

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II**  
SUNDAY, [APRIL 18, 2021](#)—8:00AM & 10:15AM

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** (5:00 & 10:15)

**BELL**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

*All standing*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

**COLLECT FOR PURITY** (*all*)

***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.***

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

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.

*People* ***Amen.***

**SERVICE MUSIC** (5:00 & 10:15)

**THE LESSONS** (*seated*)

**FIRST READING:** [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 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.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 4** (*responsively by half-verse*)

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.***

**SECOND READING: 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL** (*stand*)

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke 24:36b-48**

*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.

*Deacon*               The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HOMILY** (*seated*)

**Rev. Alan Akridge, Rector**

**THE NICENE CREED** (*stand*)

***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 Scripture; 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** (*kneel*)

*Deacon:*               God has called us out of darkness into the glorious light of the Son. Let us therefore pray for those who do not yet know the light and for all those in need of our prayers, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader:*               For the church and its ministry to the world, for all bishops and clergy, for missionaries, and for all those who bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Leader:*               For the nations of the world and their leaders, for all those in authority, and for an

end to war and oppression, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: For those who have not heard the good news of salvation, for those who have heard but have not believed, and for those who have forsaken their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: For the lonely and destitute, for the victims of injustice and discrimination, for the unloved and the forgotten, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: For the sick in body, mind, and spirit, for the hungry and the homeless, for the dying and the bereaved, and for all those in need of our prayers, especially Diana, Kimi, Bea, Ed, Hank, Larry, Carole and Patti, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: In this Easter season, for your blessing upon our homes and families, for the light of your love to overcome division and the strength to see and reflect that light to those around us, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: For the saints who have gone before us in the faith and are now at rest, and for all the saints on earth who surround us in a great fellowship of love, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Deacon Loving God, hear the prayers of your faithful people, and guide our thoughts and actions, so that your will may be done and your name glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***Minister and People:***

***Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,***

*and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says:*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**People:** *Amen*

**THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE** *(people remain in the pews and greet one another)*

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

**People** *And also with you.*

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion from the standing stations at the chancel steps. Return to the pews to consume the bread and wine; place empty containers in the designated receptacles as you leave. Offerings may be placed in the available offering plates. Communicants at home may request communion to be delivered by calling or texting 912.222.8746.*

**THE OFFERTORY** *(5:00 & 10:15)*

*Ubi Caritas*

Maurice Durufle`

*Spoken together*

*All things come of thee, O Lord,  
And of thine own have we given thee.*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
FORM I**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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.*

*The celebrant incorporates or adapts a Proper Preface*

**THE SANCTUS**

And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory as we say,

*Celebrant and People*

*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.*

*The Prayer continues with these words, the people sitting or kneeling.*

*Celebrant* And so, Father, we bring you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise. 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.**

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

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***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** *(spoken)*

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

*Celebrant*

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.

*The people come forward to the standing stations to receive the bread and wine.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

***People*** ***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. 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

CLOSING MUSIC (5:00 & 10:15)

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

POSTLUDE (5:00 & 10:15 only)

*Depart promptly during the postlude and place bulletins and empty containers in trash receptacles at the exits.*

**The St. Mark's LION**, our monthly newsletter, has gone on sabbatical. Debbie Dougherty has prepared the LION for many years. We are grateful for her faithfulness in producing it each month but she has stepped away for the editor's desk. We will take a few weeks and consider any possible changes to appearance or content or maintaining the same format. Look for the LION to return in June. In the meantime, share your thoughts about the LION or any changes you would like to see with an email to [office@saintmarkseiscopal.com](mailto:office@saintmarkseiscopal.com).

**Can you hear me now?** With the recent upgrade of our internet service, we now have reliable wifi connectivity throughout our facility. To join the **St. Marks Office** network, use the password *timetoprayer*. It's that simple.

*Weekly Devotional Reflection*

*Each week, as a devotional aid, several of us receive a weekly reflection, typically focusing on one of the upcoming Sunday's Bible texts. If you do not currently subscribe to our weekly reflection, and would like to, please let Gareth know: [gallcott@saintmarkseiscopal.com](mailto:gallcott@saintmarkseiscopal.com).*

**BIRTHDAYS**

- Apr. 20 Katherine King
- Apr. 21 Judy Phillips
- Apr. 22 Rose Wilson
- Apr. 23 Laura Parrish, Margaret Crighton, Nancy Wellstead
- Apr. 24 Kathy Flournoy, Nicholle Patron

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- Apr. 18 Gary & Lolly Jackson
- Apr. 19 Richard & Gail Cowan
- Apr. 24 Jim & Alva Youngner

**PRAYER LIST** *(names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days; renewable by calling the office)*

- |  |                |               |
|--|----------------|---------------|
| All doctors, nurses, first responders & caregivers | Kimi Mashburn  | Hank Orberg   |
| Diana Lindsay                                      | Ed Williams    | Larry Sellers |
| Bea Newnam   | Patti Girardin |               |
|  | Carole Nolan   |               |

**CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS**

- |                 |               |                 |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Frazier Green   | Tim Meredith  | Jewell Rogers   |
| Katherine King  | Bill Newnam   | Hollis Youngner |
| Betty McConnell | Samantha Page |                 |

**In-person Attendance**  
**April 8-11, 2021**

Thu	Sat.	8:00	10:15	SMT	Total
16	28	15	44	7	110

**Financial Update as of 4/13/2021**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>
General Donations	\$ 22,953	\$ 14,171
Pledges	\$ 133,449	\$140,509