# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Third Sunday of Easter 10:00 AM



April 14, 2024

The Episcopal Church of St. Mary of the Harbor Provincetown

Where the Land, the Sea, and the Sacred Meet

#### Welcome to St. Mary of the Harbor

A warm welcome to you! Here at St. Mary's, we welcome you with open arms and open hearts, to share with you the love with which Christ has welcomed us. Whoever you are, wherever you may be in life, there is a place for you here. In this beautiful place, you will find sojourners like yourself who are searching for truth, meaning, and purpose. And we invite you to explore and experience the gift of God's love in this place where the land, the sea, and the sacred meet.

#### Worship Guidance

Everything you need to guide you through today's service will be found in this bulletin, or in the hymnals in the chair just in front of you. You are invited to join in prayers and responses when the words are in **bold-faced** print in the leaflet. Most hymns may be found in *The Hymnal 1982*, the large blue hymnal. Other hymns are drawn from the green hymnal *Wonder*, *Love*, *and Praise* (abbreviated WLP in your bulletin), or from *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (abbreviated LEVAS). Additional resources are taken from Gather Comprehensive 2 (GC2) and will be printed in the bulletin.

## Hospitality after Sunday Service

Right after this service, a special brunch will be offered in Nicholson Hall. All are welcome!

#### **Vestry Officers**

Pat Penza, Senior Warden John Carroll-Yagel, Junior Warden John Loftin, Treasurer Judy Dozois, Clerk

## This Sunday's Leadership

Presider: The Rev. Brian Raiche Deacon: The Rev. Bruce Mason

Organist: Bill Carlson Crucifer: Sharon Inger Lector: Scott Yagel Healer: Mary-Jo Avellar

Ushers: Brendan O'Neil and Tim Brown

Altar Guild: Sharon Inger Livestream: John Carroll-Yagel

#### **Vestry Members**

Tim Brown Harry Ellsworth Phil Franchini Alex Glowacki Anita McGahan Janet Whelan

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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Prelude: 4 Variations on Duke Street

Leonardo Antonio Di Chiara

(b. 1969)

The assembly is invited to be seated during the prelude and take a period of quiet reflection.

Welcome

**Gathering Hymn** 

**Christ is Alive** 

**Hymnal** #182

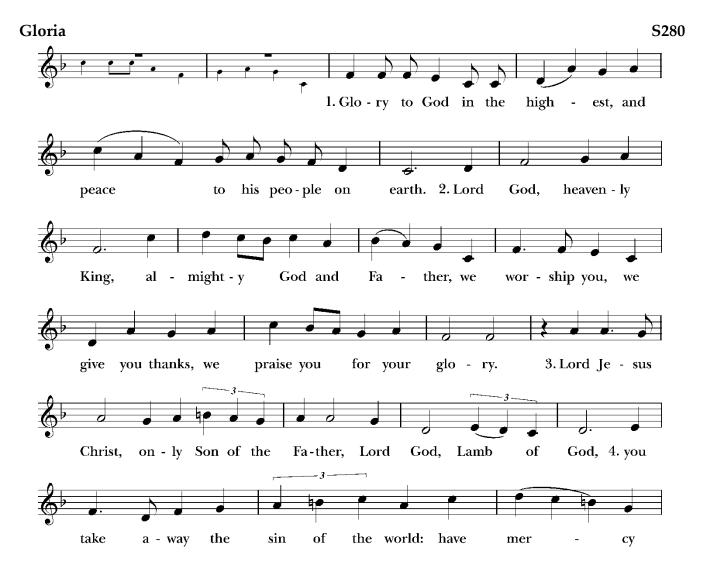
## **Opening Acclamation**

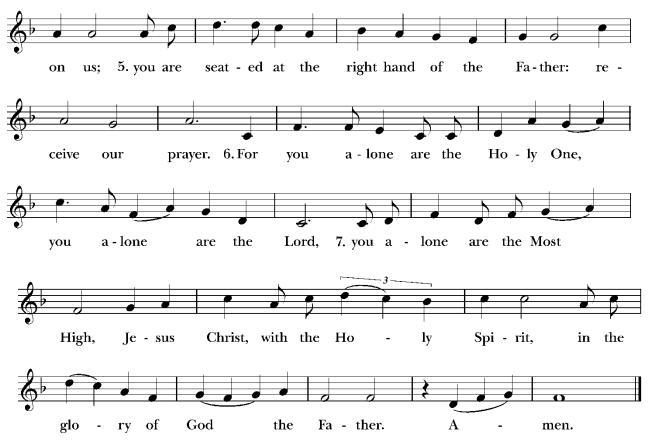
Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### The Collect for Purity

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.





