



St. James's Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday after Easter

April 18, 2021

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude: Simple gifts

Jon Spong

Hymn 205: *Gelobt sei Gott*, “Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!”

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your Name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son,
to God the Spirit, always One,
we sing for life in us begun:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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

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 S280

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.

Collect of the Day

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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.*

Psalm 4 *Cum invocarem*

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.
“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”
Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the LORD.
Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!”
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Epistle: I 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.

Hymn 193: *Puer nobis*, "That Easter day with joy was bright"

That Easter day with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
when to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed;
his wounded hands and feet he showed;
those scars their solemn witness gave
that Christ was risen from the grave.

O Jesus, King of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess
that we may give thee all our days
the willing tribute of our praise.

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

While the disciples were telling how they had seen Jesus risen from the dead, Jesus himself stood among them 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.

Sermon: The Reverend Hilary Streever

Nicene Creed

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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

Please kneel as you are able and let us open our hearts to God.

Leader

Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying: Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

God of life, in gratitude and great joy, we laud you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. Give us hope, for Christ is risen: *Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; for all our brothers and sisters, that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen: *Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

For all who suffer and all who mourn, that you will wipe away all tears, for Christ is risen: *Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be your sign of life in our world, for Christ is risen: *Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ, for Christ is risen: *Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

For our families and friends, for the sick, the elderly and those who have died, that all who have asked for our prayers will know your healing power, for Christ is risen: *Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

Please join me in lifting up to God those who are sick or in need and who have asked for our prayers:

Priest and People

Aubrie Aber, the family of Eleanor Angle, Keren and Bless Arthur, Elizabeth Austin, Susan Bain, Jennifer Ball, Derby Brackett, the Brunner and Martin family, Janet W. Cosby, Pitter Caswell, Tim Dilsaver, Will Fackler, Mary Harrison, Camille Brunner Martin, Emma Mason, Eve McCray, Bunky Miller, Harry Moore, the family of Sarah Morrison, Geoff Sisk, Ginger Trice, Andrew Troi, Kay Underwood,

Barbara Willis, Amelie Wilmer, Henry Wright, and Paul

The Priest continues.

Celebrant

God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offering of Gifts and Praise

Anthem: See what love

Felix Mendelssohn

See what love hath the Father bestow'd on us in his goodness,
that we should be called God's own children.

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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.

Celebrant

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 Paschal 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S129

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.

Celebrant

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,

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed James, our patron and all the 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. *AMEN.*

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

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People 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.

At this time you may consume your bread.

Music at Communion

Anthem: Tantum ergo sacramentum

Maurice Duruflé

Tántum érgo sacraméntum
Venerému cernui
Et antúquum documéntum
Nóvo cédat rítui,
Práestet fides suppleméntum
Sénsuum deféctui.

Genetóri, genitóque
Laus et jubilátio
Sálus, hónor, vírtus quoque
Sit et benedíctio,
Procedénti ab utróque
Cómpar sit laudátio. Amen

Bowing low, then offer homage
to a sacrament so great!
Here is new and perfect worship;
All the old must terminate.
Senses cannot grasp this marvel:
Faith must serve to compensate.

Praise and glorify the Father
Bless his Son's lifegiving name,
Singing their eternal God-head
Power, majesty and fame,
Offering their Holy Spirit
Equal worship and acclaim. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant and 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 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.

Blessing

Celebrant

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. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

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

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

Hymn 296: *Engelberg*, “We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

The Father’s splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit’s power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ’s new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing: Alleluia! Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world
rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude: Festal Postlude

Domenico Zipoli

Service Participants

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Hilary Streever

Lay Chaplain: Blake Singer

Lectors: Linda Owen and Rick Mellott (9:00am)

Lisa Niemeier and Fran McDermott (11:15am)

