



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
 HOLY EUCHARIST | APRIL 19, 2026, AT 9 AM

THE WORD OF GOD

*Please keep a prayerful quiet as we prepare for worship.
 The People's responses are printed in bold.*

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| Prelude | Sacred Dance | Daniel E. Gawthrop (b. 1949) |
| Introit | Laudate Dominum The Genesis Ringers | Jacques Berthier (1923–1994) |

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn 376 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee *Hymn to Joy*

Opening Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 Savior. **Amen.**

Song of Praise *sung by all* Let all things now living *The Ash Grove*

Let all things now— liv - ing a song of— thanks - giv - ing to
 God the— Cre - at - or tri - um - phant - ly raise, who
 fash - ioned and— made us, pro - tect - ed— and— stayed us, who
 guides us— and— leads to the end of our days. God's—
 ban - ners— fly— o'er us; God's light goes— be - fore us, a

pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night, till
 shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
 for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.

—Text: Katherine K. Davis (1892–1980)

Collect of the Day

God be with you.
And also with you.
 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 *seated* 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.

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

Antiphon: Leon Roberts (1950–1999)

The People sing the antiphon after it has been introduced by the Choir and where indicated.

The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my supplication, *
 because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.

How shall I repay God *
 for all the good things done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation *
 and call upon the Name of God. *Antiphon*

I will fulfill my vows to God *
in the presence of all people.

Precious in your sight, O God, *
is the death of your servants.

O God, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds. *Antiphon*

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon your holy Name.

I will fulfill my vows to you *
in the presence of all your people,

In the courts of God's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. *Alleluia! Antiphon*

Second Reading 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.

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Alleluia *standing as able* Fintan O'Carroll (1922–1981) and Christopher Walker (b. 1942)

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

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

The Gospel Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of the 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All repeat the sung alleluia.

Storytime

Children ages 3–10 are invited to the Music Room after the Gospel for a Bible story, prayers, and music, returning at the Peace.

Sermon The Rev. Joshua Daniel, Ph.D.

Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher. A period of silence will be observed after the sermon.

The Nicene Creed *standing as you are able*

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.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray to you, O Risen Christ, **and trust in you, our Living God.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray to you, O Risen Christ, **and trust in you, our Living God.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray to you, O Risen Christ, **and trust in you, our Living God.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray with thanksgiving for . . . and for those blessings we name aloud or in our hearts . . . We pray to you, O Risen Christ, **and trust in you, our Living God.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for . . . and for the concerns we name aloud or in our hearts . . . We pray to you, O Risen Christ, **and trust in you, our Living God.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for . . . and for the departed we name aloud or in our hearts . . . We pray to you, O Risen Christ, **and trust in you, our Living God.**

Rejoicing in the glorious resurrection and trusting in your love and mercy, we offer our prayers to you, O God. Grant us an assurance of your presence and the courage to follow in your ways, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution *standing or kneeling as you are able*

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ, and are seated for the announcements.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory

The Holy Spirit inspires us to give generously, to extend Christ's mission in this place and the wider world. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/GivetoSCEC> to make your offering, or you can text to give using your phone. Text SCEC and AMOUNT to 73256 (QR code in Connections) and you will receive a text with instructions.

Anthem

Love is come again French Carol
The Children's, Gallery, and Celtic Choirs arr. Robert A. Roesch (1943–2009)

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate hath slain, thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

—Text: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872–1958)

Please stand as you are able as the offering is brought forward and blessed.

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them unto God.

Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through
Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and
so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we
shout with joy:

Sanctus and Benedictus *sung by all*

Rob Glover (1928–2017)

Ho - ly, — ho - ly, — ho - ly Lord, — God — of
pow - er and might, — 1. Heav - en and earth, — heav - en and earth — are
2. Blessed is the one — blessed is the one — who
full of your glo - ry. — Chorus: Ho - san - na — in — the
comes in the name of the Lord. —
high - est, ho - san - na — in — the high - est. —
second time through, sing Chorus again

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Columba, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

The bread is broken and silence observed.

Fraction Anthem

Be known to us, Lord Jesus

Gary James (b. 1957)

The People join in singing the refrain.



Be— known to— us, Lord— Je - sus, in the break - ing— of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. *Refrain*

One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. *Refrain*

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ's table.

Communion

Christ welcomes all to communion. ■ Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. ■ If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. We do not allow dipping the bread into the wine. ■ Respond to communion by saying "Amen." ■ If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ Gluten-free wafers are available at each communion station. ■ Baptism is offered several times a year; speak to a priest to learn more.

Music Improvisation on *Adoro te Devote* David Lasky (b. 1957)

Hymn 306 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest *Sursum Corda*

Prayer after Communion *standing as you are able*

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Ministers *when scheduled*

In the name of St. Columba's we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that *N.* may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. **We who are many are one body, as we all share one bread, one cup.**

Blessing

The People respond Amen.

Hymn 432 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height *Laudate Dominum*

Dismissal

The People respond Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude Recessional on *Hymn to Joy* Matthew H. Corl (b. 1965)

Liturgical Note

Easter is a 50-day season of celebration. During celebratory seasons, the church typically uses white and gold vestments and altar paraments (liturgical hangings). The service includes themes of resurrection and redemption, and repetition of "alleluia" all throughout. We are glad you are celebrating with us!

Land Acknowledgement

We meet today on the traditional land of the first people of Nacotchtank, who were custodians of the land for thousands of years, caring for and nurturing it. We give thanks for their stewardship and lament the ways the Nacotchtank were removed from their ancestral home. We pray for all who live on this land and pay our respects to the native leaders past, present, and emerging. We also remember and lament that this plot of land was given to St. Columba's Episcopal Church by an enslaver and that the wealth created by the labor of enslaved persons helped to build this sanctuary.

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