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## Collect of the day

Presider: The Lord 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

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."

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

#### Psalm 4: 1-8

Read responsively by full verse

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.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \* when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; \* speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices \* and put your trust in the LORD.

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

You have put gladness in my heart, \* more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \* for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Second Reading: 1 John:3:1-7

A Reading from the First Letter of John

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.

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# Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia

GC2 #26



Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

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

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to You, Lord Christ** 

**Sermon** *The Path of Totality* 

The Rev. Brian Raiche



The Creed I Believe In God Almighty WLP #769

#### Prayers of the People

Form IV

Presider: 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. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**  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.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; we remember all those on our parish prayer list: Richard Keeling, Joan Boudreau, Ken Barry, Towanda deNagy, Priscilla McChesney, Maureen Cronin, Ollie Ahmuty, Joan Walter, Joan Marshall, David Griffiths, Tom Peters, Bobby Taylor, Chelsea Diaz, Terry Pannell, and all those listed on our Parish Prayer List. And for those who are known to us in our hearts, those known only to you, and for those whose names are spoken on our lips: (You are invited to offer your own intentions aloud or silently). Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

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 remember especially Diana Hardy in whose memory the Sanctuary Lamp is lit. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** 

# **Closing Collect**

Alleluia to our God, whose love has triumphed over evil, and broken the power of death. Receive these our prayers, O God, and fill us with your love that Christ may be present in all we do and say. **Amen.** 

The prayers are concluded with hymn # 608, verse 1

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave, who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

#### The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And also with you

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

# LITURGY OF THE TABLE

#### Invitation

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Preparation of the Table

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

S. Medley (1738-99)

American Folk Tune with words

Presentation of the Gifts

Alleluia! The Strife is O'er

Hymnal #208

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

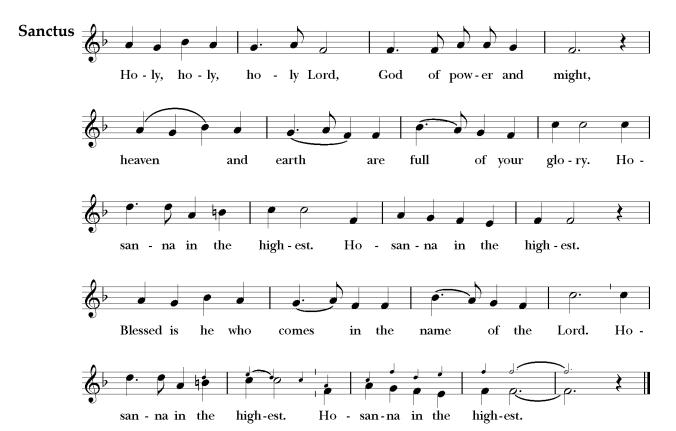
Presider: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and ever where to give thanks to you, God 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:

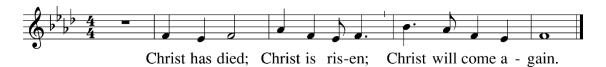


Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:



We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever.



#### 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

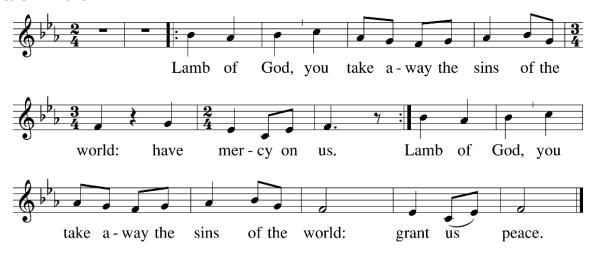
## The Breaking of the Bread

#### Fraction

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

#### Fraction Anthem



#### **Invitation to Communion**

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It has been made ready for those who love God and for those who hope to love God more. So, come, if you have been here often, and come if you have not been here long. Come if you have followed, and come if you have stumbled. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who seek him will meet him here at his table. For in this house which bears the name Mary, all are welcome to share the one she bore, Jesus the Bread of Life.



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#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Enriching Our Worship

Presider: Let us pray:

Please Stand

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.

