

St John's Episcopal Church



Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

10am

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As we worship today, you are invited to pray aloud with us, or join silently; to sing along or enjoy listening. Welcome - we are grateful for your presence!

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The Kaufman Family

in loving memory of Holly's father, Capt. Paul Ryan, U.S.N.

To remember or celebrate a loved one with a donation for our altar flowers, please contact Nancy Strauch at 510-237-5021.

Prelude

Welcome

A few moments of silence follow the welcome announcement.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn 180, stanzas 1, 2, and 4

He is risen, he is risen!

Unser Herrscher

Sung by all, standing.

1. He is risen, he is risen!
Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison;
let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.

2. Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed;
Jesus' woes are over now,
and the passion that he bore—
sin and pain can vex no more.

4. He is risen, he is risen!
He hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.

— Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Easter Acclamation

Presider Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Presider and People

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.*

Song of Praise

Paschal Troparion

John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)

All repeat refrain after the cantor/choir each time. The Congregation may stamp their feet when singing the word "Alleluia."



Christ is risen from the dead (*Alleluia, alleluia*)

All sing refrain.

Cantor: Trampling down death by death. (*Alleluia, alleluia*)

All sing refrain.

Cantor: And those in the tomb are raised to new life. (*Alleluia, alleluia*)

All sing refrain.

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

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.*

First Reading**Acts 3:12-19**

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

C. Hylton Stewart

Congregation is invited to join with the choir in singing the *EVEN* verses.



- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, de/fender 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 dis/honor 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/Lörd,/he will/hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and/do not/sin; *
speak to your heart in/silence up/on your/bed.
- 5 Offer the ap/ointed/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 up/on us, O/Lord.
- 7 You have put/gladness in my/heart, *
more than when grain and/wine and/oil in/crease.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I/fall as/leep; *
for only you, Lord,/make me/dwell in/safety.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Shepherd's Alleluia

John Karl Hirten

All repeat refrain after the choir each time.

Al - le lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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Verse: You are God, we praise and acclaim you.

You, O God, are eternal.

All creation worships you.

— *Refrain***Holy Gospel****Luke 24:36b-48***Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*People* 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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**Sermon**

The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams

*Please be seated.**A moment of silent reflection follows the Sermon.*

The Creed

Sung by all, standing.

The musical score is written in a single system with six staves. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and rhythmic, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are: 1 I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor
2 I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and
3 I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing
of all things that be, Mak - er of the earth and
scorned and cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was
all the saints with - in one church, cath - o - lic and
6 heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and sea. I be -
bur - ied— True life there had tru - ly died. I be -
9 ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the
lieve in God's son, Je - sus, now for
lieve that on the third day Christ was
11 bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the
us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it and of
raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed to God's
break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev - er -
14 Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
right - hand. He will come to judge and save.
last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

Words by Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)

Music: *Domnach Trionoide*, Gaelic Melody

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Prayers of the People

Adapted from Women's Uncommon Prayers

Gracious God, we pray in thanksgiving for the unity we share through our death and resurrection in Jesus Christ, that we who have been entrusted with the gift of new life, may bring life to the world and renewed hope to our church; for this we pray.

God have mercy.

Gracious God, we pray for persistence in prayer; for the courage to seek peace before the battle begins, and for economic justice before the weight of inequality fractures the will of nations; for this we pray. *God have mercy.*

Gracious God, we pray for the courage to hold fast to the ideals of our faith, bringing love to those who live in despair and desperation, and through their cries receive the saving grace that enlightens our common vocation as disciples of Jesus; for this we pray. *God have mercy.*

Gracious God, we pray for the forgiveness of our sins, that the wounds we inflict on one another in the name of righteousness may be healed by the Divine Life that overcomes human frailty; for this we pray. *God have mercy.*

Gracious God, we pray for your presence to surround and support those who suffer or are in need: especially..., we pray for those who have died: especially..., and for the prayers of our community...for this we pray. *God have mercy.*

Gracious God, we pray for the Body of Christ, the Church, that together we may rededicate ourselves in the unity of the Holy Trinity; for this we pray.

