejoice and sign!*

The Hymnal 1982, 205

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Celebrant may say

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 Gloria *(said at 5pm, sung at 9:30)*

The 1982 Hymnal, S 280

**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.**

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 First Lesson

Acts 3:12-19

Peter has just healed a disabled man, and in this passage, he proclaims the fundamentals of the gospel to those who come to hear him.

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response Psalm 4 *Cum invocarem*

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 1:3 1-7

In first letter of John, we learn that through the Creator's love, disciples are now children of God, and they no longer live in sin. Their destiny is to be like Christ.

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.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

The Gradual Hymn *Blessed Jesus at thy word*

The Hymnal 1982, 440

The Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

Then, all standing, as able,

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Alan R. Hesse

The Nicene Creed

Enriching Our Worship I

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who 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, Form III

The Book of Common Prayer, page 387

Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our bishops Alan and Carol, for our rector Alan for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We remember those on our prayer list, Mary, Lourana, Karen, Kim, Liliana, Suzanne, Dave, Margerete, Margaret, Jackie, Bruce, Charlene, Christ, Brian, Nancy, John, Judy, Kristen, Andrew, Riley, Matt, Donny, Nichole, Herb, and Mary Joe, Luke, Greg, and Nancy. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. We give thanks for the churches of the Charles River Deanery: Trinity Parish (Newton Center), Newton Centre Parish of the Good Shepherd (Waban), St. Andrew's Church (Wellesley) and the Life Together Diocesan Intern Program.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. I invite your own thanksgivings and petitions

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Offertory Anthem "Thaxted" setting by David Howard Pettit

Trumpet, Glen Carliss

The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*



The Great Thanksgiving -- Eucharistic Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer, page 361

The people remain standing.

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

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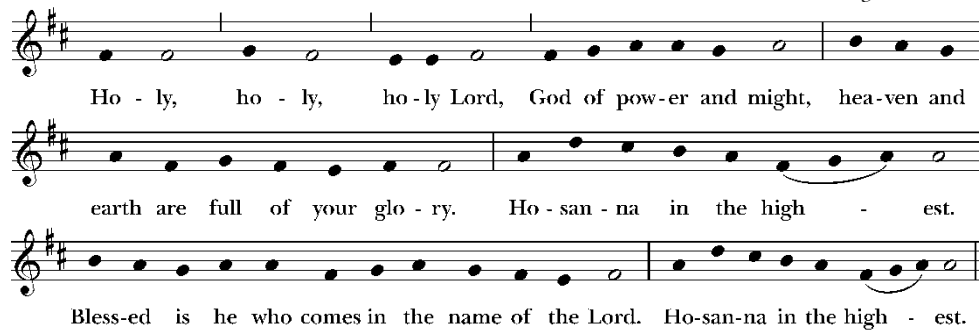
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Proper Preface 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:

The Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, 124



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.

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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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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,

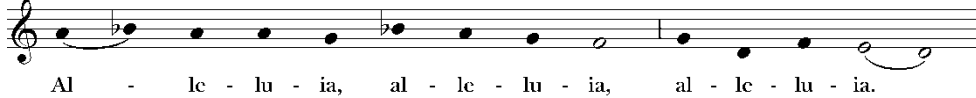
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction Anthem

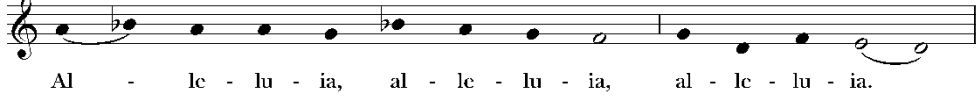
The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, 151

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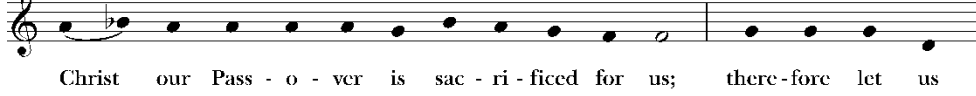
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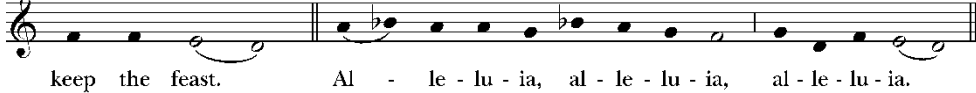
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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Please hold out your hand to receive the host. You may ask for the chalice or receive the wine in the small cups offered to you in a tray.

