

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS

Please complete the information card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of the ushers.

WE, THE PEOPLE OF HOLY COMFORTER

Though very diverse politically and socially, care for each other and care deeply for how our faith is manifested in the community. We believe all people are equal in God's hand. Our nurturing congegration has an appreciation for diverse perspectives and opinions. We grow through a continually evolving and questioning discussion regarding our faith, God, and society. We welcome all, without reservation, into our Christian body to be part of a loving and sharing family.

WE CARE

Please call the church office at 336-227-4251 or email George Silides (gs-ilides@hc-b.org) if you or someone you know needs visitation, prayers or other assistance because of illness or inability to attend worship service.

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

To worship God, revealed to us as Creator, as Jesus the Christ, and as the Holy Spirit, and experience God's presence within the church family, nurturing each other through a comprehensive parish program while affirming each other's individual ministries and responding to Jesus' continuing call to minister to others.

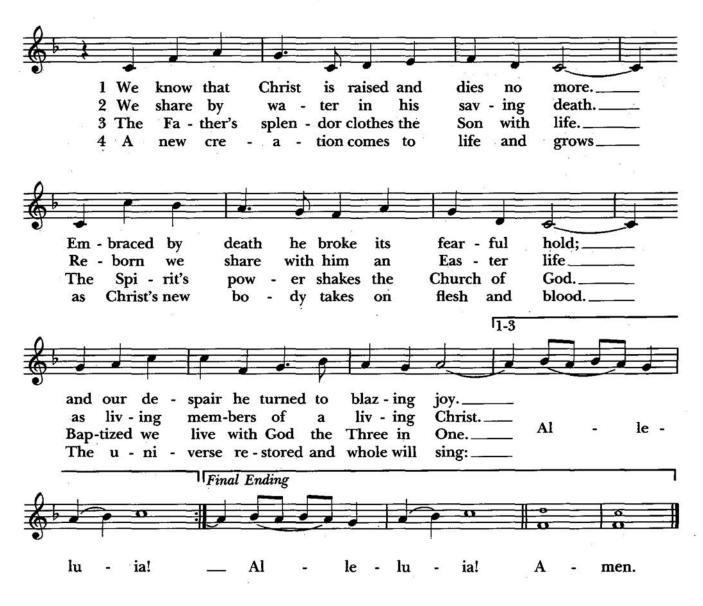
PRELUDE

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN | 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more



Officiant Alleluia - Christ is Risen
People The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia

Let us pray. 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 | S-278



Officiant The Lord be with you People And Also with you

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw fourfooted animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, `John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader The Word of the Lord **People Thanks be to God**



Wor - ship God who is seat - ed up - on the throne, say - ing, A - men,



hal - le - lu - jah.

- *1 Hallelujah!

 Praise God in his holy témple; *

 praise him in the firmament / of his power.
 - 2 Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise him for his ex/cellent greatness.
 - 3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; * praise / him with lyre and harp.
 - 4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; * praise / him with strings and pipe.
 - 5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; * praise him with loud-/clanging cymbals.
 - 6 Let everything that has breath *
 praise the LORD.
 / Hallelujah! [Ant.]

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

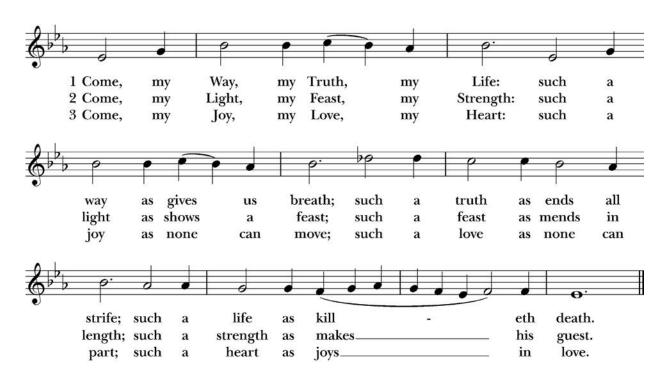
"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader The Word of the Lord **People** Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE HYMN | 487

Come, my way, my truth, my life



The Officiant reads the Gospel, first saying

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to

the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord People Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON

The Rev. George C. Silides

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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

The Reader and People pray responsively

Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world. 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

Reader 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

Reader 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

Reader 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.

Silence

Reader 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.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Reader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them

may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in

your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy **People Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A New Commandment Thomas Tallis

A new commandment give I unto you, saith the Lord,

that ye love together, as I have loved you,

that e'en so ye love one another.

By this shall ev'ry man know that ye are my disciples,

if ye have love one to another.

DOXOLOGY | 380 V.3

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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. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharist Prayer B)

The people remain standing.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

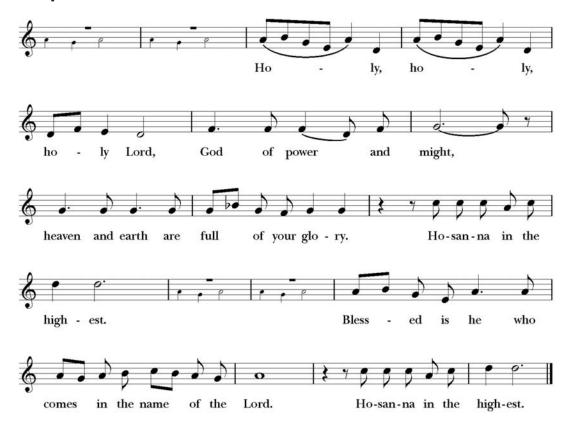
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 | S-128



The people stand or kneel. Then the Officiant continues.

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,

Officiant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory:

The Officiant 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 [______ and] 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. **Amen**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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

Officiant and 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

The Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread. The choir will immediately sing fraction anthem.