The Easter Blessing

**Book of Occasional Services** 

Presider: The Lord be with you. **People**: **And also with you.** 

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight: and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

Recessional

Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise

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**Dismissal** 

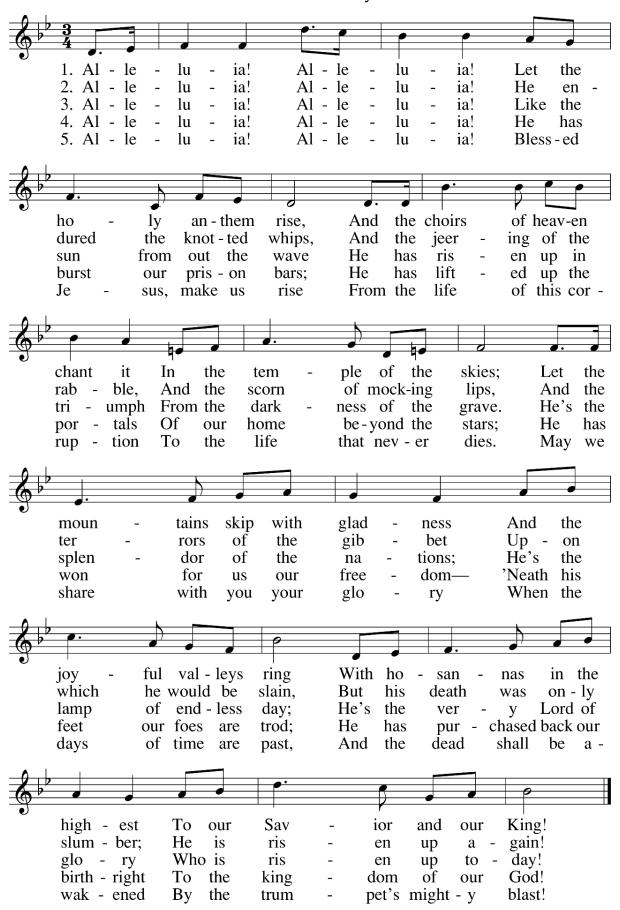
Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Postlude** Postlude on *Victory* (Palestrina)

Alec Wyton (1921-2007)

## Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **REALM**

We have recently implemented a new online member database: REALM. You may have noticed the logo on some of the e-mails sent from the parish. REALM will allow you to review your own parish account as well as connect with each other outside our Sunday gatherings. It also offers easy on-line giving.

Each registered household will receive an invitation to join. Please login and update your contact information. You can even upload a photo for our online directly. Creating an account is optional. If you prefer not to participate, your status will not be affected. But give it a try!

Your 1st Quarter Pledge statement has been e-mailed to you. If you prefer to have a paper copy, please contact Julia at the parish office.

## A.A. Support Groups

Nicholson Hall: Monday 7:00 P.M; Tuesday 6:00 P.M.; Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

## Strength for the Journey

As a strong outreach for St. Mary of the Harbor, Our Strength for the Journey service is emailed through the country or we meet in person during the summer season. For further information, please contact Carolyn Smith at carjans@charter.net or Gerri Spinella at gerri.spinella@gmail.com.

#### **UU Food Pantry**

On the first Sunday of each month, we collect donations for the "Little Free Pantry" hosted by our friends at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House. That pantry provides non-perishable grocery and toiletry items for anyone in need. Items may be left in the basket by the baptismal font at any time. Please, no perishables, no glass containers and please check expiration dates.

#### **Parish Prayer List**

We pray for healing and comfort for:

Parishioners: Joan Boudreau, Ken Barry, Towanda deNagy, Diana Hardy, Priscilla McChesney, Maureen Cronin, Ollie Ahmuty, Joan Walter, Joan Marshall, David Griffiths, Phil Franchini, Tom Peters, Bobby Taylor, Terry Pannell.

Family and Friends: Joan Russell, Skylar Hunt, Jim Neely and Ann English, Kent Taylor, Hyacinth Rance, Margo Kent, Michael Mason, Terry Monaghan, Donna Pickener, Marcia McClure, Marsha Davies, Carol Studley, Marge and Donna, Patty Davenport, Peter Swanson, Scotty Townsend, Barbara Crawford.

#### Sanctuary Lamp

Following ancient custom, the BCP provides that the consecrated bread and wine may be reserved for the communion of the sick or others who could not be present at the Eucharist. A lamp or candle burns nearby to announce the presence of the reserved sacrament. This light is known as a sanctuary lamp if the reservation is near the altar. Beginning this Lent, memorial opportunities will be available to honor a deceased love one with the sanctuary lamp. Their name will be published in the bulletin. Suggested donation: \$20. Contact the parish office to reserve the date.

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