



The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

10:00am

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

St. John's Episcopal Church, Royal Oak MI



St. John's Welcome Statement

Welcome! We are St. John's, a parish that invites you to be a part of our community and warmly embraces you when you do.

At St. John's, our history has taught us that accepting and embracing true diversity is challenging. As a result, we have come to claim a firm, undying commitment to inclusion. So here is our invitation to you: regardless of your cultural background, ethnicity, gender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or heterosexual identity, economic status, physical or cognitive ability – you will not be labeled, singled out or excluded here. You will be welcomed, affirmed, embraced and celebrated! We will be better because you are here.

Adopted by unanimous vote at St. John's Annual Meeting, January 31, 2016

PRELUDE

Easter Alleluia

Colin Mawby

Steve McGhee, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

A candle is lighted to signify that we are all gathered around the one Light.

At the ringing of a bell, the service begins.

Acclamation

Presider

†Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People

You come to your people and set them free.

Presider

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People

There is one hope in God's call to us;

Presider

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People

One God and Father of all.

SONG OF PRAISE **Day of delight and beauty unbounded**
Wonder, Love, and Praise, 738, v. 1
Brynn Ward, soprano

*Day of delight and beauty unbounded,
tell the news, the Gospel spread!
Day of all wonder, day of all splendor,
tell Christ risen from the dead!*

Sing of the sun from darkness appearing,
sing of the seed from barren earth greening,
sing of creation, alleluia!
Sing of the stream from Jesus' side flowing;
sing of the saints in water made holy;
sing of salvation, alleluia!

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

THE COLLECT THE DAY

Also found in BCP, pg. 224

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 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.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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 cry out, the LORD 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 EPISTLE

1 John 3:1-3

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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

Deacon †The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Beth Taylor

HOLY BAPTISM

Presider The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Also found in BCP, pg. 301

The candidates are presented individually by the Parents and Godparents

I present Lucas Bennett Schrode-Hintz to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Presider asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

The people stand. The Presider addresses the Congregation, saying

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Presider Let us join with those who commit themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Deacon Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Deacon Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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.**

Deacon Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Deacon Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Deacon Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Deacon Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Deacon Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Deacon Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS

Also found in BCP, pg. 305

Presider Let us now pray for those who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who renew their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For the widowed and orphaned, for the aged and the homebound, for the sick and the suffering, especially Scott, Greg, Terri, Gloria, William John, Jackie, Keith, Sandor, Kathy, Alex, Toni, Martha, Bob, Mary Ann, Barbara, Edward, Jeff, Sally, Angela, Jayson, Elizabeth, Donna, Nancy, and those we now name_____.
May they be strengthened by our love and care for them.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring all those in your care to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Presider says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Presider blesses the water, first saying

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, O God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Creator, the Christ, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Presider blesses the water.

†Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Also found in BCP, pg. 307

The candidate is presented by name to the Presider, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate saying

Presider Lucas, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Presider places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism oil and saying to each one

Presider Lucas, † you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The candidate with a candle lit from the Paschal candle

Deacon Receive the Light of Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

The Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them saying

God our Creator, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood. *Amen.***

THE PEACE

Presider Amen. Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, loves you eternally, and reconciles you to one another.

Presider May the Peace of Christ always be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The peace is exchanged in place among the people.

OFFERTORY

In thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we are, and in gratitude for the mission, ministry and fellowship offered through St. John's, let us give with generous hearts.

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OFFERTORY HYMN Christ is alive! Let Christians sing The Hymnal 1982 182, vv. 1, 3, 4, 5

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.

Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior with the Father reigns.

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

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. *Amen.*

BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia! Let us go forth in peace to serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Truro

arr. Michael Bedford

Ministers of Today's Service

Presider The Rev. Beth Taylor

Assisting The Rev. Beth Bingham

Deacon The Ven. Tim Spannaus

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