God have mercy.

Nurturing God, your love is free, your compassion unconditional, and your mercy infinite. You shower upon us gifts abundant. Grant that we may know and trust these gifts, that we may discover the joy they bring, and inspire us to love and serve out of that joy. In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. *Amen.*

Peace

The Ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory & Collection

The ushers take a collection during the offertory anthem. We rely on the financial contributions of members and visitors and ask for your generous support. Ways of giving to St. John's are listed on page 2 of the bulletin.

Offertory

I know that my Redeemer lives Johann Michael Bach
 (1648-1694)

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that he shall stand at the last upon the earth.
 And though after worms destroy my body, yet in my flesh I shall see God,
 whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

— Job 19:27-27

The Doxology

Gelobt sei Gott

The people stand to sing the Doxology while the collection is presented at the altar.

To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the
 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for
 life in us be - gun. Al - le - lu -
 ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, and then says

... And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

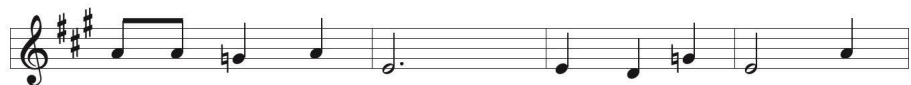
Norfolk Mass

John Karl Hirten

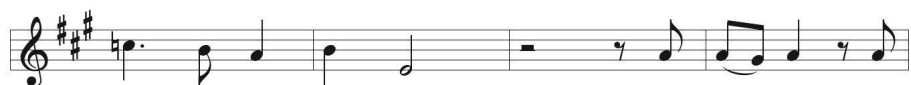
Sung by all



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, Heav-en and earth are



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -



san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na, ho -



san-na in the high - est. Blessed is the one who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, ho -



san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -



san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

The presider continues with the Eucharistic prayer, and then says:

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ's coming in glory,

and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The presider continues with the Eucharistic prayer, and then says:

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. *AMEN.*

Lord's Prayer

You are invited to raise your hands in prayer and blessing as we pray.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Presider and People

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,

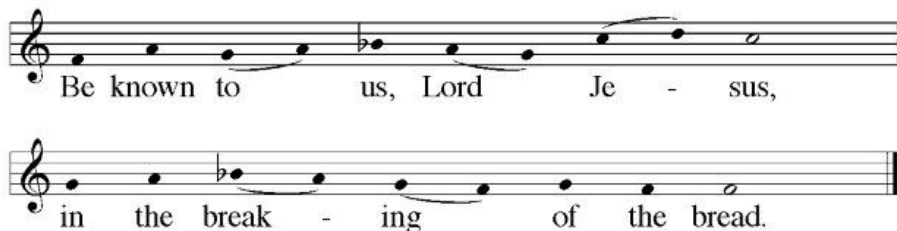
and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Plainchant, adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

Please repeat refrain the first time after the cantor.



1. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.
—*Refrain*
2. One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.
—*Refrain*

Presider Holy things for holy people.

Administration of Communion

To receive communion please come forward and receive a piece of the consecrated bread from the priest. If you need a gluten free wafer please indicate that to the minister. If you would like to receive the common cup, please help guide the chalice so you may drink from it. The practice of intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) is no longer permitted, in alignment with best health practices. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicating your preference by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Music (Hymn 209) We walk by faith and not by sight *St. Botolph*
The congregation is invited to sing along with the choir.

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear from him
who spoke as none e'er spoke;
but we believe him near.
2. We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice;
and cry, "My Lord and God!"
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:

4. that, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

— Henry Alford (1810-1871), *alt.*

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand.

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever

in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Blessing

The presider offers God's blessing.