If you prefer not to receive the wine, please cross your arms and wait for the minister to say "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

As you return to your seats, deposit your cup in the place provided.

*If you **prefer to receive a blessing** you may cross your arms across your chest.*

*If you would like to **remain in your seat** and receive communion, please **let an usher know**.*

The Communion Hymns *Jesus is Lord of all the earth*

The Hymnal 1982, 178

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

Welcome & Announcements

The Closing Hymn *That Easter Day with joy was bright*

The Hymnal 1982, 193

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

The Postlude *Organ Voluntary*

Liturgical note: The Confession may be omitted during The Easter Season.

Serving This Weekend

Celebrant: **The Rev. Alan R. Hesse**

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: **Mary Ames** (5PM); **Anne Miller** (9:30AM)

Lectors: **Jann Czarnetzki** (5PM); **Deb Roberts** (9:30AM)

Crucifer: **Stevie Wood**

Musicians: **Misao Koyama, Glen Carliss** and **Choir**

Altar Guild: **Melissa Abbott, Bev Messersmith,** and **Judy Cohen**

Ushers: **Mary Howe** and **Judy Cohen**

Sunday School: **Lynn Tozier** and **Susan Sharpe**

Hospitality: **Jeannie Johnson**

**Please join us for Coffee Hour following the service!
Someone can show you the way. Welcome!!!**

Announcements for the Week of April 14th

Fr. Al is considering adding a weekday service to the calendar. Please let him know your thoughts, either in person or by email to rector@stjohnssandwich.org

Invite Welcome Connect is hosting an evening of food and fellowship. Please join us on Friday, April 26 from 5PM-7PM in the Parish Hall. More tempting tidbits to follow shortly.

One of our parishioners is looking for a reliable used car. If you have one, or know of one, kindly contact the office at 508-888-2828.

Mary Howe is collecting eclipse glasses for an organization called Astronomers Without Borders who distribute them to a poor south African country due for total eclipse next year. She will see that any turned in get to that organization. You can drop them off at the office or leave them in the basket on the Narthex table. Many thanks.

The Caring for Creation Committee will be distributing Eastern Redbud Seedlings to parishioners and the public on Saturday, April 20 from 6pp to 7pm and Sunday, April 21 from 10:30 to 11:30am. Cost per tree is \$3 per seedling. Donations of any size are appreciated.

Registration for the Special Convention to Elect our 17th Bishop Diocesan, to take place Saturday, May 18, 2024, at Trinity Church in Boston, is **OPEN!** This convention is open to all in the diocesan community, however only voting members and those with assigned credentials will have center floor seating. Please note voting is limited to in-person attendees only. Non-voting attendees will be seated in the wings or in the balcony on a first-come, first-served basis and as space allows.

There are many openings on our floral calendar, located in the Narthex. Please consider signing up for a floral donation for the altar, or call/email the office with your choice of date. It's a beautiful way to honor and remember loved ones and we so enjoy the beauty of flowers in the church. **(PS - no lilies please).**

We will be updating the list of names on our prayer list. If you have requested prayers for someone and wish to continue, please let the office know via email or phone call.

This Week at St. John's - April 14-21, 2024

Sunday April 14

9:30am - Holy Eucharist with Sunday School

Coffee Hour to follow

Wednesday April 17

7pm - Choir Rehearsal

Saturday April 20

5pm - Holy Eucharist

6pm-7pm – Caring for Creation's Earth Day **Redbud Seedling Giveaway**

Sunday April 21

9:30am - Holy Eucharist with Sunday School

Coffee Hour to follow

10:30-11:30am – Caring for Creation's Earth Day **Redbud Seedling Giveaway**

Welcome to St. John's!

Whether this is your first visit to St. John's or you are a long-time member, please know that there is a warm welcome for you here!

Please feel free to participate fully in our service today and in the life of the parish. We are glad you have come and hope you leave feeling closer to God! At several points in the service, you may notice that some people are kneeling, some are standing and some are sitting. We are given this choice and you should feel free to do whichever is most appropriate for you. Please know that you are invited to fully participate in the Holy Eucharist as a Baptized Christian.

If you would like to know more about St. John's and may be interested in membership or interested in being placed on our email mailing list, please contact the church office.

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