

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday of Easter ~ April 15, 2018

Prelude: "Canzona" (Domenico Zipoli)

Opening Hymn #182 "Christ is Alive"

Truro

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is Risen

People: The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia

Glory to God #S-280 (Powell)

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.

Collect of the Day: 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 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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm: Psalm 4

- 1 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.**
- 8 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Anthem: "Hallelujah, Sing with Glory" (Price & Besig)

We give thanks to the choir from Holy Family Roman Catholic Church for joining our choir in song this morning.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

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.

The Sermon

The Reverend Ronald Kolanowski

Re-dedication of the Façade Pipe: The gold-colored pipes that we see on the front of the organ were deteriorating and because of their weight needed new toes to support them and new tuning scrolls to keep them in tune. To accomplish this work funds given by parishioners Ethel Laister Lusky and her husband Joseph A. Lusky were used to complete this work. In thanksgiving for Ethel's and Joseph's generosity and appreciation of these restored pipes, our music director/organist Joshua Ziemiński will perform Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck's "**Echo Fantasia.**"

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Through resurrection from the dead, God has given us new birth. Let us offer prayers to God for the living hope of all the world. Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;

People: You are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Leader: For the holy churches in every place, and for the unity of all. Glory to you for the radiance of you holy Name.

People: We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Leader: For this holy assembly and for all who gather for breaking bread. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple.

People: On the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Leader: For Michel our presiding bishop, Ian, and Laura our bishops; for Ron, our priest: for Barb and Rob our Wardens, for all who minister in this place, and for all the holy people of God. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim.

People: We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Leader: For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. For all those in danger and need, the sick, the suffering, and the oppressed, and for all the dead. Glory to you, beholding the depths.

People: In the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

For ourselves, our families, for those on our prayer list (birthdays, anniversaries) and those we love. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Leader: Remembering the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Peter our patron, Sarah, Tom and Jaxon who have been recently baptized and all the saints illuminated by the light of Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: To you, risen Lord.

Presider: For what else shall we pray for this day?

Presider: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who opens our minds and hearts through the risen Christ. Hear our prayers that we offer in the hope of glory, and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Peace Offertory

Offertory Hymn: #208 “Alleluia the Strife is O’er”
Eucharistic Prayer D

Victory
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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**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever..... Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

Sanctus: S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures.... Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All: We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ....

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **AMEN.**

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.**

Breaking of the Bread Fraction Hymn S-155

G. Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion

The Episcopal Church welcomes all worshippers, regardless of age or denomination, to join us at the altar rail for communion. If you choose not to receive the Sacrament, we invite you to come forward at the time of Communion to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come to the Communion rail, please inform the usher and Communion will be brought to you at your pew.

Note for persons with allergies or medical conditions: gluten-free wafers (also free of wheat, casein, dairy, nut, egg, yeast and soy) are available from the priest on request.

Communion music: "Duo"

Louis Marchand

Post-Communion Prayer

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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.*

The Blessing

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, Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: #492 "Sing ye faithful"

Finnian

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia Alleluia

Postlude: