

**April 19, 2026
10:00 AM**

**The Third
Sunday of Easter**



***St. Stephen's in-the-Field
Episcopal Church***

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**We the people of Saint Stephen's in-the-Field
seek to know Christ, to share Christ, and to serve Christ,
recognizing his presence in all people,
and reaching out in love to each other and to the world around us.**

WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn

Latin, 1695
tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909)

The Strife is O'er

H #208

VICTORY

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Opening antiphon

$\text{♩} = 112$

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

Sing the verses. Sing the ending antiphon only after all the verses have been sung

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to - ry of
2. The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions

life is won; the song of tri - umph has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
have dis persed: let shout of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!

Ending antiphon

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

Opening Acclamation

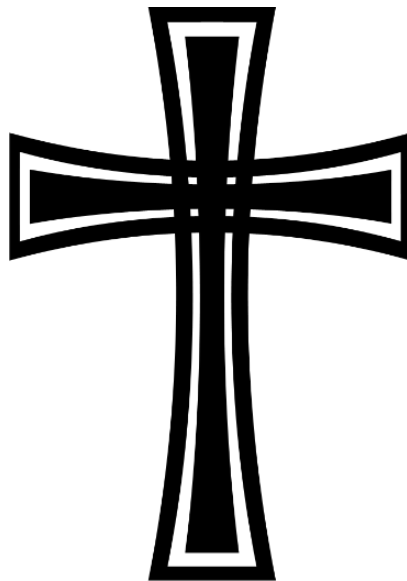
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity

All

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



Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God 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 Lessons

First Reading

Acts 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.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm:

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

- 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!

Second Reading

1 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 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.

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Please stand

Gospel Gradual

Two Travelers Left Jerusalem

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p. 24

MARYTON
Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898)

1. Two travel - ers left Je - ru - sa - lem, their deep - est
 2. The two had clues that God was near, they spoke their
 3. And there were signs of hope re - newed by night - fall
 4. The stran - ger stayed to share a meal; this one they

hope un - re - al - lized. They thought that hope had
 an - guish and were heard. And when the stran - ger
 that first Eas - ter day, the two en - coun - tered
 thought was three days dead. And here at last they

been snatched a - way, but Life was there, un - re - cog - nized.
 turned to speak, it was a liv - ing, burn - ing Word.
 such de - light they im - por - tuned De - light to stay.
 re - cog - nized Christ in the break - ing of the bread.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

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

All: **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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Savior.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Prayers of the People: Form VI

Lector: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Lector: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Lector: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Lector: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Lector: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Lector: St. Timothy's, Mountain View (4/19). St. George, Salinas (4/23). All who work toward the goal of ensuring environmental stability (Earth Day, 4/22): Creation Care Committee.

People: **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Lector: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Lector: Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Lector: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life;

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Lector: We exalt you, O God our King;

People: **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Lector: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom;

The People may add their own petitions.

Lector: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: **Who put their trust in you.**

Presider: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do
your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Exchange peace.

Offertory:

In the Garden

Lift Every Voice and Sing, #69

Words and music by
C. Austin Miles (1868-1946)

$\text{♩} = 40$

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, while the
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him though the

dew is still on the ros - es; and the
sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; and the
night a - round me be fall - ing; but He

voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, the
 mel - o - dy that He gave to me with -
 bids me go through the voice of woe, His

Son of God dis - clos - - es.
 in my heart is ring - - ing.
 voice to me is call - - ing.

And He walks with me and he talks with me, and He tells me I am His

own, _____ and the joy we share as we

tar - ry there, none oth - er has ev - er _____ known. _____

Doxology (Old 100th):

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with the Bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;
praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *Sanctus*

S130

Setting from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —

hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,

and ourselves, a living sacrifice.
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with St. John and St. Stephen and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Communion:

Abide with Me

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

H #662

EVENTIDE
William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide; the dark - ness deep - ens;
4. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes; shine through the gloom, and

Lord, with me a - bide: when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts
point me to the skies; heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows

flee, help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
flee; in life, in death, O Lord, a - binde with me.

The musical score is written in a three-system format. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first system contains the first two lines of lyrics. The second system contains the next two lines. The third system contains the final two lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Birthday Blessing: Watch over your birthday *children*, O Lord; as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anniversary Blessing: O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in and through you what is well-pleasing in His sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Mission Song:

Sing, Ye Faithful

John Ellerton (1826-1893)

H #492

FINNIAN

Christopher Dearnley (b. 1930)

1. Sing, ye faith-ful, sing with glad-ness, wake your no-blest, sweet-est strain,
2. Sing how he came forth from hea-ven, bowed him-self to Bethlehem's cave,
4. Now on high, yet ev-er with-us, from his Fa-ther's throne the Son
with the prais-es of your Sa-vior let his house re-sound a-gain;
stooped to wear the ser-vants ves-ture, bore the pain, the cross, the grave,
rules and guides the world he ran-somed, till the ap-point-ed work be done,
him let all your mu-sic ho-nor, and your songs ex-alt his reign.
passed with-in the gates of dark-ness, thence his ban-ished ones to save.
till he see, re-newed and per-fect, all things gath-ered in-to one.

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Mark your calendar

- Wednesday Book Group at St. John's, 10:00 am
- Sunday, April 26th – Holy Eucharist 10:00 am, Fr. Ken presiding
- Sunday, May 3rd – Holy Eucharist 10:00 am, Fr. Ken Presiding
- Sunday, May 10th – Holy Eucharist 10:00 am, Fr. Ken Presiding (Mother's Day)
- Sunday, May 17th – Morning Prayer 10:00 am

Vestry Members

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