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Occasions of Thanksgiving

All those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and occasions of thanksgiving are invited to come forward.

Today, tomorrow and always we rejoice in the hands of God.

May God's powerful hands support you.

May God's guiding hands lead you.

May God's loving hands enfold you.

We rejoice in the hands of God. *Amen.*

Hymn 182

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Truro

Sung by all, standing.

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound

to distant years in Palestine,

but saving, healing, here and now,

and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift and war,
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.
—Brian Wren (b. 1936)

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Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

Join us for coffee and fellowship In our parish hall following the service. Coffee and refreshments on the house. Or, support our Youth Ministry at the Espresso Bar: Lattes or espresso drinks: \$3. Palio Coffee for sale, whole or ground, decaf or regular: \$15 per pound. All proceeds support our Youth Ministry.

FAITH-FILLED GATHERINGS

SUNDAY

8am: Worship

9am: Family Worship (Held in the Parish Hall.)

10am:

Worship (in-person in the church & live stream)

Children's Sunday School & Morning Youth Group

MONDAY

7pm: Bible Study (Zoom). All are welcome.

TUESDAY

7:30am: Christian Meditation (in-person and online)

WEDNESDAY

2pm: Bible Study in the Fireside Room

2nd Tuesday

6pm: Dinner Church in the Parish Hall

2nd SATURDAYS of the Month (usually)

8am: Men's Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John's Men's Group Retreat: Registration Open The Men's Group will hold its annual retreat Thursday afternoon May 30 thru Saturday June 1 — at St. Dorothy's Rest, the Episcopal retreat center deep in the Redwoods near Occidental, California. Enjoy good discussion, good food, and good fellowship. To register online, go to www.stjohnsross.org.

Resurrection Economics: Thinking about the Economy as if New Ways Really Were Possible: Sundays, April 14, 21, 28, 12pm Join us after coffee hour in the Fireside Room from 12:00 to 1:20pm for Bible study, learning, discussion and prayer. Come for one session, or for all three. The presenter is parishioner John P. Falcone, Ph.D., Ford Visiting professor of Practical Theology Graduate School of Theology, San Francisco Theological Seminary. Questions? Email Dr. Falcone.

- April 14: "How should we organize our economy? Theology, ethics, and the market."
- April 21: "Theology, Scripture, and the Commons."
- April 28: "Scripture, politics, and debt forgiveness."

Wednesday Bible Study Please join us for an ongoing in-person bible study led by parishioner Ethan Dettmer on Wednesday afternoons in the Fireside Room at 2pm. All are invited - no experience or preparation necessary. For more information, contact Rev. Heather.

An exploration of Mary Magdalene and the Divine Feminine Last spring a group of us read and discussed Meggan Watterson's *Mary Magdalene Revealed*. This spring we are going to explore Cynthia Bourgeault's *The Meaning of Mary Magdalene: Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity*. Our gatherings will be once a week in the evening on Zoom. Stay tuned for more details. Please contact Rev. Heather for more information

Music Notes Johann Michael Bach was the first cousin, once removed, and also father-in-law of Johann Sebastian Bach. His daughter, Maria Barbara Bach, was Johann Sebastian's first wife. He was both organist and clerk of the town of Gehren in Thuringia. "I know that my Redeemer lives" was originally written in German, and the translator for the English performed today is anonymous. The basses, tenors and altos sing the text from Job with an overlay, sung by the sopranos, of the Lutheran chorale *Christus, der ist mein Leben*, by Melchoir Vulpius.

Irish poet Cecil Frances Alexander (nee Humphries) wrote nearly 400 hymns and poems, mostly religious and many intended for children. She is represented multiple times in our hymnal, and the most well-known of her works are "All things bright and beautiful" and "Once in Royal David's city." Her husband, the Archbishop of Ireland, published and edited a posthumous collection of her poetry, which no doubt added to the popularity of her work.

