

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Offering Companionship along the Way

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2023

At the monastery of Abu Ghosh—where Emmaus may have been

Prelude Organ improvisation on tune St. Ethelwald

Processional Hymn 181 Awake and sing the song

St. Ethelwald

Pastor Alelluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God - Gloria in excelsis (Canticle 20)



Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 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 *Gevert-5*

- 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!

A Reading from the First Letter of 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 pre-

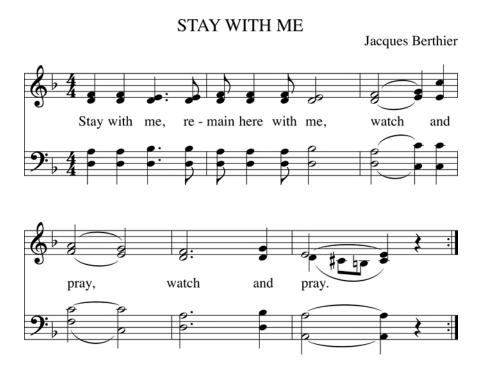
cious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are 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.

Gradual Hymn 252 Jesus! Name of wondrous love

Louez Dieu



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Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 24:13-35 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.

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

Sermon The Rev. Heidi Truax

A time of Silent Reflection

Christ our Passover Pascha nostrum 1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

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.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in

your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

We give thanks to you, Lord God, for all your blessings. We especially give thanks for DeeDee Davis, a member of our congregation and a newly baptized Christian. We pray in gratitude for the celebrations of our lives (we lift up in prayer all those things for which we are thankful). Lord in your goodness: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours. On our parish cycle of prayer we pray today for Keith Johnson, Theresa and Brian Kenny and Richard and Celia Kirby and for their families. Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as God loves us.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (we read from the book and leave time for names to be added). Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died (we read from the book and leave time for names to be added). We pray that your will for them may be fulfilled, and that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Confession and Absolution

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.

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.**

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 190 Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary

Fisk of Gloucester

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

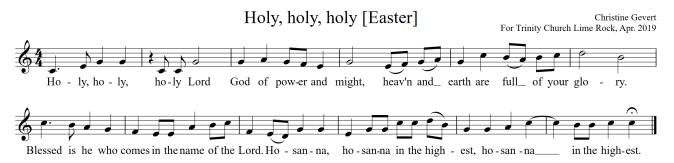
Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:



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Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness

of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN**.

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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.



Distribution of Holy Communion at the altar

We offer wine and grape juice, blessed

Communion Hymn 313 Let thy blood in mercy poured

Jesus, meine Zuversicht

Postcommunion Prayer

Lord, may we know you in the breaking; in the break of day, in the breaking of hearts, and in the breaking of bread. Help us to know that you are risen indeed and that you are with us in Holy Communion. May your Church ever proclaim your presence, and know that you travel with us on the road we go. Amen.

From Clouds and Glory by David Adam pg. 63

Blessing

Beloved, take heart! For the One who began a good work in you will see it to completion.

For all of us share in God's grace, and as witness of the Gospel of Christ.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 194 Jesus lives! thy terrors now

St. Albinus

The Dismissal

Pastor Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Organ improvisation on tune St. Albinus

The altar flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Regina D'Alton.

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax Intercessor: Marian Beers Altar Guild: Theresa Kenny Music Director: Christine Gevert Minister of Communion: Pari Forood Flowers: Heather Chapman

Counter: Martha Nesbitt Lector: Michelle Sisk

Epistoler: Emma Sisk Greeter/Usher: Brennan Sisk/Jim Conzo

Announcements

7:30 PM Crescendo Concert "In Search of the Bridges" Friday, April 28

10:30 AM we visit Congregation Beth David in Amenia, NY Saturday, May 6

for Holocaust Remembrance Day

May 15-17 Pastor Heidi at Clergy Conference in Middletown

Sunday, May 21 Rev. Félix Rivera preaches at 10:30 service

> Noon—Vestry meeting 4:00 PM Misa en español

Sunday, May 28 8:00 AM Eucharist at Trinity as usual

10:00 AM Pentecost service at Salisbury Congregational, Bishop Jim Curry preaching

Sunday, June 4 **Trinity Sunday**

10:30 service—Congregation Beth David and Rabbi Jon Haddon come to visit

SAVE THE DATE—This is the opening celebration of our 150th Anniversary Sunday, July 9

Bishop Laura Ahrens will join us and re-dedicate the cornerstone and bless our Chapel.

Weekly Schedule

7:00 PM Crescendo Rehearsal **Mondays**

7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous in Walker Hall **Tuesdays**

Services at Noble Horizons, Geer Nursing, Geer Lodge Wednesdays

6:00 PM on first and last Wednesday of the month, Women's AA in Walker Hall

1:00 PM Bible Study on Zoom (except no class in Holy Week or Easter Week) **Thursdays**

9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office **Saturdays**

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