

The Second Sunday of Easter

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday, 14 April 2024 • 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Pensacola, Florida • Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

The People's responses are in **bold italics**.

Hymns are in the blue Hymnal 1982.

Service music (marked "S") is found at the front of the Hymnal. Other page numbers refer to the red *Book of Common Prayer*.

Worship Information

Welcome to Christ Church! We especially welcome our visitors and newcomers and ask that you fill out a visitor card so that we can thank you for coming.

For Children – Children are always welcome during service. There is a Kid's Korner at the entrance with books and activities.

Opening Voluntary

"Victory" — Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

Hymn in Procession

Hymn 208 — Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done

Welcome

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD - BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.*

Glory be to God: Gloria in excelsis

8:00 - spoken 10:30 - Hymnal S 280

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

The Collect of the Day

Father. Amen.

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*. The People may be seated.

The First Lesson — 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." The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4 8:00 - spoken 10:30 - sung by the Choir

- 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.
- I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *

 for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

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.

The People stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel.

10:30 - Sequence Hymn — *Children of the heav'nly Father* (see insert)

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL, 10:30 Service

During the Hymn, children in grades Pre-K through 5th may follow the children's acolytes down the center aisle to Children's Chapel. They will return at the Peace.

The Gospel — Luke 24:36b-48

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. 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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord. People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Katie Gillett

Silence may be kept.

The Nicene Creed The People stand. **BCP 358** 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.

Prayers of the People: Form IV

BCP 388

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and for the world. The People kneel.

Reader Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

Reader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

Reader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

Reader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray especially for the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

Reader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray (for... and) for all others we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

Reader We commend to your mercy all who have died (especially...), that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept.

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 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. *Amen*.

The Peace All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Offertory

10:30 - Offertory Anthem

"Lead me, Lord" - Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord lead me in thy righteousness, Make thy way plain before my face. For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only Who makest me dwell in safety.

At the Presentation

Hymnal 380:3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

At the presentation of the monetary gifts, Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord. People And of thine own have we given thee.

THE HOLY COMMUNION Eucharistic Prayer A – BCP 361

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant 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.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

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:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 125

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 people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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*.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

10:30 - The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 155

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation: 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 Communion

Christians of all ages (regardless of where you were baptized) are welcome to receive Holy Communion. • Please come forward to the Altar Rail, being careful of the step just before the rail. • The rail fills from the center, and please don't hesitate to cross to the other side if there is space. • Communion is available in two kinds. If you choose not to receive communion in one or both kinds, please cross both arms across your chest and the priest will offer a blessing. • If you choose to receive communion in one kind, know Christ is fully present and all benefits of the Eucharist are fully received. • If you receive the chalice, please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the base of the cup. Or you may choose to intinct in the chalice. • If you need a gluten-free wafer, please cross one arm across your chest. There is no separate chalice. • If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pew, please notify the ushers at the door.

Communion Hymns

Hymn 306 — Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest **Hymn 186** — Christ Jesus lay in death's strong hands

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

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.

Prayer for Mission

BCP 101

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you: for the honor of your name. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn in Procession

Hymn 182 — Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Voluntary "Hornpipe" from Water Music
— George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)



Notes on the Notes — This morning's Offertory Anthem is "Lead me, Lord," by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876), organist at the cathedrals at Exeter, Winchester, and Gloucester. S. S. Wesley was a prolific composer and wrote organ works, anthems, and hymn tunes still played and sung today, among them *Aurelia*, to which we sing "The Church's one foundation." This anthem is

based on Psalm 5:8 and is a verse anthem, where a solo voice or section alternates with the full choir.

The voluntaries this morning are played by Christ Church Organist Paul Miller. The Opening Voluntary is a setting of the tune *Victory*, to which we sing the Easter hymn "The strife is o'er, the battle done," by contemporary British composer Alan Bullard (b. 1947). The Closing Voluntary is a Hornpipe from the Suite in F, HWV 348, by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759). This piece is a dance movement from the collection of three orchestral suites known as the *Water Music*. The music was written in response to a request for a concert on the River Thames by King George I. On 17 July 1717, the King and his attendants boarded a large barge at Whitehall Palace which was then propelled upstream to Chelsea by the rising tide. Another barge holding some fifty musicians followed (along with numerous other barges), providing the *Water Music*, which was encored three times during the trip.

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