



St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 15, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE TWO

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is The Holy Eucharist Rite Two in The Book of Common Prayer. For ease of use, this leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in italics. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Page numbers refer to The Book of Common Prayer for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Organ Prelude

Arietta

Prelude and Fugue on Ellacombe

S. Wesley

E. Beals



The Word of God

Processional Hymn

Hymn 182: Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Truro

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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The Collect for Purity

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.*

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The Gloria

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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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.*

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The Lessons

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."

Lector: 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.

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn

Hymn 180, Vss. 1, 2 & 4: He is risen, he is risen!

Unser Herrscher

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Luke 24:36b-48

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Timothy Backus

The Nicene Creed

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*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 worshiped 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

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby; our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry; our Bishop, Russell Kendrick; and our Rector, Tim Backus; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.
For all who serve God in his Church.

For our President, Donald Trump, for all leaders of our nation and those in authority; that they may be guided by your wisdom and grace to exercise their duties for the common good. And for those in authority of all nations, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

A few moments of silence.

(Today's Intercessor will now read congregational prayers for healing, protection and thanksgiving.)

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence.
Lord let your loving kindness be upon them.
Who put their trust in you.

(During the Season of Easter, it is appropriate to omit the Confession of Sin.)

The Peace

(Please greet one another and welcome a guest.)

Welcome

The Offertory

In Remembrance of Me

B. Red

Hymn at the Presentation *(Choir & Congregation)*

Hymn 380, Vs. 3: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

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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.



The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: *We lift them to the Lord.*
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, 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:

The Sanctus

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*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

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."

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;*

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.*

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

The Lord's Prayer

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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

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Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

Fraction Anthem

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The Communion

(All baptized Christians of any denomination are welcome to receive the Eucharist at the Lord's Table.)

Hymns at the Administration

Hymn 343: Shepherd of souls

St. Agnes

Hymn 307: Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

Bryn Calfarina

Hymn 305: Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

Rosedale

The Post-Communion Prayer *(in unison)*

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual 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 living 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.

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis *(in unison)*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Hymn 212, Vss. 1-2, 4-5: Awake, arise, lift up your voice

Richmond

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

Postlude Preludium

S. Wesley



The Prayer Ministry Team is available during and following Communion in the Prayer Chapel to pray with you for any need or concern you may have.

“Pray for each other so that you may be healed.” (James 5:16b)

MINISTERS FOR THIS SERVICE

Greeters	Chip & Janet Wood
Ushers	Mike & Alice Lane
Acolytes	Lonnie Lorren Nancy Storey Amy Guidry
Eucharistic Ministers	John Griffing McGee Lorren
Lectors	Pat Rooney Bob Menzer
Intercessor	Cathy Griffing
Oblationers	Sally Weber Jane Ellis
Prayer Ministry	Bob Weatherly
Nursery Assistants	Alice Davis
Organist/Choirmaster	Cathy Griffing
Ministers of Music	St. Francis Adult Choir
Celebrant	The Rev. Tim Backus

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUN. APR. 15:	9:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	11:45 a.m.	Vestry Meeting
TUES., APR. 17:	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
WED. APR. 18:	12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two
	6:00 p.m.	Parish Supper & Forum
FRI. APR. 20:	9:00 a.m.	Senior Moment Café
SUN. APR. 21:	9:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS. We are happy to have you with us today to share in worship and fellowship. Please fill out a pew card, put it in the offering plate and sign the guest book in the Atrium. After the service, join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and conversation.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18: HOLY EUCHARIST AT 12:00 NOON. We will celebrate the life and witness of St. Anselm, an important Archbishop of Canterbury in the 12th century. One of his writings was "I do not seek to understand that I may believe, but I believe that I may understand."

SAVE THE DATE for another fabulous Trivia Night on May 25! Mark your calendars and plan to attend this really fun night! Door open at 6:30 p.m. and Trivia starts at 7 p.m.

CATERED JAZZ LUNCHEON. All are invited on Saturday, May 19, at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Many door prizes will be awarded! Music by Ellen Vinson and Bobby Van Deusen. Limited number of tickets: \$25 each and \$20 for anyone 75 or older. Tickets can be purchased from Gay McDaniel. Tickets will also be available for purchase in the Atrium after today's service. This is a perfect event to introduce a friend or neighbor to our wonderful St. Francis Parish.

THE ECW PROUDLY PRESENTS our 2018 Collectibles & More Sale. The Wine & Cheese Pre-Sale is on Friday, August 24 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets will be on sale soon. On Saturday, August 25 the doors open at 8 a.m. and the sale runs until 2:30 p.m. Please start bringing in your donations for this fabulous sale.



PRAYER LIST

Pray for Healing: Barry Bisbee, Marcia Brownlie, Alan Bunt, Penny Carter, Alice & Armand Caruso, Lessie Cauthen, Anna Clausen, Eden Edhart, Edie Garcia, Betty Granholm, Melissa Jackman, Josephina Jimenez, Hilma Jones, Kenworthy family, Vonceil Kittel, Kristie Kroh, Ella Leydecker, Keith Mann, Liza McKee, Enga McLendon, Lee Nimnicht, Barbara Ogden, Libby Prochaska, Betsy Beach Rea, Marianne Stanky, Bob Stine, Bob Stine, Jr., Leah Stone, Gemma Stout, Maidye Strickland, Fritz Tamberella

Pray for Active Duty Military: T.J. Teicher, Matthew King, Doug Kroh, Anthony Olson, Jason Pritchett, Kevin Walsh, Nicolas Zbikowski, Shane Murtha, Dylan Price, Daniel Lane, Ryan Schuler, Bryan Lucas, Martin Bunt, Karri Styron, Josh Payne, Tyler Mathews, Eric Zion, Anna Garcia-Lucas