The Belgian-born organist Jacques-Nicholas Lemmens is not a particularly well-known composer, even among organists, but he was one of the most influential organ teachers of his generation, counting among his students Alexandre Guilmant and Charles-Marie Widor. His technical prowess at the keyboard and also the pedalboard won him many admirers. The upbeat *Fanfare* does not feature a particularly complicated pedal part, but it is a crowd pleaser for the Easter season.

SERVING TODAY

April 14: Third Sunday of Easter

(Sunday Worship Prep)

Leslie Limpert	Altar Guild
Nancy Strauch	Altar Guild
Judy Valentine	Altar Guild
Beverly Wynn	Altar Guild
Jo Burnett	Communion Bread Baker
Liz Peer	Flower Angel

8:00 AM (Worship)

Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Presider
Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Preacher
Charlie Hoeveler	Usher

9:00 AM (Family Worship)

Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Presider
Heather Erickson	Clergy - Preacher

10:00 AM (Children's Sunday School)

Connie Granger	Children - One Room: Teacher
Sandra Pathik	Children - One Room: Assist

10:00 AM (Worship)

Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Presider
Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Preacher
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Michael Hiscott	Lector
Ralph Peer	A/V - Audio
Vance Frost	A/V - Video
Bill Richardson	Usher
Lynn Taylor	Usher

PRAYER LIST

Members

Sue Talmage
Rick Alo
Jerry Daly
Travis Wright
Otis Aley
Elliot Fink
Marcia Summers
Signe Lando
Bill See
The Rev. Jan West
JT Sweet
Carolyn Reid-Sale
Carol Hughes
Katie Hoertkorn

Friends & Family

Gorence Family	(friends of Kelli Fleitas)
Joanne Aguilar-Millan	(sister of Martin Coyne)
Ruth Lewis	(mother of Nancy Alvarez)
Don Mason	(Father of Donalyn Hellar)
Jezebel Wilkinson	(Mother of William Druschel)
Adam Nicolopoulos	(Friend of Rankin-Williams)
Hisham Awartani	(grandson of Marian Price)
Emily	(friend of Melinda Booth & Bill Richardson)
Colin Sanders	(Cousin of Helen Sandeman)
Tanya Jaspering	(daughter of Rev. Jan Heglund)
Marcy Heller	(sister of Sally Rankin)
Marie-Reine Saber Abou Jaoudé	(friend of Maya Farhoud)
Gigi Short	(sister of Judy Gibson)
Jay Warner	(brother-in-law of Eleanor Prugh)
Elizabeth Bohannon	(friend of Lyn Klein)
Peter Hoyt	(Holly Posner's father)
Ted Brown	(brother of Libby Brown)
Dilys Hoyt	(mother of Holly Posner)

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Vision St. John's is a spiritual home that welcomes all, loves and respects all, and serves all in Christ's name

Our Mission We pray, worship and celebrate the Gospel
Responding to the needs of our communities
While building relationships to support us on our journey of faith

Clergy, Staff & Vestry

Bishop of California	The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus
Rector	The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams
Associate Priest	The Rev. Heather Erickson
Assisting Priests	The Rev. Skip Fotch, the Rev. Jan West, and the Rev. James Ward
Bookkeeper	Henry Auriti
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Dir. of Stewardship	Lee Steward
Choir section leaders	Betsy Bennett-Smith, Sepp Hammer, Lee Steward, Jessica House Steward, Paul Thompson
Church Administrator	Virginia Kosydar
Music Director	John Karl Hirten
Youth Minister	Maggie Doyle
Treasurer	Susan Aley
Vestry	Pres.: The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams Senior Warden: Joannie Ericson Junior Warden: David Kinney Kari Chao, Hadley Dettmer, Nancy Wolcott, Claire Comins, Donalyn Hellar, David Kinney, Alice Pidgeon, Michael Hiscott, David Petterson, Lexi Ford Kernot, and Lauren Tucker

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