

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 15, 2018
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I – 8:00 A.M.

The Service begins on page 323 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Organ Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Sentences

stand

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect for Purity

Priest: 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.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Gloria in Excelsis

All: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

Lector: A Reading from The First Letter of John. (3: 1-7) *sit*

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.

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 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.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *stand*
(24: 36b-48)

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

While the disciples were telling how they had seen Jesus risen from the dead, Jesus himself stood among them 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.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon: The Reverend Kelly B. Carlson	<i>sit</i>
The Nicene Creed	p. 326, <i>stand</i>
Prayers of the People	p. 328, <i>kneel</i>
<i>We exchange the Peace at the altar rail after receiving Communion.</i>	
Announcements	<i>sit</i>

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.

If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, let the priest know at the altar rail.

The Offertory	Hymn 380, stanza 3	Old 100th, <i>stand</i>
All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II	p. 340
Sanctus and Benedictus	p. 341
	<i>kneel</i>
The Lord's Prayer	p. 336
Breaking of the Bread	p. 337
Administration of the Sacrament	<i>sit</i>
A Prayer of Thanksgiving	p. 339, <i>kneel</i>
The Blessing	
The Dismissal	<i>stand</i>
<i>Priest:</i>	Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
<i>People:</i>	Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Organ Voluntary	

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of William H. T. "Bucky" Bush, by his family.*

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers:	Ann Babington, Brig Buettner
Ushers:	Randy and Cheryl Meyer
Altar Guild:	Wendy Olk, Cheryl Gelstein, Connie Lohr Barbara Roberts, Jan Craig
Counters:	Lisa Acker, Mary Rassieur

PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: Jimmy Grimmatt, Tom Hoeber and Alice Vosburgh.

For Family and Friends: Meg Fuller, Bobby Leatherman, Sr., Carolyn Miles, Barbara Morriss, Lynne Palan and Lorry Sharp.

For the Faithful Departed: Diane Barnes, Carol Glasgow and Betty Bachle Schmid.

For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Lanney Beecham, Patricia Beseda, Donna Brookman, Chris Canepa, Lucy Dolan, Prissy Evans, Martha Ferguson, Richard Hamman, Patty Hecker, Marsha Hussung, Helen Jenks, Susan Kerkering, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Randy Meyer, Bryan Miller, Signe Myles, Jeffrey Rixleben, Ray Sellenriek, Kristi Simpson, Dan Singer, Jane St. John, Becky Brittain von Schrader, Julie Stephenson and Dick Williams.

TODAY...

CHILDCARE is available in the Little Building from 9:00 until 11:45 a.m.

PARISH BREAKFAST – Come enjoy a hot breakfast in the Undercroft today, served from 8:45 until 10:00. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family.

RECTOR'S FORUM meets each Sunday morning, 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the Undercroft. This morning we will conclude our series on adult Confirmation. Next week join the Right Reverend George Wayne Smith for the Bishop's Forum at 9:15.

SANDWICH MAKERS – Join us in the Undercroft kitchen at 9:30 this morning to assemble sandwiches for Sunshine Ministries.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL – This little service has already had a big impact, and is becoming a meaningful addition to our children's Sunday morning schedule. All ages, please join us in Grace Chapel, 10:15 to 10:25 a.m. each Sunday before Sunday School!

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS – The Woman's Guild is taking orders for baskets of annuals and pots of geraniums, in time for Mother's Day. Order forms are in the Undercroft. The last day for ordering is April 29th.

THIS WEEK...

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE – Thanks to Jacquelyn VanWeelden, our Communications Director, and to Charlie Claggett and the Communications Team! Go to www.stpetersepiscope.org to see our new look!

NEWS DEADLINE – Please submit news to the Church Office by noon on Tuesdays.

ST. PETER'S CARES – Need a ride, a meal or a prayer? St. Peter's has a ministry that can help – that's St. Peter's Cares! Leave a voicemail or email (314-993-2306, ext. 125 or shepherd@stpetersepiscope.org) and a Shepherd will contact you within 24 hours.

WOMAN'S GUILD – Join us Tuesday for lunch at 12:15 p.m. Yoga meets at 11:00 a.m.

SEARCHING FOR GOD IN THE DAILY NEWS meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room across from the office. Come explore the lively intersection where theology meets current events.

BIBLE STUDY – Join us at 7:00 on Thursday mornings in the Elliot Room.

PURSUING GOD - For those interested in growing in their spiritual walk, join fellow parishioners on Thursdays at 3-4PM in the Elliot Room to pray, commit, study and discuss our walk. We use the Rule of St. Benedict along with spiritual study aides to encourage our deepening relationship with the Lord. Email nannette.rich@sbcglobal.net.

PRAYER GROUP – Everyone is welcome on Friday mornings at 10:00 in the Elliot Room to pray for the needs of the parish and the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

NEXT SUNDAY is the annual Episcopal Visitation when the Right Reverend George Wayne Smith will visit St. Peter's and confirm our youth at the 10:30 Service. Please join us for the Bishop's forum at 9:15 a.m. in the Undercroft.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH – The St. Peter's Choir sings Parts II and III of this masterwork on Sunday, April 29th at **4:00 p.m. (note the time!)** in celebration of the Easter season. The free concert, performed with orchestra, includes the famous “Hallelujah” chorus. All are welcome.

YOUTH SUNDAY – On Sunday, April 29th, youth in grades 6 through 12 will lead all lay aspects of the 10:30 Service of Holy Eucharist. This is a time for youth to serve and celebrate their ministry at St. Peter's! Sign up with Maria (mmaguire@stpetersepisopal.org) to help choose hymns, write the Prayers of the People, or serve as a lector, usher, or Eucharistic Minister.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY – **Beyond Housing** is hosting an opportunity for parishioner service and engagement! On Saturday, April 21st, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., adults and high school students are needed to help with set-up, meal prep, and assisting learning activities for young children for the Week of the Young Child. Contact Maria to sign up at mmaguire@stpetersepisopal.org.

BOOK GROUP – Join us on Wednesday, May 2nd at 2:00 p.m. in the Elliot Room.

MISSION STAY DOERS – Rising 6th – 8th graders are invited to be Doers of the Word! From June 19 through 22, St. Peter's middle schoolers will put their faith into action while serving our outreach partners in projects such as organizing, cleaning, trash pick-up, and yard work. Each afternoon will be dedicated to fun adventures around St. Louis, like City Museum, a pool party, the zoo, and a cool surprise! Contact Maria Maguire.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION – Your children and grandchildren, ages 4 to 12, will want to join us for St. Peter's Vacation Bible School, June 4-8, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. We'll have a whole week of fun studying the Fruits of the Spirit from Galatians, God's love, and how that love blooms inside us. Register at stpetersepisopal.org/vbs2018, and contact Ann Babington at annbabington@gmail.com if you have questions.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 15 - 22, 2018

Sunday	4/15		The Third Sunday of Easter
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Rector’s Forum – Undercroft
		9:30 a.m.	Sandwich Makers
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	4/17	12:15 p.m.	Woman’s Guild Lunch
		4:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
Wednesday	4/18	1:00 p.m.	Searching for God in the Daily News
		5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	4/19	7:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		3:00 p.m.	Pursuing God
		6:00 p.m.	Choristers
		7:15 p.m.	Parish Choir
Friday	4/20	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
Sunday	4/22		The Fourth Sunday of Easter
			Episcopal Visitation
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Bishop’s Forum – Undercroft
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist and Confirmation