



ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL

The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 18th, 2021, 10:30am

Easter Greeting

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you!

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy!**

Hymn: Rejoice, Angelic Choirs, Rejoice

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Rejoice, angelic choirs, rejoice! Rejoice now, all creation!

Let trumpets loudly raise their voice to hail the Lord's salvation;

Let all Christ's holy people sing the triumph of their mighty King in festive celebration!

O earth, exult in radiance bright, illumined by Christ's splendour!

Your darkness now is put to flight; to him due praises render!

Be glad, O church! Sing out your songs! Your temples fill with shouting throngs to hail the glorious victor!

Let all who gather round this flame, the sign of Christ's arising,

The deathless light of Christ acclaim, his saving mercy prizing;

That all may live by faith in him who conquered death, despair, and sin to make us his forever.

Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

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 this man 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."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 116



Hal le lu jah, ha le lu jah! Hal le



lu jah, ha le lu jah!

Music: Leonard Cohen

Cantor 1: I love the Lord because he heard, because he listened to my plea;
(For this, I sing for ever, Hallelujah!)
Because when I have called on him, He has inclined his ear to me.
(For this, I sing for ever, Hallelujah!)

Cantor 2: *Hallelujah . . .*

Cantor 1: I called upon his name and said, "Save me, O Lord, I pray to you;"
(For this, I sing for ever, Hallelujah!)
Full of compassion is our God; the Lord is gracious, righteous too.
For this, I sing for ever, Hallelujah.

Cantor 2: *Hallelujah . . .*

Cantor 1: The innocent are kept from harm. He helped me when I was brought low.
(For this, I sing for ever, Hallelujah!)
Turn, then, my soul, and take your rest; He treats you fairly, as you know.
(For this, I sing for ever, Hallelujah!)

Cantor 2: *Hallelujah . . .*

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

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 sins 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



9 Al - le - lui - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is ri - sen from the dead! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

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."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

Homily: The Rev. Michelle Childs-Ward

(After the sermon, please keep a period of silence for reflection.)

Musical Reflection: I'll Follow Thee Also

J.S. Bach

The Apostle's Creed

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

The Prayers of the People: Litany of Easter

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer Over the Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presiding Celebrant acclaims the life-giving power of God in the story of salvation and calls on us to join all creation in the song of the angels. The cantor sings verses 1-3 of the Sanctus.



1. Ho - ly - ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God of pow'r and might Lord
2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Your glo - ry fills the hea - ven, your
3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! He comes the Bless - ed One He
4. Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! For ev - er - more be glo - ry! For
5. Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! For ev - er more be glo - ry! For



God of pow'r, Lord God of might! Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
glo - ry fills the heav'n and earth! Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
ev - er more be glo - ry to you! Glo - ry - be to you!
ev - er more be glo - ry to you! A - men, A - men!

The Presiding Celebrant recounts God's continuing love in the history of humanity and in the sending of his son, Jesus Christ. We join Jesus as he celebrates his Last Supper and acclaim his giving of himself in the gifts of bread and wine. After the words over the cup and the elevation of the chalice, the cantor sings verse 4 of the Sanctus.

The Presiding Celebrant calls on the Holy Spirit to bless the gifts and strengthen us until we come to share the joys of eternity. We praise God's endless love. At the elevation of the bread and cup, the cantor sings verse 5 of the Sanctus.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

People: **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Lord we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Presider: We were buried in your tomb.

People: Now we share in your resurrection.

Presider: Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

Music During Communion: The Wisdom of God

R. Franz

Easter Blessing

Presider: 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.

People: Alleluia!

Presider: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever.

People: Alleluia!

Presider: May God, who has brought us out of bondage into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People: Alleluia!

Presider: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude: Deo Gracias

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