



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE
NATIVITY

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
APRIL 19, 2026
11:00AM

*Quiet in the nave before the service helps us to mark sacred space and time.
We invite you to use this time to prayerfully prepare for worship.
Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

Voluntary

Canonic Etude No. 4 in A-flat, op. 56

Robert Schumann

The Word of God

Hymn 200, *Standing, sung by all* *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain* GAUDEAMUS PARITER

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Gloria S278, *Sung by all*

William Mathias

The Collect of the Day

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 First Reading, *Seated*

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

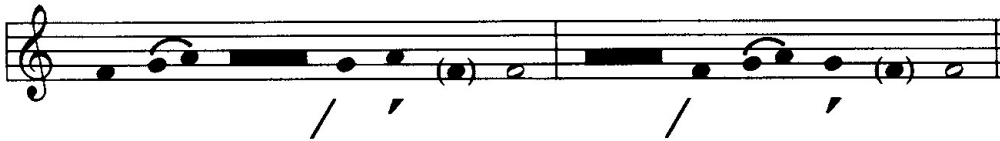
Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17, *Please join the choir in singing the bold portion of the Psalm*

Tone VI



1 I löve the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my sup-/plication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I / **called üpon him.**

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

3 Then I called upon the Name of / the Lord: *
"O Lord, I / pray yöu, save my life."

10 How shall I repay / the Lord *
for all the good things / he häs done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of / salvation *
and call upon / the Näme 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 më from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of / thanksgiving *
and call upon / the Näme 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. / Hallëlujah!

The Second Reading

1 Peter 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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 306, *Standing, sung by all*

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest
SURSUM CORDA

During the sequence hymn, children aged 4 through 4th grade are invited to follow the children's cross to Children's Chapel. Parents are always welcome to attend. All will return during the Peace.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

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

People **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.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Michael Goldsmith

The Nicene Creed, *Standing*

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The Prayers of the People, *Standing or kneeling*

Leader In this season of resurrection and joy, let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader O God, we give thanks for the goodness of creation, for the victory of resurrection, and for the grace of redemption. We praise you for leading us from the darkness into light, and for bringing us through the waters of death into new life in you: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That the Church, celebrating the resurrection with joy, may bring the light of Christ into the world: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That our community, renewed through word and sacrament, may be strengthened in the covenant of our baptism: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That the people of the world, remembering the source of creation, may care for the waters of the earth and for all living things: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That the leaders of nations, knowing their power, may bring peace and justice to the world: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That all who suffer, recalling the mystery of Christ crucified and risen, may be comforted: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader In thanksgiving for the saints and martyrs, for the witnesses of the resurrection, and for all who have passed over from the darkness of death into the glorious light of Christ: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes with a collect

The Peace, *Standing*

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Open thou mine eyes

Eleanor Daley

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see;
Incline my heart and I shall desire;
Order my steps and I shall walk
In the ways of thy commandments.
O Lord God, be thou to me a God
And beside thee let there be none else,
No other, naught else with thee.

Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee
According to thy commandments.
In truth of spirit, in reverence of body,
In blessings of lips, in private and in public.
—Lancelot Andrewes

Presentation Hymn 191, st. 5, *Standing, sung by all*

LUX EOI

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia!
To the Savior who has won the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity:
Alleluia, alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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 S128, *Sung by all*

Mathias

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.

Standing or kneeling

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,

All **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 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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer, *Said by all*

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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

Agnus Dei S165, *Sung by all*

Mathias

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

The Invitation to Communion

Regardless of the denomination of your baptism, you are invited to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. If you are interested in being baptized please speak with a clergy person after the service or contact the church office. Gluten free wafers available upon request.

Music during Communion

Surrexit Dominus

Plainsong

The Lord has risen indeed and has appeared to Simon; alleluia. *Ps.* Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. (Luke 24; Psalm 118)

Hymn 193

That Easter day with joy was bright PUER NOBIS

Hymn 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more ENGELBERG

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take communion to the sick or homebound, the following is offered:

Celebrant We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Postcommunion Prayer, *Said by all, standing or kneeling*

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Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

The Blessing

Hymn 432, *Standing, sung by all*

O praise ye the Lord LAUDATE DOMINUM

The Dismissal

The Celebrant offers a dismissal followed by:

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

Voluntary

Fugue No. 6 on B-A-C-H, op. 60

Schumann

*The flowers on the altar are given in to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Peggy Pierce by John Pierce.*

CELEBRANT The Rev. Rosie Veal Eby

PREACHER The Rev. Michael Goldsmith

ASSISTING The Rev. Dr. Melissa M. Hartley

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC Dr. Aaron Tan



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