

Before & After Services

You may join others in the Parish Hall for Coffee & Conversation before the service and after the service so we can maintain the distancing protocols from the CDC & the Diocese.

We would also ask to preserve the sanctity of the worship area before the service by keeping conversations to the Narthex and Parish Hall area.

We would like to maintain a quiet, contemplative space in the worship area before the service.

Upcoming Events!

Saturday, May 1st - Please join us for our Parish Workday. We will be cleaning out storage areas, fixing up the inside and outside, and purging items no longer needed! If you would like to help and be involved in what our parish is doing, come join us! There will be lunch provided! Masks and distancing will be adhered to.

Sunday, May 23rd - Pentecost Sunday! We will be opening our Time Capsule from 1996, having an outdoor worship, and some treats and eats along with some LIVE music from Richie West's band!

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SEASON OF EASTER

9:30 a.m.

April 18, 2021



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Processional “Morning Has Broken” (vs. 1-3)

Hymnal 8

1 Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from Heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God’s re-creation of the new day!

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

BCP 355

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

Celebrant: 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.**

The Gloria - sung

BCP 356/Hymnal S-280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirror’d here may our lives tell Your story,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Repeat Chorus

The Dismissal

BCP 366

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

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Piano



The Blessing

BCP 835

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Recessional Hymn “Shine, Jesus, Shine” (vs 1-3) Maranatha 259

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus:

Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father’s glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, River, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word,
Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Repeat Chorus

Celebrant: Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
*People: **Have Mercy Upon Us***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
*People: **And also with you.***
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day BCP 224

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 See insert

Reader: A Reading from Acts 3:12-19

After the reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4 BCP 587-See insert

The Second Lesson See insert

Reader: A Reading from 1 John 3:1-7

After the reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Processional

“Be Thou My Vision” (vs 1,2)

Hymnal 488

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

The Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

See insert

At the Gospel reading:

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

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

After the Gospel is read:

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Recessional

“Be Thou My Vision” (vs 3)

Hymnal 488

3 High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

The Sermon

Fr. Steve Karcher

A moment of reflection follows

Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries/Deployments

“They’ll Know We Are Christians” (vs 1-3)

SOP 239

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *(refrain)*

We will work with each other, We will work side by side,
We will work with each other, We will work side by side,
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. *(refrain)*

All praise to the Father, From whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, Who makes us one. *(refrain)*

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spir-
itual 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 liv-
ing 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.**

Celebrant:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please come to Jesus' table for Communion or a Blessing.

Communion Hymns

"How Great Thou Art" (vs 1-4)

SOP 413

1 O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hands hath made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

All stand (as you are able) and say:

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 worshipped 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 Prayers of the People - Form III

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

People may add their own petitions.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

BCP 395

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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.**

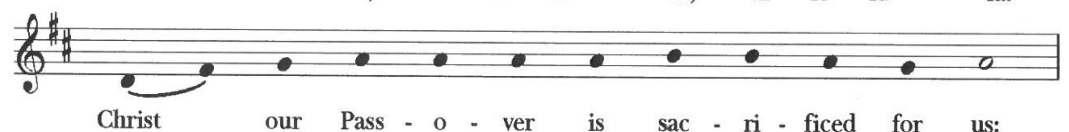
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

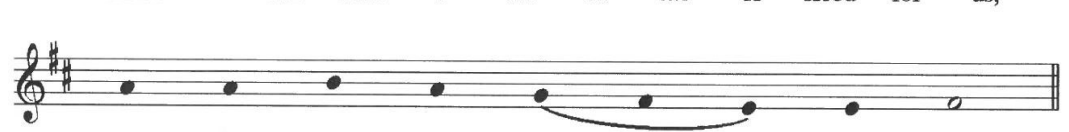
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

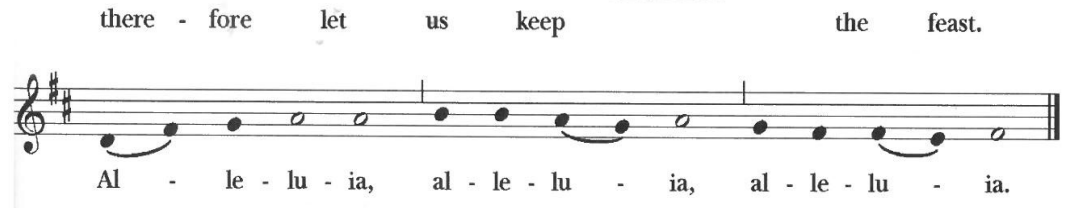
The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal S-154

Celebrant: 

People: 





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 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.**

Minister and People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *(shared by waving, smiling, peace signs, etc., from one's pew)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

BCP 376

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

(Feel free to drop any offering in the plate at the rear, as you leave today.)

Offertory Meditation

"There's Something About That Name"

Organist

(The Priest prepares the Table)

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 367

Eucharistic Prayer B

Hymnal S-120

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

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:

(Sung)

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are they who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel (as you are able)

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."