

April 19, 2026  
 Third Sunday of Easter  
 The Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
 10:00 A.M.

We Gather in the Name of God

**PRELUDE:** I Know That My Redeemer Liveth | George Frideric Handel | Arr. by Jan Sanborn

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** HYMN-483 | The head that once was crowned with thorns

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ is Risen!  
*All* ***The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!***

**GLORIA:**

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

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.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray together. *A moment of Silence*

***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.***

*At this time, Sunday School Children will meet our Sunday School Team at the back of the church to walk together to the Roberta Miller Learning Cottage. They will learn about prayer and liturgy until we complete the Eucharistic Prayer. They will then rejoin us in the Lord's Prayer and remain until the end of the service.*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG

*Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world; Stranger, friend, and neighbor too, He loves them as he loves you. Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

## We Hear the Word of God

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Reader* A Reading from Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-4

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All* ***Thanks be to God.***

### PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17

*Prayed responsively by whole verse*

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

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

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

10 ***How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?***

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

12 *I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.*

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.

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

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 *I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,*

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Reader* A Reading from 1Peter 1:17-23

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*All* ***Thanks be to God.***

**GOSPEL HYMN:** H-495 | Hail, thou once-despised Jesus

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 24:13-35  
*All* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

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.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord!  
*All* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

*You may be seated at the invitation of the Preacher.*

## We Respond to the Word of God

**THE SERMON – The Rev. Anne Weatherholt**

*The sermon is followed by a period of silence.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

*Stand as you are able*

*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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 III**

*In faith we pray to God, responding with the words in italics*

Deacon      Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. [Especially.....]

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Pause for prayer as we recall our sins and failures*

**All** 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.*

*Celebrant* 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

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

*All* *And also with you.*

## We Offer our Gifts to God

## THE OFFERTORY

*We remember Christ's offering & offer ourselves in return.*

*Text STNICKS to 73256 to make a contribution.*



*Celebrant* Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and Sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## OFFERTORY ANTEHM

Bread of the World | Words: Reginal Heber | Music: John Abdenour

*Bread of the world, in mercy broken, wine of the soul, in mercy shed,  
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.*

*Look on the heart, by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;  
And be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.*

## PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING H 380 - From All that Dwell below the Skies

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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.

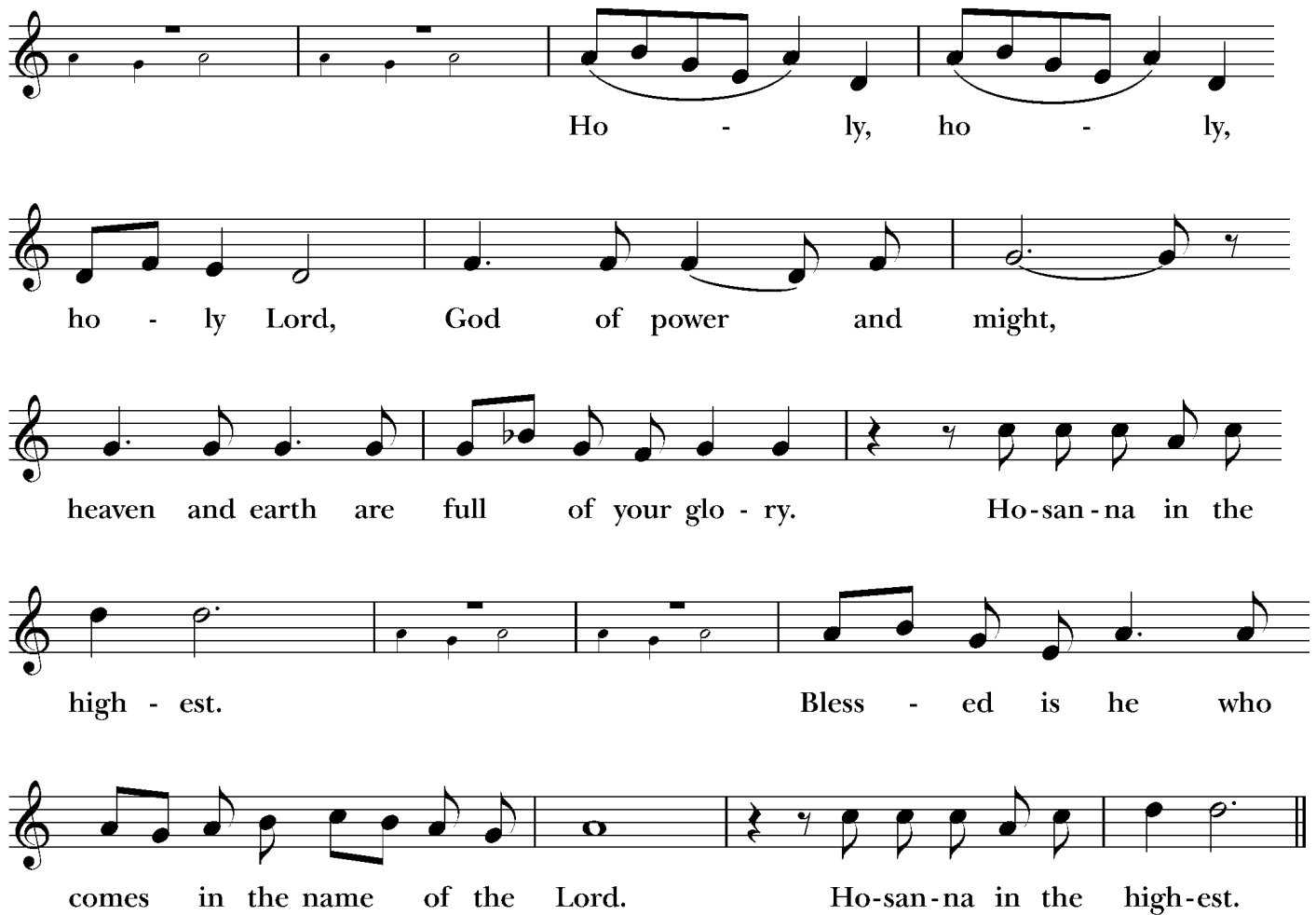
*People* ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

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

*Mathias*



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.

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:

*Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.*

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**

*At this time, Sunday School Children will return to the church.*

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

*All* ***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.***

#### We Break the Bread of Life

*A moment of Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us!

*All* ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

#### **PRAYER FOR THOSE JOINING ON-LINE**

*All* ***In Union, O Lord with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I ask you to 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 the life to come. Amen.***

## We Share the Gifts of God

*In this church, all are invited to come to the altar. Approach the altar by the center aisle. Take a paper cup if you do not want to use the common cup and make a semi-circle. Receive a piece of bread to eat and offer your cup for the wine -OR- drink from the common cup. If you want only a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. If you desire a gluten free wafer hold up 2 fingers. Wait until the Celebrant says, "Go in peace." to return to your seats.*

*Members of our Prayer Team will be in the back of the Church today to pray with you after you have received Communion.*

**COMMUNION HYMN: H-305 | Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant Let us pray Stand as you are able  
All **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.***

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## We Go Forth in the Name of God

### **THE BLESSING**

*Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.***

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: H-296 | We know that Christ is raised and dies no more**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon Let us go forth to become a beloved community of God's grace where all belong.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
All **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

**POSTLUDE: Rejoice, the Lord Is King | John Darwall | Arr. Jan Sanborn**

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