

# HOLY EUCHARIST

## *The Third Sunday of Easter*

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | APRIL 23, 2023 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

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### PRELUDE

*Chanson de Nuit, Op. 15 no. 1* – Edward Elgar (1857-1934)  
transcribed by A. Herbert Brewer

*Please stand as the bell sounds.*

### HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), rev.

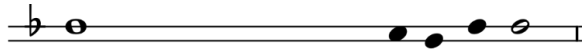
Music: Truro, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica*, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792–1872), alt.)

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The Celebrant intones*

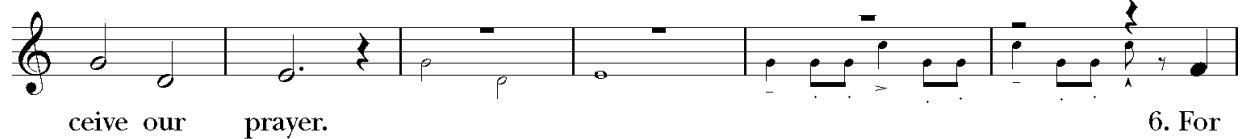
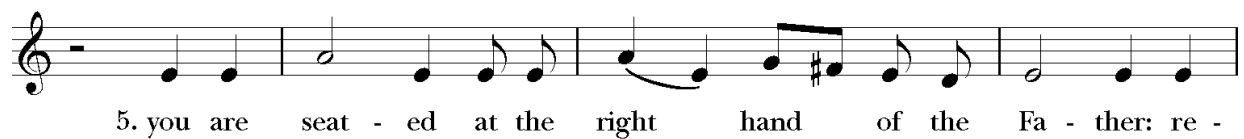
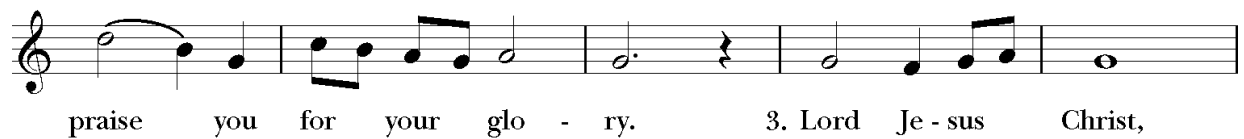
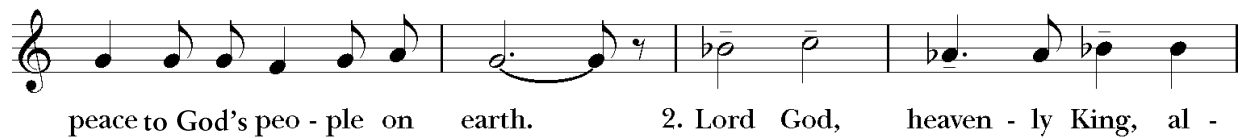
Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

*The People respond*



The Lord is risen indeed. Al-le-lu-ia.

## GLORIA



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

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the

Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of

God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Celebrant intones*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God of mystery, out of death you delivered Christ Jesus, and he walked in hidden glory with his disciples. Stir up our faith, that our hearts may burn within us at the sound of his word, and our eyes be opened to recognize him in the breaking of the bread. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17*

*At 9:00am, the first verse is intoned by the Cantor, then by all on this tone*



*At 11:00am, the Psalm is sung by the Choir*

I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon your holy Name; \*  
“O God, I pray you, save my life.”

How shall I repay God \*  
for all the good things done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of God.

I will fulfill my vows to God \*  
in the presence of all people.

Precious in your sight, O God, \*  
is the death of your servants.

O God, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon your holy Name.

I will fulfill my vows to you \*  
in the presence of all your people,

In the courts of God’s house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia!

(at 11:00am) Anglican Chant: Percy Buck

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN *standing, all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People*



1 Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain!  
 2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en - dured the strife,  
 3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up - on the cross



Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.  
 takes our sin and guilt a - way that with an - gels we may say:  
 is ex - alt - ed now to save, wrest - ing vic - tory from the grave.

*Refrain*



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



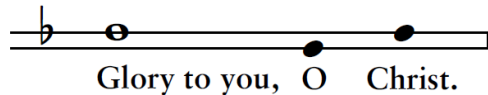
al - le - lu - ia! Christ, our Pas - chal Lamb in - deed,



Christ, to - day your peo - ple feed. Al - le - lu - ia!

