

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 25, 2021

WE GATHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE Indescribable Laura Story

OPENING HYMN Christ is alive! Let Christians sing, vv. 1,4,5 (*words on last page*) Hymnal 182

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:14-20

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words **and merciful in all his deeds.**

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; **God lifts up those who are bowed down.**

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, **and you give them their food in due season.**

17 You open wide your hand **and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**

18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways **and loving in all his works.**

19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, **to all who call upon God faithfully.**

20 God fulfills the desire of those who fear him; **God hears their cry and helps them.**

THE GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

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

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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

"Breakfast with Jesus"

The Rev. Dr. Kate Heichler

PRAYER SONG

Alleluia, Alleluia

Hymnal 178

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His Name.
Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Please stand or kneel.)**Please respond to: Risen Lord Jesus with Hear our prayer.*

Risen Lord Jesus, we give you thanks for new life, eternal life, which begins for us here and now in the season of Your Resurrection. We thank you for all gifts we name now, in silence or aloud ...

Risen Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Christ, we pray for Your Church, that all over the world we might bear your life to the world. Bless our clergy leaders: our bishops, Mariann and Chilton; our clergy, Kate and Joan; and all believers. Equip us to go and tell the Good News that you are risen from the dead.

Risen Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, we pray for this world for which you lived and died and rose again, for your peace in all places torn by violence or terror or famine or disease or despair, especially places we name now...

Risen Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our country and leaders, especially our president, Joe, and the leaders of our communities. Deliver us from complacency and show us where to participate in reconciliation and restoration.

Risen Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Jesus, your resurrection gives us confidence to pray for healing, as you remain active through your Spirit in the Church. In faith we invite your healing and wholeness for all those whom we know who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, especially those on our parish prayer list; and all others whom we name before you, in silence or aloud....

Risen Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Christ, we celebrate your victory over death itself, praying for those who have gone before us into eternal life, especially for... Even at the grave, we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Risen Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

The Presider offers a closing prayer.

THE PEACE *(Standing)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people exchange a sign of Christ's peace with their neighbors.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Open the eyes of my heart (*words on last page*)

Paul Blaloché, 1997

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THE HOLY MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people are invited to participate praying the words in bold type.

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 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Holy, holy, holy (Sanctus)

Land of Rest

Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly Lo - rd God of po - wer and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho - sann - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed 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 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 to remember 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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

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.

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 ever. **Amen.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the peace. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

THE COMMUNION

Consecrated bread will be brought to all present in person; those worshipping at home are invited to partake of consecrated bread and wine at home tables.

COMMUNION MUSIC Was that you? vv 4,5 (*Words on last page*) Kate Heichler, 2011

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you are holy above all things in heaven and on earth, yet you have chosen to draw near to us, to give yourself to us in the mystery of the bread and wine, the body and blood of your most precious Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. We thank you for the mystery of our redemption – for the tomb mysteriously empty, for your appearing to the disciples, unexpected, unrecognized, just as you appear to us in this food and drink.

You have strengthened us with heavenly food to do your work. Give us the courage to do as you command – to tell all we meet that Christ is alive! We pray in the name of the blessed Trinity, one God.
Amen

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN All creatures of our God and king, vv 1,4 (*words on last page*) Hymnal 400

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

PARISH PRAYERS

We Pray For: Those in need of healing – Alicia Cordelle, Steve Blamer, John MacCoy, Beverly Stone, Gary Murray, Susan White, Benji, Garner Burroughs, Andie Corby, Betty Bowling, Jane, Michelle, Bill Grothe, Duana Page.

Those Who Have Died: Mike Mona

Birthdays: Tim Pouring, 4/26; Bonnie Rafer, 4/29

Anniversaries:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRING "SPA FOR THE SPIRIT". Saturday, May 8: Easter Emergence

Rev. Kate will lead a spring online retreat morning on Saturday, May 8, from 9-12:30.

Like the natural world around us, we are in a season of emergence – from winter, from lock-down, from patterns that keep us bound. During this at-home retreat, we will explore where new life is emerging in us because Jesus emerged from death into life. Click [here](#) to register; link and info will be sent. *Download and share the flyer* [here](#).



EASTERTIDE BIBLE STUDY - Short New Testament Letters - Wednesdays, 7pm

We're taught not to read other people's mail - unless we're talking about all those letters collected in our New Testament. What are they all about? Join us on Wednesday evenings in the Easter season as we explore them at Wednesday Bible Study - which draws a crowd from all over the US and Canada! You don't need to know anything coming in - and you'll be surprised at how much wisdom you can share. Hop in any Wednesday at 7 pm on Zoom; we're done in time for Night Prayers at 8 pm.

SHARING OUR LIFE-SKILLS WITH YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE - The Charles County Dept of Social Services has invited us to create a program to build relationships and share life-skills with some of the most vulnerable adolescents in our community - teens in foster care and soon to age out. These young people need to know how to manage money, find and keep jobs and housing, eat economically and healthily, dress appropriately - skills that many of our kids learn naturally in our families. We can be extended family to these youths so they can emerge from the foster system productive, functional, grounded young adults - a win for the larger community as well as for the kids. Please let Rev. Kate know if you'd like to be a part of this as we build it - it will likely involve a monthly get-together, online at first. **We will have an organizational meeting the week of April 25th.**

TUTORING PROGRAM – Children in Charles County Public Schools need tutors – please volunteer a little time each week to work with a child in need. Tutoring will be done by Zoom, with support from our team. Please contact Deacon Joan if you'd like to learn more, or click [here](#) to register.

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HYMNS

OPENING HYMN – Christ is alive! Let Christians sing, vv. 1,4,5

Hymnal 182

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

4. In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.

5. Christ is alive! His Spirit burns through this and every future age,
Till all creation lives and learns his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

OFFERTORY SONG – Open the eyes of my heart

Paul Blaloché, 1997

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You; I want to see You.

Repeat

Refrain: To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory;

Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy. *Repeat verse and refrain*

Bridge: Holy, holy, holy; We cry holy, holy, holy; You are holy, holy, holy; I want to see you.

Repeat Refrain

Communion - Was that you?

w/m Kate Heichler, © 2011

4 A bunch of us were fishing, just out doing what we knew.

The blues are all we're catching, but what else we gonna do?

At dawn some guy calls from the shore, "Over there, you'll find some fish."

As nets start bursting from the haul, we catch our deeper wish:

Was that you, with abundance when I never see enough?

Was that you, showing what strength is, when all I know is being tough?

Was that you trusting me more than I could ever understand?

Don't know why it always takes a while for me to open up my eyes and see:

That was you, watching out for me.

Bridge: On the road and in the dark and on the edge and in your heart;

Where deepest joy confronts despair, just look again, you'll find him there;

You will find him there.

5 So where did you last see him, where he wasn't supposed to be?

He told us he'd be with the poor, the lost, the last, the least ...

He said that we would know him in Word and bread and wine;

He promised to be with us, now – and to the end of time.

Is that you announcing peace to me when storms rage in my head?

Is that you releasing power in me, the power that raised the dead?

Is that you, loving me more than I could ever understand?

Don't know why it always takes a while for me to open up my eyes and see:

That it's you, always next to me. Jesus, you, right here, next to me.

CLOSING HYMN

All creatures of our God and king, vv 1,4

Hymnal 400

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
Pale silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!.

4 Dear mother earth, you day by day
Unfold your blessings on our way;
O praise him, Alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
Let them his glory also show:
O praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!