

The Third Sunday of Easter

HOLY EUCHARIST
RITE II

23 APRIL 2023

TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

Saint John's Church, Mobile

Welcome to Saint John's. Since its founding in 1853 Saint John's has been an Episcopal parish church in the heart of Mobile. From our beginning worship has been central to our common life. Originally located ten streets West of Christ Church, Saint John's moved to its current location in 1956, to what was then nearly at the city limits. If you are interested in learning more about Saint John's or becoming a member of our parish community, please speak with one of the clergy or call the parish office at (251) 479-5474. Saint John's can be found on the Internet at www.stjohnsmobile.org.

ABOUT THE MASS

The Church celebrates the resurrection with a feast of fifty days. On Fridays in Eastertide special acts of discipline and self-denial commemorating the crucifixion of the Lord are not practiced. "Alleluia" is sung repeatedly during our liturgies. The Paschal Candle burns throughout Eastertide.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN

by Jan Joseph
to the Glory of God
and in memory of
Billy McNider.

Prelude

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Song

All stand as the organ begins the introduction to the entrance hymn. The Congregation sings the hymn as the choir and ministers of the assembly move to the chancel.

Hymn 440

Liebster Jesu

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant says the following, and the people respond, three times:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

The Celebrant continues

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

The Congregation sings the Gloria

Hymn S236

Rutter

Glory to you

The people remain standing for the Collect of the Day.

The Collect of the Day

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The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lessons

The People are seated.

The first Lesson, Acts 2:14a,36-41, is now read

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.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

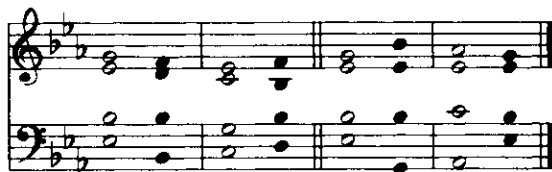
People Thanks be to God.

The People join in singing Psalm 116:1-3,10-17

S 411

Robert Knox Kennedy

(b. 1945)



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- 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,

Second half of chant

- 17 In the courts of the Lord’s house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

The second lesson, I Peter 1:17-23, is now read

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 precious 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.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 628

St Ethelwald

Help us, O Lord, to learn

The Holy Gospel

All Stand.

Minister ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke..

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The appointed Gospel, Luke 24:13-35, is now proclaimed.

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.

After the Gospel, the Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend John Talbert

The Nicene Creed

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The People stand as the Celebrant stands and all join in saying:

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The People remain standing. The Officiant bids the Intercessions and Thanksgivings, using the Prayers Form VI, found on page 392 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Peace

The Celebrant says

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

The Congregation may be seated for the announcements.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Preparation of the Gifts

The Congregation is seated for the Offertory

Offertory

Now the Green Blade Rises

Text: J.M. Crum

Music: Trad. French/arr. Alan Bullard

The Congregation stands and sings the Presentation Hymn while the ushers bring forward the people's gifts of bread, wine, money and other gifts.

Hymn 174

Salzburg

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Hymn # 174

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Salzburg



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
4. Ea - ster tri - umph, Ea - ster joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.



who has washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.



praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

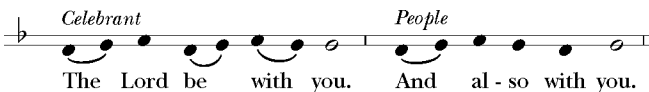


gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
ri - sen Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

The Great Thanksgiving

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings

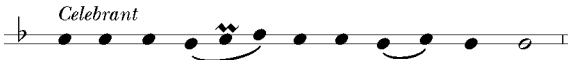


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.




Lift up your hearts. 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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Congregation sings Sanctus and Benedictus.

