



The Third Sunday of Easter

Church of the Holy Comforter – Vienna, Virginia
The Holy Eucharist Rite II

April 14, 2024 at 9:30 A.M.

The liturgy follows the Book of Common Prayer, beginning at page 355.

OPENING VOLUNTARY: Arabesque

Claude Debussy

Owen Cobb, piano

THE ENTRANCE

AT THE PROCESSION, HYMN 8 “Morning has broken”

Bunessan

Sung by all, standing.

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Presider says the Collect for Purity

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, HYMN 899 [*green hymnal*]

Carl Haywood

Sung by all.

Glo - ry,
Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo - ry,
Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name...
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth...
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y 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. Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,
 — Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.

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

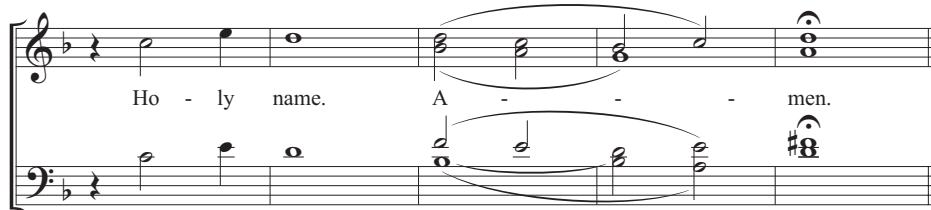
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are — the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of — the Fa - ther. Glo - ry,

Descant

Lord, — Lord — we praise — you, —
 Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,

— Lord, — Lord, — hal - le - lu - jah.
 — Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON *[The people are seated.]*

Acts 3:12-19

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.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4 *Cum invocarem*

David Kelley

The cantor sings the refrain, which is then repeated by all. Thereafter, the cantor sings the verses, and all join on the refrain, as indicated.



- 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?” *[Ref.]*
- 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. *[Ref.]*
- 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. *[Ref.]*

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-7

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.

Thanks be to God.

AT THE SEQUENCE, HYMN 819 [*green hymnal*] "Guide my feet Lord"
Sung by all, standing.

African-American spiritual

GOSPEL PRESENTATION: THE RESURRECTION

Matthew 27–28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 19–21

After the presentation

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON Erin Grace McGuire

A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon. The people stand for the Creed.

THE NICENE CREED [*Said by all.*]

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE [*All remain standing.*]

Adapted for use at Holy Comforter by Mateo Marinovich

The leader of the Prayers will begin with prayers for the church and the world. Throughout you are invited to add your own petitions either silently or aloud.

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

We pray for our amazing planet Earth, and for her to have a chance to breathe without all the pollutants put in the air and water. We pray and hope that all people can take better care of her from now on so all current and future generations can enjoy and appreciate your wonderful creation and its streams, mountains, deserts, creatures, and plants.

Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for this holy gathering and for the people of God in every place. May the church universal be faithful to your call to help bring about your kingdom on the earth as it is in heaven.

Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for all the leaders of the world, religious, political, and civil, that they may make wise choices for everyone and that they may lead us to honor and respect all people. May their words and actions lead away from oppression and violence and toward peace and possibility.

Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for those who are suffering: anxious, bullied, or depressed, those who have fallen ill, and anyone in a challenging situation during this time. May we all come together and help each other as able, no matter their race, who they love, how they identify, or how much money they have.

Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for those who live without resources we take for granted. We give thanks for those people and ministries who seek to help provide food, healthcare, and shelter to those in need and we ask that you bless and expand their efforts.

Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor On youth Sunday, we pray for young people everywhere and especially those in our Holy Comforter community, that they experience Christ's love for them in all that they do and come to know more deeply that they are valued members of our community.

Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For those who work with young people, that God will strengthen them in their faith and bless them in their ministry as they support us as we seek to faithfully serve Christ in our community and the world.

Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you. [*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated.*]

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The people remain seated while an offering is received to support Holy Comforter's work of sharing God's love with the world. As the offering is brought forward to the altar, all stand.

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM: "Alleluia! Love Is Alive"

People of God, see the morning is new;
Rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb.
Come and see! Come and see! He is alive!
A grave that is empty, a promise fulfilled.
God who was with us is here with us still.
He is here! He is here! He is alive!

Refrain

Angrisano, Manibusan, and Hart

People of God, let your fear fall away.
Your chains have been broken; abandon your shame.
Lift your hearts! Lift your hearts! He is alive!
Here now is mercy embracing your soul;
Here the fulfillment that once was foretold.
It is true! It is true! He is alive!

Refrain

People of God now rejoicing in Christ,
Carry your joy to the darkness of night.
Tell the world! Tell the world! He is alive!
Hear the good news of this glorious day,
Every heart singing as heaven proclaims:
He is Lord! He is Lord! He is alive!
Refrain

Refrain Alleluia! Love is alive; conquered the grave and defeated the night.
Alleluia! Love is alive! The son has arisen for all. Your people sing alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING [*The people stand.*]

Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer, p. 367

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 God thanks and praise.

The Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. [*The Presider continues.*]

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, HYMN 858 [*green hymnal*]
Sung by all.

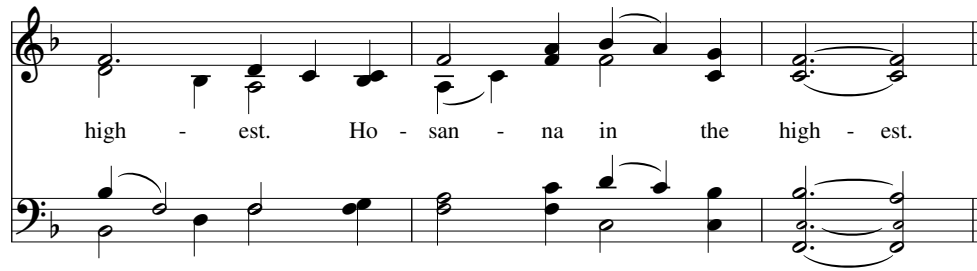
Land of Rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven 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



The Presider continues and gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ and prays over the bread and wine.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Presider Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

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 for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

INVITATION [*The People are seated.*]

As Jesus welcomed all to his table, so do we at Holy Communion. The bread and the wine are the central symbols of God's presence and we invite you to share in the Eucharist in whatever way feels comfortable to you, regardless of age or tradition. We also offer gluten-free bread and unfermented grape juice as alternatives—just let the priest know. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms in front of your chest. The Holy Eucharist is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, a mutual indwelling of Christ in us and us in him. Come to the table and be joined into Christ's ministry of love and reconciliation.

COMMUNION MUSIC [*The hymn is sung by all.*]

ANTHEM: "Rejoice, O my spirit"

Johann Sebastian Bach

Rejoice, O my spirit, be comforted now,
From Death, by thy Savior, redeemed art thou.
The fury of Hell and of Satan is past,
No more his dark shadows can Death o'er us cast.
Against all defiance thus shall I stand fast.

Rejoice, O my spirit, and sing with full heart,
To worship thy Savior, redeemed thou art.
Now glory is filling the whole world with light,
The sun is full risen, there is no more night,
For God is among us in pow'r and in might.

HYMN 335 "I am the bread of life"

I Am the Bread of Life

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER [Said by all.]

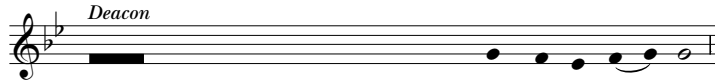
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EASTER BLESSING

AT THE CLOSING, HYMN 812 [green hymnal] "I, the Lord of sea and sky"
Sung by all, standing.

Here I am, Lord

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: Etude, Op. 8, No. 12

Owen Cobb, piano

Alexander Skrjabin