FRACTION ANTHEM | S-155

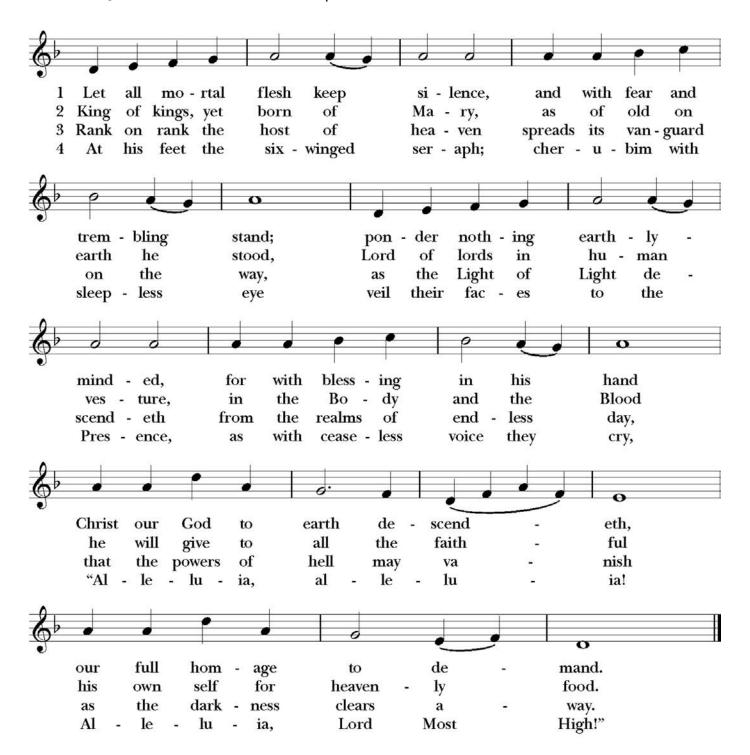


Facing the people, the Officiant says the following Invitation. The Gifts of God for you, who are also gifts of God.

Persons wanting a blessing instead of receiving bread or wine at the Altar may cross their arms over their chest.

COMMUNION

324 | Let all mortal flesh keep silence



623 O what their joy and their glory must be



POST COMMUNION PRAYER (For those attending in person) 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 OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (For those attending remotely) My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen**.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL | 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(recessional lyrics on next page)

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Nelson and Dale Young in celebration of our marriage on May 14, 2022

LAY MINISTERS

VERGER Richard Parker

ORGANIST Christin Baker

USHER 8:15am Derek Bates

10:30am Holden Newbauer

Joseph Gibson

READER 8:15am Linda Buff

10:30am Anna Grace Newbauer

Cameron Corbett

ACOLYTES 8:15am Peter Dahl

10:30am Meredith Patterson - Chalicist

Caroline Wall - Crucifer

Nash & James Gibson - Elements

FLOWER GUILD Janie Sellers and Ren Bryan

ALTAR GUILD Shara Partin, Verne Booker, Ren Bryan, Connie

Griner, Mary Telander, Marilyn Tyler

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE Ann Williams, Harriett Whitley, Martha Stewart,

Cherry Wrenn, Debra Scott

VESTRY ON DUTY Leslie Haines and Max Newbauer

VESTRY OF THE WEEK Linda Buff

Hello. I'm the liaison to the Vestry for all Worship functions including Altar Guild, acolytes, flowers and ushers as well as Lay Readers. My team leaders ensure that our Church sanctuary is ready for all occasions, scheduled and last minute.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH BULLETIN INSERT

May 15, 2022 - Easter 5 (C) Week 4: Reflections on the Resurrection

During the Easter season, Sermons That Work is pleased to present reflections from bishops of The Episcopal Church on the resurrection of our Lord. Check back each week for a brief exploration of how Jesus Christ's rising from the grave changes everything.

In John's version of Easter, Mary lingers at the empty tomb after Peter and John run quickly away. When the risen Jesus appears in front of her, she mistakes him for the gardener. It's an understandable miss. In the grip of all the trauma and grief from the events of Good Friday, she certainly wouldn't be expecting the one for whom she grieves to be suddenly standing in front of her. It's easy to overlook that moment as an unimportant detail.

However, as I return to this story year after year, I've come to think it's not a mistake at all, that Mary gets it exactly right, and that this detail helps us understand why the Resurrection really matters.

The orginal vocation to which God calls humanity is tilling and keeping the world God has made. We initially failed in that calling, choosing ourselves and our own way over God and God's way of love. The whole arc of scripture is essentially the story of God's project to reforest a world that has become desolate with suffering, violence, and death as a result of our rejection of God. Of course, Jesus is the gardener! His resurrection is the unmistakable assurance of God's intention to restore the desert we have made of the world to the original garden God intended, lush with the fruits of love, life, justice, and peace.

Jesus died a real death. The same death each of us fears, and that we have seen take so many we love. For the Resurrection to mean anything, it must be every bit as real as that death. Jesus the gardener reminds us that, as an Easter people, the point of our faith and our lives is not to escape from the world and its pain, but rather to join Jesus in renewing the world, planting seeds of hope, watering the parched places of pain, tilling the soil toward justice, working the land to nurture the feast of love God intended. We don't find the Beloved Community by retreating to somewhere else, we find it by following Jesus to where the pain is, and by digging, by tilling, by keeping.

Plant a tree in these days of Easter. Grow a garden. Make it a sign and sacrament of how we are called in every moment to bear witness to the great good news that death is not what it appears to be. Even now, the green shoots of faith and hope are bringing about God's perfect reign of love, joy, and life that knows no end. Alleluia!

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