Hymn S124

Hurd

Holy, holy, holy Lord

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

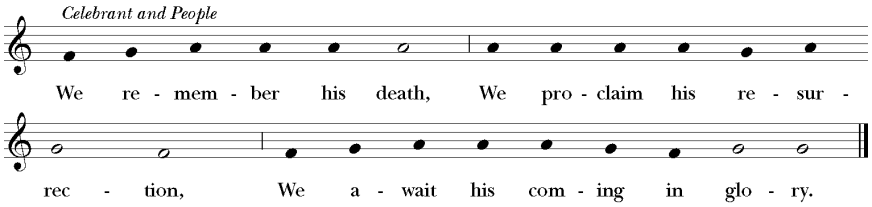
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the 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 for the remembrance of 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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
 rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

The Celebrant continues

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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed John our Patron, and 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.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People



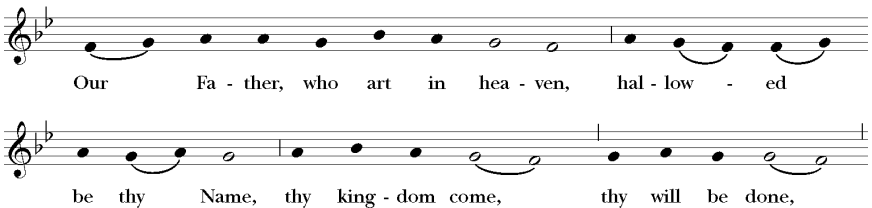
A-men.

The Celebrant sings

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

All join in singing The Lord's Prayer

Hymn S119



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Congregation sings the fraction anthem.

Hymn S167

Martens

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

The Invitation

The Celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion.

WE ARE ALL INVITED TO THE LORD'S TABLE

IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, all baptized persons are invited to receive the Holy Communion. Persons who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing.

After receiving communion, the Congregation may be seated. Please join in singing the communion hymn

Hymn 305

Rosedale

Come risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

Postcommunion Prayer

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The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People. The People respond

Amen.

The Congregation stands and sings the retiring processional hymn

Hymn 656

Franconia

Blest are the pure in heart

The Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the saying

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOHN’S:

Today	8:45AM	Christian Formation Hour
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist: Third Sunday of Easter
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time in the Great Hall
	11:15AM	Pot-luck in the Great Hall
Wednesday	6:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	8:45AM	Christian Formation Hour
	10:00AM	Holy Communion; Fourth Sunday of Easter
	11:15AM	Fellowship Time in the Great Hall

The church office is staffed on Tuesday’s from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Outside of office hours or in an emergency, please call Fr. John at 205-354-3699.

SERVING IN TODAY’S LITURGY:

Celebrant.....	Fr. John Talbert
First Lesson Lector.....	Mary Sheffield
Second Lesson Lector.....	Paula Ross
Intercessor	Geri Moulton
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Connie Mclean & Mary Sheffield
Altar Guild.....	Connie Anderson & Bootsie Cieutat
Vestry Teller	Mary Sheffield & Charlyn Will

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our sisters and brothers in Christ: Charlynn Will, Bootsie Cieutat, Mary Jones, Cookie Rich, David Rich, Bob Anderson, Neva Bache, Helen Guthrie, Kathe Gieseler, Mike Barbour, Fran Barbour, Irene Yeager, Carolyn Pearce, Ashley Garris, Jerry Fulford, James Christiansen, Audrey Garner, Joyce Lee, Jayson Chestang, Budd McLean.

Our sister that cannot be with us: Mary Catherine Warren.

Our family and friends: Angie Leon, David Hamilton, Errol Sweetser, Lenora Cadden, Donna Latham, Sheila Cassity Granger, Barbara Bonner, Evina Valera, David Brunner, Mary Horner, Susan Hansen, Karl Gieseler, Keith Matthews, Randy Dunn, Sharon Lee Nolan, Peggy Sheffield, Eddie Hun, Katelynn Tillman, Karen Twilley, Nancy Payne, Donna Pigg, Tiffany Matthews, Betty Williams, Latecia Cushion Knight, Bonnie Jernigan, Britney Butler, Neal Tourné, Sandy Michel, Paul Nelson, John Switzer (*priest*).

Our sisters and brothers serving in the Armed Forces:
Nicholas Boykin, Joshua Maddox, Ryan Hurt,
Jacob Hester-Heard, Marcus Rich, Ross Hussmann, Ellis Garner,
Eric Mattoon.

RECENT ATTENDANCE:

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