



St. John's

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 19, 2026

8:00 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

Please keep a reverent silence before the liturgy and ensure all electronic devices are silenced.

Prayers and liturgy can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal. Hymns listed with an "S" in front of the number can be found in the front of the hymnal in the Service Music section.

Organ Prelude

The Lord is My Light

Frances Allitsen

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 323

The Collect for Purity

BCP 323

Gloria in excelsis

Hymn S204

The Collect of the Day

The First Lesson

Acts 2:14a,36-41

The Psalm

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:17-23

The Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

The Sermon

Ms. Julia Sanford, Seminarian

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

The Prayers of the People

BCP 328

Confession & Absolution

BCP 330

The Peace

BCP 332

Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Presentation Hymn

Hymn 380

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer 1

BCP 333

Sanctus

Hymn S114

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 337

Fraction Anthem

***God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;
forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth. Alleluia, Alleluia!***

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 339

The Blessing

BCP 339

Procession Hymn

Hymn 180

Dismissal

BCP 339

10:30 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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Organ Prelude
The Lord is My Light
Frances Allitsen
Hymn 208

Processional Hymn

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation BCP 355

The Collect for Purity BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis Hymn S280

The Collect of the Day

The First Lesson Acts 2:14a,36-41

Psalm Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

The Second Lesson 1 Peter 1:17-23

Sequence Hymn & Children's Chapel Procession Hymn 294

The Gospel Luke 24:13-35

The Sermon Ms. Julia Sanford, Seminarian

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People Form III BCP 387

Confession & Absolution BCP 360

The Peace BCP 360

Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers *Inside Back Cover, BCP*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Presentation Hymn Hymn 380

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

Sanctus Hymn S125

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

***God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;
forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth. Alleluia, Alleluia!***

Communion Hymn 1 Hymn 204

Communion Hymn 2 Hymn 306

The Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing BCP 366

Procession Hymn Hymn 180

Dismissal BCP 366

All who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would like information regarding baptism at St. John's, please speak to one of the clergy. For reasons of public health, if you desire to intinct, please allow the Eucharist Minister to dip your host in the wine and place it on your tongue. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, simply indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

TODAY'S READINGS

The Collect of 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.

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.

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

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Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



- 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!

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.

Luke 24:13-35

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.

SERVING TODAY

Ushers	8:00 AM: D Hall	10:30 AM: Allen Sartain, Bobby Straub
Lectors	8:00 AM: Jerry Jacob	10:30 AM: Ashton Shelton
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	8:00 AM: Dodie Hall	10:30 AM: Betty Weaver
Acolytes	8:00 AM: Rebecca Self	10:30 AM: Kathy Landis, Leo Salerno Gus Greenbaum
Media Ministry	Ann Stewart	
Vestry Person of the Day	Rob Getman	
Flower Rearranger	Beth Weinbaum	
Flower Deliverer	Kevin Wilson	