



THE HOLY EUCHARIST
ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 19, 2026
9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

After the altar candles are lit, we invite you to observe a time of silence to prepare your hearts for worship and to come before God in prayer.

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him! Habakkuk 2:20

PRELUDE

Voluntary In C (Maurice Greene)

ENTRANCE HYMN

Christ is made the sure foundation (Westminster Abbey) (H 518)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

S 236 A Song of Praise (Canticle 13) (Rutter) (BCP p. 356)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 people sit.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter 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. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So 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: Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



- ¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my
suppli/cation,*
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called up/on
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 sal/vation *
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 Je/rusalem.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

¹⁷If 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. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through 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. ²²Now 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. ²³You 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.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life (The Call) (H 487)

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹³Now on that same day two of [the disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then 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?” ¹⁹He 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, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But 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. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and 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. ²⁴Some 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.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But 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. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They 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?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and

their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Rachel McElwee

THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 358) *All stand.*

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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

The Celebrant says

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A Repeating Alleluia (Calvin Hampton)

DOXOLOGY (*verse 3 only*)

From all that dwell below the skies (Old 100th) (H 380)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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 him thanks and praise.

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:

SANCTUS

S 130 Holy, holy, holy (Schubert/Proulx) (BCP p. 367)

The People stand or kneel.

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 remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

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 [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.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM

S 164 Jesus, Lamb of God (Schubert/Proulx) (BCP p. 364)

We welcome you to receive the true presence of Jesus in this Holy Communion. Come forward to the altar rail and kneel or stand with an upturned palm to receive the bread. (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.) To receive the wine, you may either drink from the chalice or intinct (dip) your bread carefully in the chalice. If you would prefer not to receive communion, but would like to receive a blessing, kneel, or stand at the altar rail with your arms crossed over your chest. Please do not hesitate to ask for communion to be brought to you in your pew. Notify an usher, who will let the clergy know to assist you.

COMMUNION HYMN

I come with joy to meet my Lord (Land of Rest) (H 304)

COMMUNION HYMN

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless (St. Agnes) (H 343)

COMMUNION HYMN

The strife is o'er, the battle done (Victory) (H 208)

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the Name of Christ and of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one body, as we share one bread, one cup. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, 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.

BLESSING

Celebrant May Almighty God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O praise ye the Lord (Laudate Dominum) (H 432)

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Christ Is Risen (J. S. Bach)

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*The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the children of St. Peter's.*

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Ministers of the Service

Preacher

The Reverend Rachel McElwee

Celebrant

The Reverend Canon John Tidy

Eucharistic Ministers

Vicki Beaudry, Tony Perez, 9:00 a.m.

Lisa Saitow, Chad Wykle, 11:00 a.m.

Lector

Jordan Barlow, 9:00 a.m.

Bob Haas, 11:00 a.m.

Intercessor

Pam Fox, 9:00 a.m.

Martin Wilson, 11:00 a.m.

Greeters

Debby Cotner, Ann Shuman, 9:00 a.m.

Troy Flanagan, 11:00 a.m.

Ushers

Cathy & Fred Eichmann, 9:00 a.m.

Danny Ferreira, 11:00 a.m.

Vestry Person of the Service

TBD, 9:00 a.m.

Emily Haas, 11:00 a.m.

Others Serving Today

Linda Bowman, *Bread Baker and Connect Ambassador*

Ann Buchanan and Virginia Powell, *Flower Ministry*

Ken Saitow, *Videographer*, 9:00 a.m.

Joanne Blalock, *Coffee Hour Host*

Altar Guild Team 1

Breakfast Team 3