



## Sunday, April 23, 2023 –Third Sunday of Easter

### Processional

He is risen, He is risen

H 180

*1. He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice: he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice: death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.*

*2. Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow! Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now, and the passion that he bore, sin and pain can vex no more.*

*3. Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day; not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray, breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.*

*4. He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate: we are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state; and a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.*

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

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.**

### Song of Praise

Glory to God

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**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: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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.**

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**

**Acts 2:14a,36-41**

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. **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!**

**A Reading from the First letter of Peter.**

**1:17-23**

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. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn**

**The day of resurrection!**

**H 210**

*Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes together blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

24:13-35

**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.

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon      The Reverend Rick O'Brien**

### **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 - Great Fifty Days of Easter**

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray,

*Leader:* Risen Lord, *People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings he showers upon us: For our lives and for those whom we love, For the beauty of this home God has created for us, For our families and our friendships.

*Leader:* Risen Lord, *People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God: For our clergy, For the many lay people who serve the church, and serve the world through the church. For those who gather here in worship and prayer.

*Leader:* Risen Lord, *People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, And that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

*Leader:* Risen Lord, *People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, and those who struggle, remembering especially, \_\_\_\_\_ That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, and that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores, and remembering those who have died, especially: \_\_\_\_\_

*Leader:* Risen Lord, *People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Celebrant: O Lord Christ Jesus, through your death on the cross and resurrection from the grave you have made of us a new people, giving us the knowledge of the joy of eternal life. Fill us with faith and give us the courage to go into the world and share this renewal of life with all that we meet. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

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

**People: And also with you**

*Offertory Anthem*

*Tocated by Sergia Assad*

*Kyle Khembunjong, guitar*

### **Presentation Hymn      Ye watchers and ye holy ones Hymn**

*O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, alleluia!*

*To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

### **The Holy Communion**

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 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 Pascal 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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 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 forever. **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.**

### **Fraction Anthem**

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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

**Communion:            Let us break bread together            H 325            1.**

- 1. Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees; when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*
- 2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees; when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*
- 3. Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees; when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*

**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**

## Recessional

## O praise ye the Lord

H 432

1. *O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height; rejoice in his word, ye angels of light; ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made, and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.*

2. *O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth, in tuneful accord, all ye of new birth; praise him who hath brought you his grace from above, praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.*

3. *O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound; each jubilant chord re-echo around; loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone, and sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.*

4. *O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song to him be outpoured all ages along! For love in creation, for heaven restored, for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!*

## Dismissal

Clergy: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia

## People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

### Calendar

Tuesday	9 AM	<b>Tuesday Tune-up</b> – Scripture reflections from our clergy on Facebook and YouTube
Wednesday	10:45 AM	<b>Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group</b> at St. Timothy's – contact Gary Hails at 702-884-7050
	6 PM	<b>Noctis</b> (Zoom) online service that includes fellowship, music, scripture, conversation, and prayer. This is a lovely way to end the day together, from the comfort of our own homes.
Thursday	7 PM	<b>Centering Prayer</b> (Zoom – <i>an oasis of quiet contemplation done together with time for silent reflection</i> ) Contact <a href="mailto:lauracanon@yahoo.com">lauracanon@yahoo.com</a>
Friday	10 AM	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (live in our chapel– led by Daughters of the King)
Sunday	8 AM	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Live – spoken, contemplative)
	9 AM	<b>Faith Matters</b> (Live and Facebook)
	9:45 AM	<b>Church School</b> for youth, nursery care is available as well
	10 AM	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Live and livestream) A lively, family friendly service with music



### **Epiphany 101/Confirmation Prep , Saturday April 29 from 9 AM to noon**

Have you wondered why we do the things we do? Are you interested in learning about what makes us Episcopalians? Do you want to be confirmed or received into the church by the Bishop on May 14? All are invited to a session that will answer all of your questions, Saturday April 29 from 9 AM to noon in the parish hall. Please sign up in the parish hall.

### **World Labyrinth Day May 6**

World Labyrinth Day is Saturday, May 6th. Join Rick and Jen in walking our Labyrinth at 8:30 AM. People from all over the world will be walking Labyrinths as a way to promote peace and understanding

### **Friends in the Desert**

Friends in the Desert is in need of men's Denim Jeans (may be used but clean), 8 ounce Styrofoam cups, and there is a critical shortage of blankets (Does not have to be new, just clean). Any questions contact Gary Hails 702-884-7050. Thank you for your support.

### **Refugee Resettlement Needs**

Won't you help our newest Outreach Program? Each month Epiphany will have a bin for Refugee Resettlement items. April needs are Sheets, blankets, pillows and Cereal See Betty-Jeanne and Kristen for more details or Questions

### **St. Jude's Ranch Collection**

For April, St Jude's is collecting baby things..Some new babies have arrived on campus so diapers, nursery items, wipes. etc.