



Christ Episcopal Church
The Third Sunday of Easter
April 18th, 2021 at 10:00AM
Morning Prayer, Rite II Church at Home

Notes referencing posture – stand, kneel, sit – should be assumed to be optional.

Prelude

Prelude e minor (S. 548)

J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn

Christ Is Alive

H 182

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

Opening Sentences

BCP 77

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

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

*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.*

The Priest alone stands and says

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.

Invitatory and the Psalter

BCP 80

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: *O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.*

Christ our Passover

BCP 83

Alleluia.

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.*

*Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin,
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.*

*Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.*

Psalm 4

BCP 587

- 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.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson *Seated*

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 16

The Song of Zechariah

BCP 92

Standing

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.*

*He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.*

*Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.*

*He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.*

*This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,*

*Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.*

*You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,*

*To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.*

*In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,*

*To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is
now, and will be forever. Amen.*

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 18

A Song to the Lamb

BCP 47

Standing

*Splendor and honor and kingly power
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is,
and by your will they were created and have their being;*

*And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation,
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.*

*And so, to him who sits upon the throne,
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,
for ever and for evermore.*

The Gospel Lesson *Seated*

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..

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People *Thanks be to God.*

The Sermon *Seated*

The Rev. Dr. Steve Pankey

The Apostles’ Creed

BCP 53

Standing

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Officiant Let us pray.

*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.*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. *Govern and uphold them, now and always.*

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. *We praise your Name for ever.*

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. *Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.*

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. *For we put our trust in you.*

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. *And we shall never hope in vain.*

The Collect of the Day

BCP 98

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.*

A Collect for Sundays

BCP 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace

BCP 100

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission**BCP 100**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

The Anthem*Gloria in excelsis - (Harmoniemesse)*

Franz Joseph Haydn

The General Thanksgiving**BCP 101**

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**BCP102**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 O sons and daugh-ters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the faith - ful wo - men
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, who sat and spake un -
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; a - midst them came their
 5 On this most ho - ly day of days, to God your hearts and



1 glo - rious King, o'er death and hell rose tri - um - phing.
 2 went their way to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
 3 to the three, "Your Lord doth go to Gal - i - lee."
 4 Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be on all here."
 5 voic - es raise, in laud and ju - bi - lee and praise.



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The altar flowers and palms are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of our father and grandfather, Donnie E. Johnston, by Brook, Amanda, Braxton and Jackson Talley.

Ministers of the Service

Officiant	The Very Rev. Becca Kello
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Steve Pankey
Deacon	The Rev. Kellie Mysinger
Organist	C. Kenneth Stein
Vocalists	Deborah Stein and Tyler Smith
Audio Visual Team	Rick and Linda Mitchell