



HOLY EUCHARIST

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

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Deacon: The Rev. Catherine Esposito (she/her)
Organist: Brit Montoro (they/them)

Welcome to St. Peter's Church! We are one congregation gathered in person and online to worship God in the beauty of holiness. We invite you to use the time before the service for quiet reflection and preparation for worship. Thank you also for silencing your cell phone while in church. Parts of this service may be live-streamed on our YouTube channel; the first seven rows are visible on camera. The closest restroom is located in the hall through the double doors at the front right of the church. An usher can help with directions.

All baptized Christians, of any denomination and of any age, are welcome to receive Communion at God's table. You may also request a blessing instead by crossing your arms over your chest. All Hymnal items are found in the red Hymnal 1982; numbers preceded by an "S" are found at the front of the Hymnal. All LEVAS hymns are found in the red and black Lift Every Voice and Sing II. All BCP items are found in the black Book of Common Prayer by page number. Items with an asterisk () are at the 10:00 am service only. Additional resources are found on our website: stpetersfreehold.org.*

Prelude*	“Rippling Spring Waltz” Brit Montoro, piano	Estelle Ricketts
Processional*	“Awake, arise, lift up your voice”	Hymnal, #212
The Easter Acclamation		BCP, p.355
Hymn of Praise*	“Glory to God in the highest”	Hymnal, #S280
Collect of the Day	The Lord be with you. And also with you.	

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 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 Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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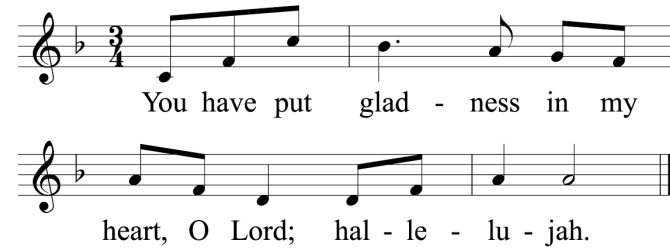
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The Gradual

Psalm 4

At the 8:00 am service, the Psalm is said in unison. At the 10:00 am service, the refrain is sung by the Choir, and then repeated by the Congregation. The Psalm is said in unison, and the refrain is repeated once more at the conclusion.



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- 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.

The Second Lesson

1 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn*

"God is so good"

LEVAS, #214

The Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

Response: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

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

At the conclusion of the Gospel, all children through 6th grade are welcome to join us for Wiggle and Worship in the Hein Room above the Chapel. Parents and caregivers are also welcome. We return at the Peace.

Sermon

The Rev. Dirk C. Reinken, *Rector*

Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

Prayers of the People

Form VI

BCP, p. 392

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Offertory Anthem*

"The Lord is my Shepherd"
St. Peter's Choir

Bobby McFerrin

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need. She makes me lie down in green meadows; beside still waters she will lead. She restores my soul. She rights my wrongs. She leads me in a path of good things, and fills my heart with songs. Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land, there is nothing that can shake me. She has said she won't forsake me; I'm in her hand. She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes. She anoints my head with oil, and my cup overflows. Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will live in her house, forever, forever and ever. Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter, and to the Holy of Holies, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Sanctus*

Hymnal, #S129

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Fraction Anthem*

Hymnal, #S154

All baptized Christians of any age are welcome to receive Communion. Please follow guidance from the usher on when to leave your pew for Communion. If needed for mobility reasons, Communion can be brought to you—simply tell an usher. Gluten-free hosts are available if needed.

Communion Hymn*

"Look there! the Christ, our Brother, comes"

Hymnal, #197

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

The Blessing & Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Processional*

"The strife is o'er, the battle done"

Hymnal, #208

Postlude*

"Improvisation on *Victory*"
Brit Montoro, organ

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
arr. Brit Montoro