Musicians

Singers: Jeanne Lapierre, Lisa Edwards Burrs, Nate Bick, John Tyndall

Organist: Virginia Ewing Whitmire

Director of Music: Dr. Mark Whitmire

Prayers of the People

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For the sick and in need: especially Aubrie Aber, the family of Eleanor Angle, Keren and Bless Arthur, Elizabeth Austin, Susan Bain, Jennifer Ball, Derby Brackett, the Brunner and Martin family, Janet W. Cosby, Pitter Caswell, Tim Dilsaver, Will Fackler, Mary Harrison, Camille Brunner Martin, Emma Mason, Eve McCray, Bunky Miller, Harry Moore, the family of Sarah Morrison, Geoff Sisk, Ginger Trice, Andrew Troi, Kay Underwood, Barbara Willis, Amelie Wilmer, Henry Wright, and Paul

We ask for your holy light and healing grace to shine upon the children, teachers, staff and parents of the SJCC as they grieve the loss of a beloved teacher, Kamisha. We join with them in thanksgiving for her life as we commend her spirit to you. May she who bore your light in this world join with all the saints in your heavenly kingdom.

For healthcare workers, first responders and all frontline workers: especially Jennifer Ascoli, Eric Bland, Laura Bland, Tracy Carrasquillo, Gussie Carter, Paul Crook, Robert Crutcher, Lauren Dickinson, Brian Hoffmann, Rachel Klavan, Rebecca Krey, Worth Lewis, Anne Byrd Mahoney, Jimmy Milley, Sally Prillaman, Alex Skidmore, Kaylyn Tucker, Banks Turner, William Welch, Peter Wilbanks, Margaret Williams, and Judith Zerkle

For those serving in our Armed Forces: especially William Smith

For those who work for the safety, education, and flourishing of all children:
especially our outreach partners Peter Paul Development Center,
SCAN, and St. James's Children Center

For all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Susan Bain, Peter
Montague, and Ben Rosengren who celebrate their birthdays
today

For those who have died recently: especially Shirley F. Baker, Luke
Bowles, Robert Butcher, Jr., Leah Davis, Kamisha Durham, Roy
Tripp Evans III, Marie Harris, Lou Kendrick, Sarah Morrison,
Marvin Presson, Jr., Anne Dixon Sweets, and Bodie Williamson

Music Notes



“O sing unto God with the voice of melody.” -Psalm 47:1

See what love is a setting of I John 3:1, the epistle appointed for today. The anthem was composed by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847). The child of a prominent Christian Jewish family, Mendelssohn received music lessons from a very early age from the best teachers in Berlin, performed publicly as a child, and began composing at age nineteen. Among the composer's most well-known works is the carol “Hark! the herald angels sing” (*The Hymnal 1982*, p. 87).

Tantum ergo sacramentum is a setting by the 20th-century French composer Maurice Duruflé (1902-83) of a plainsong melody from the Roman rite. The text is taken from the last two verses of one of the church's great Eucharistic hymns, *Pange lingua* (“Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle”).

In case you missed previous **Music at St. James's**, here are links:

Anthems

[Create for me a clean heart \(John Michael Talbot\).](#)

[I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord \(William Byrd\)](#)

[I heard the voice of Jesus say \(folksong\)](#)

[Hark! 'Tis the Savior of Mankind \(William Billings\)](#)

[O thou, in whose presence \(arr. Parler/Shaw\)](#)

[Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts \(Purcell\)](#)

[Expectans, expectavi \(Charles Wood\)](#)

Chants

[The Great Litany](#)

[Kyrie Pantokratur](#)

Hymns

[Hymn 142](#) Lord, who throughout these forty days

[Hymn 149](#) Eternal Lord of Love

[Hymn 150](#) Forty days and forty nights

[Hymn 388](#) O worship the King

[Hymn 414](#) God my King, thy might confession

[Hymn 439](#) What wondrous love is this, O my soul

[Hymn 441](#) In the cross of Christ I glory

[Hymn 472](#) Hope of the world

[Hymn 473](#) Lift high the cross

[Hymn 444](#) Blest be the God of Israel

[Hymn 675](#) Take up your cross, the savior said

[Hymn 707](#) Take my life and let it be

Virtual Choir Links

[Sicut cervus \(Palestrina\)](#)

[Lord, for thy tender mercies sake \(Farrant\)](#)

[If ye love me \(Tallis\)](#)

[Ubi caritas \(Gjello\)](#)

[In the bleak midwinter \(Holst\)](#)

[We shall walk through the valley in peace \(Undine Smith Moore\),
with Norfolk State Choir](#)