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**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

April 19, 2026 ..... 11:00 a.m.

The Rev. Garrett Boyte, *Celebrant*

*The liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer (Prayer Book).*

*Hymns are in the blue Hymnal 1982, after the Service Music (S) section.*

ORGAN PRELUDE.....Prelude on SAVANNAH (H#188)..... David Blackwell (b. 1961)

**THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

HYMN 199 ..... Come, ye faithful, raise the strain ..... ST. KEVIN

*The liturgy continues on Page 355 of the Prayer Book.*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO ..... William Mathias (1934-1992)



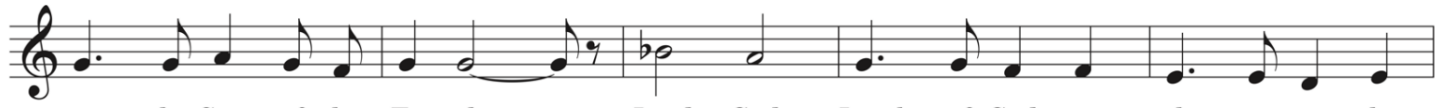
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - mighty 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

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 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.

PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17 .....Refrain: MIDDLEBURY; verses: Plainsong, tone I.ii

*The choir sings the refrain, then all repeat..*



I will walk in the pre-sence of the LORD, in the land of the liv - ing.

*The choir chants the verses, and all respond with the refrain as marked..*

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.” **Refrain**

*The Psalm continues on the following page.*



I will walk in the pre-sence of the LORD, in the land of the liv - ing.

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. *Refrain*

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! *Refrain*

**THE EPISTLE**..... 1 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.

1. Bap - tized in wa - - ter, sealed by the Spi - - rit,  
 2. Bap - tized in wa - - ter, sealed by the Spi - - rit,  
 3. Bap - tized in wa - - ter, sealed by the Spi - - rit,

cleansed by the blood of Christ our King: \_\_\_\_\_  
 dead in the tomb with Christ our King: \_\_\_\_\_  
 marked with the sign of Christ our King: \_\_\_\_\_

heirs of sal - va - - tion, trust - ing his prom - ise,  
 one with his ris - - ing, freed and for - giv - en,  
 born of one Fa - - ther, we are his chil - dren,

faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing. \_\_\_\_\_  
 thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing. \_\_\_\_\_  
 joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing. \_\_\_\_\_

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 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton (1921-2007)

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.

SERMON..... The Rev. Lois Maberry

THE NICENE CREED..... Prayer Book, p. 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form IV..... Prayer Book, p. 388

CONFESSION OF SIN ..... Prayer Book, p. 360



FRACTION ANTHEM..... Gary James (b. 1957)

The choir sings the refrain, then all repeat.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

The choir sings the verses:

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **Refrain**

One body are we, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread. **Refrain**

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Eucharist in The Episcopal Church. If you are not comfortable receiving the Eucharist, you are invited to receive a blessing instead. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the altar rail to indicate that you would prefer a blessing. You are also welcome to remain seated. We encourage you to do whatever is authentic to your beliefs and comfortable to your convictions.

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

HYMN 307 ..... Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor ..... BRYN CALFARIA

HYMN 318 ..... Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face..... NYACK

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION ..... Prayer Book, p. 366

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN 296 ..... We know that Christ is raised and dies no more..... ENGELBERG

ORGAN POSTLUDE..... Christ lag in Todesbanden (H#186) .....F.W. Zachow (1663-1712)

The flowers on the high altar this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. James Mackay Owen.

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Welcome to the Church of the Holy Cross! Our community is grounded in Baptism, Eucharist, prayer, and service. For it is in these things that we answer the call of our Lord to love God and love our neighbor.

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**Sunday** ..... Holy Eucharist, 9:00 (Chapel) & 11:00 a.m.  
Rector's forum, 9:45 a.m. (Undercroft)  
**Tuesday** ..... Morning Prayer, 10:00 a.m. (Chapel)  
**Wednesday**..... Holy Eucharist, Noon (Quire)  
**Thursday** ..... Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m. (Hope House)  
**Monday–Saturday** ..... Daily Office, 6:00 p.m. (Online)

**Community assistance grant applications** will be accepted until **May 1**.

*This week we remember James Mercer Argo, Hennie Dickinson, Alice Hodges, Clay Henry Johnson, William Wade Reeves, Asa Livingston Reid, Stephen Scott Roper, and Clare E. Semands, buried from Holy Cross.*

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