

## The First 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."

## The Psalm

Psalm 4

*Cum invocarem*

- 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 call upon the Lord, he 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.

*Said together:*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## Second Lesson

*I John 3:1-7*

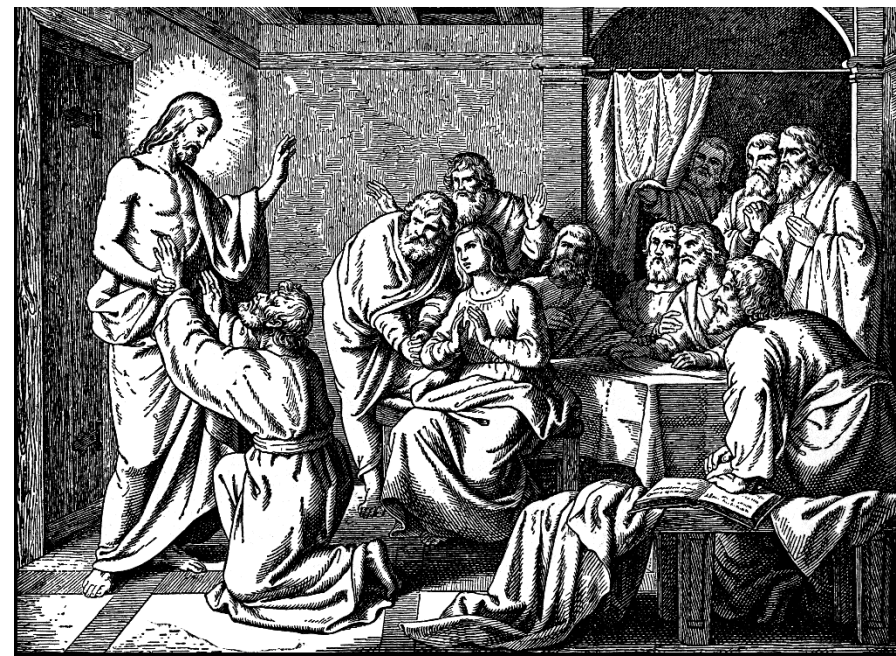
See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will 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.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Hymn

*Alleluia! The strife is o'er the battle done*

**H 208**



## Gospel Lesson

*Luke 24:36b-48*

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.

## The Sermon

### The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith*

### Prayers of the People V

BCP 389

*We pray together as the people of God*

### Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

*We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon*

### The Peace

*We share the joy of the Good News!*

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called *the Mass*

### Offertory

*Christ the Lord is risen again*

Schalk

### Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*All praise, O risen Lord,  
we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live;  
to God the Father equal praise,  
and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.*

*from H 193, v. 5*

### Eucharistic Prayer "B"

BCP 361

*Sanctus*

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S129

*Memorial Acclamation*

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S138

*The Lord's Prayer*

Traditional version, found on BCP 364

*Fraction Anthem*

H-S 152

### The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them

Communion Hymns

*Bread of heaven, on thee we feed* H 323  
*Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless* H 343  
*Humbly I adore thee* H 314

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing* H 182

The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted by The Sudduth Family. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us.

The Altar Flowers are given today by  
Tripper and Stacey Thomas in memory of their loved ones.

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte Macon Clement Kipp Cortez  
Lectors David Kersey Kipp Cortez  
Chalicists Kipp Cortez Becky Beckett  
Altar Guild: Kay Sudduth Elizabeth Sudduth Betty Nash  
Kathy Burge

Attendance Last Sunday 58

Birthdays This Week: Becka Steorts, Phil Mahood, Betty Nash, Jeffrey Brannon, Macon Clement, Will Puckett, and Tom Coughlan

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes—Wanda Myers—Bonnie Taylor—Joe Sanders--Marlene—Lee Puckett, Sr.—Phyllis & Nelson Walker—Linda—Valerie Mahood—Sierra—Alex B.—Toni R.—Linda Sydeski—Ragen—Jared Cregger—Kerrigan Farmer—Lindsey Parsley—Mike—Daisy Bowman—Ellie Spencer—Sue Godwin—Gary Slater—Stanton Boggess—Kennedy Quillen—Don Williams—Mabeline Robinson

Calendar of Events

Sunday – April 15 Food Pantry bagging of food after church  
Tuesday – April 17 DOK meeting 10:30am  
Thursday - April 19 Food Pantry 9-11am  
Wednesday - April 25 Union Mission 4:30pm  
ECW Dinner 5:30pm

Sunday – May 6 Derby Party at home of  
Fr. Chad and Jennifer Slater 6:00pm

Sunday – May 13 Mother's Day  
Sunday – May 20 Pentecost Sunday  
Sunday – May 27 Trinity Sunday with Baptisms

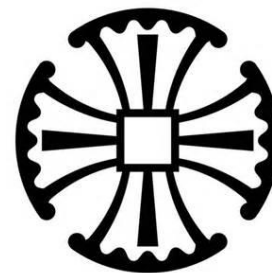
Announcements:

ECW Dinner Meeting: There will be an evening ECW dinner meeting in Rowley Hall on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Fellowship Home Dinner: A sign-up sheet will be placed in the front hall (Narthex) of the church for anyone interested in signing up to help prepare dinner for the men at the Fellowship Home. We will be taking the dinner in late April or early May. Thanks!

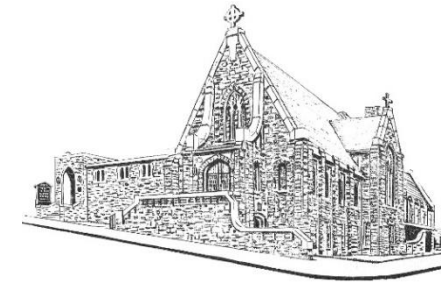
Lenten Dinner Make-up: After having to cancel 2 of our Lenten Programs on Christian Mindfulness, we are working to reschedule another evening with Dr. Assaad Mounzer so we can complete his presentation to us. A date for this event will be forthcoming.

Coffee Hour: We are in need of volunteers for Coffee Hour!



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Ms. Emma Bennett Parish Administrator  
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr. Organist & Choirmaster  
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## April 15, 2018

### The Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn *He is risen he is risen* H 180

The Service Begins BCP 355

Gloria in Excelsis H-S 280

*The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP*

The Collect *Our collective prayer for 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.*