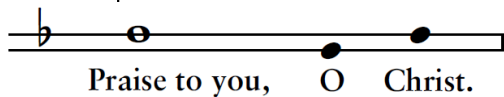
Words: Michael Weisse (1480–1534); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878), alt.  
 Music: Christ ist erstanden, melody from Geistliche Lieder, 1533; harm. after Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)

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



Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

*The Rev. Daniel Simons*

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*During the season of Eastertide we will use the Affirmation of Faith (Creed) from one of our companion churches in the Anglican Communion, the Church of New Zealand. The prayers of this branch of the church are beloved throughout the Communion for their simple, direct, and creation-centered language in liturgy.*

You O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved your love to us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal.  
You overcome death.  
You are our God.  
We worship you.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of new creation, you promise to hear and answer when we pray to you in faith.

We pray now for the world:

Lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.  
**That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.  
**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

We pray for the Church:

Enliven the Church for its mission  
**that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Breathe fresh life into your people.  
**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

We pray for this community:

Inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others,  
**that all may act with integrity and courage.**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.  
**May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

We pray for those in need, and especially those who have asked for our prayers...

*Please add your own prayers, aloud or silently.*

Comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

**May they know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

We remember those who have died and those who mourn: [especially for...]

*Please add your own prayers, aloud or silently.*

Give comfort, O God, to those who grieve.

**Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

We give thanks for the faithful in every generation.

**May their example inspire our witness in our own day.**

*The Celebrant concludes*

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life; grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

**Amen.**



## THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with those around you.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *seated*

### **Giving to St. Paul's**

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## MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir at 11:00am*

### **I got me flowers**

*David Burton*

*Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)*

I got me flowers to strew thy way;  
I got me boughs off many a tree:  
But thou wast up by break of day,  
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.

Can there be any day but this,  
Though many suns to shine endeavour?  
We count three hundred, but we miss:  
There is but one, and that one ever.

The Sun arising in the East,  
Though he give light, and the East perfume;  
If they should offer to contest  
With thy arising, they presume.

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay,  
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met; thou  
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one  
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who

let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
 at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:  
 Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest;  
 art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest in  
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet: faith  
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break, with  
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see; be

thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.  
 still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.  
 all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.  
 known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875–1959), alt.  
 Music: Rosedale, Leo Sowerby (1895–1968))

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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.

Worship and praise belong to you, author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores our broken world. You are unceasingly at work bringing order from chaos and filling emptiness with life.

Christ raised from the dead proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire within us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Ho - ly, 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 high-est.

Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the light of Easter, the disciples found new hope as the truth dawned among them that the one they had loved and lost was with them now in every place forever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, he renewed the promise of his presence, and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on your daughters and sons.

On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat, this is my body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

Alive in him, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Made one with him, we offer you these gifts, and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by Christ's life-giving power, they may be the Body and blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work for your praise and glory; that we may grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters, living and departed.

All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.



Setting: Will Doreza

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall-owed be your Name, your king - dom come,

your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

## THE COMMUNION

*The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying*

This is the Bread of Heaven.

**Broken for the life of the world.**

*Everyone, without exception, is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request; grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups. Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.*

*All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:*



Loaves are bro-ken, words are spo-ken, as in faith we ga-ther here. Je-sus speaks a-cross the  
a - ges: "I am with you, do not fear!" By your bo - dy bro-ken for us, by your wine of life out-  
poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Words: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., (1923-2007)  
Music: Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the choir at 11:00am*

**Hymn: Lift your voice, rejoicing, Mary**

*Words: Latin; tr. Elizabeth Rundel Charles  
Music: Thomas Foster (b. 1938)*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The People join in the final part of the prayer, in bold.*

Ever-living God, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and revealed the way to life in his name. Dying and rising, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope that you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

The wonder and wildness of God, who shakes heaven and earth, whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us, bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the Gospel. And the blessing of God Almighty: Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, now and always. **Amen.**

## HYMN IN PROCESSION

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

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

*Ped.*

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 \*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt.

Music: Victory, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

## POSTLUDE

*Tuba Tune* - C.S. Lang (1891-1971)

## THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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