SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHATTANOOGA, IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE

APRIL 14, 2024 - 10:30 A.M.



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Welcome to worship at St. Peter's Episcopal Church!

We are glad you're here.

THE WORD OF GOD

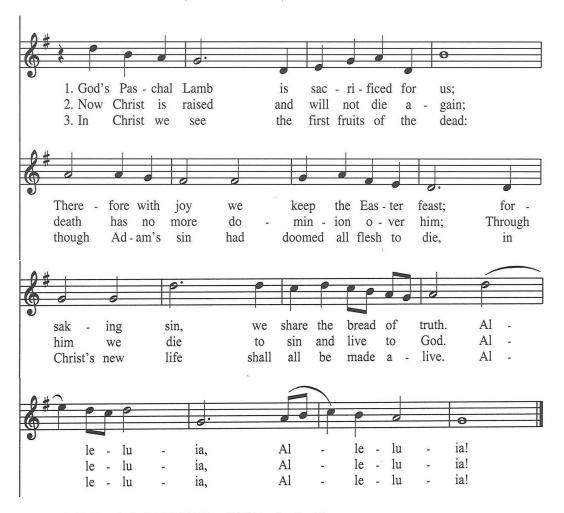
OPENING HYMN: "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!" (Hymn 205)



Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

HYMN: "Christ Our Passover" (Pascha nostrum)



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest 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.

THE FIRST LESSON (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.

THE PSALM (Psalm 4)

BCP 587

- 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.

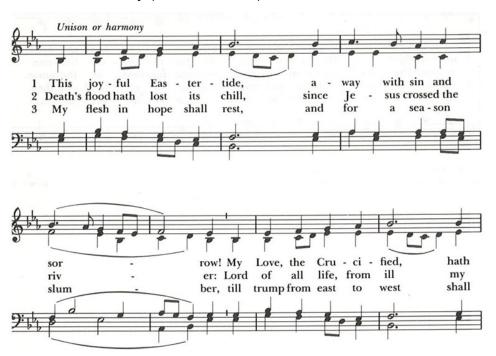
THE SECOND LESSON (1 John 3:1-7)

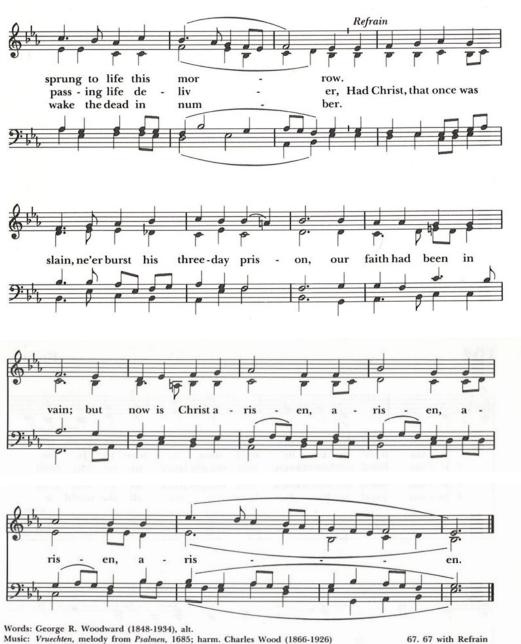
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we 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: "This Joyful Eastertide (Hymn 192)





67. 67 with Refrain

THE GOSPEL (Luke 24:36b-48)

Deacon 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. John H. Bonner III

THE NICENE CREED BCP 326

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 (The people stand or kneel.)

Please join in praying our Clergy Search prayer.

Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church in every place: Look graciously upon St. Peter's Church and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new priest for this parish. Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing. Guide the members of St. Peter's Vestry, as they labor to be faithful in seeking your will. We pray for the life of St. Peters's Parish that we may continue in our mission to proclaim not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Christ's sake. Amen.

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop;

Brian, our Bishop; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for Joe, our President; the Congress and the Supreme Court; for Bill, our

Governor; and Tim, our Mayor. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in

the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor We pray for the poor and the homeless. We pray for the sick, especially those on

our church prayer list. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or

trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor We remember those who have died. Give to the departed eternal rest.

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life. Let us offer our prayers of

thanksgiving, silently or aloud. [Pause]

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. [Pause]

The Priest adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE BCP 360

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people greet one another in the name of the Risen Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Eucharistic table is set while the choir sings an anthem and the ushers collect offerings from the congregation. If you prefer to make an online donation, please use this QR code:



OFFERTORY HYMN: "We Walk By Faith" (Hymn 209)



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Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

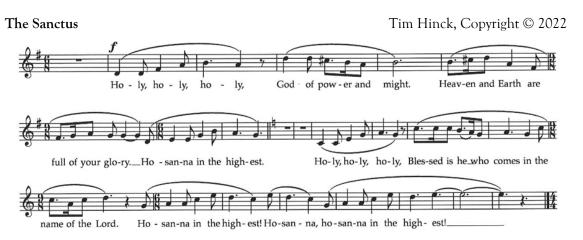
Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. [Here a Proper Preface is said.] 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:



Priest: (*The people stand or kneel*) Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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."

Memorial Acclamation

Priest Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Priest: 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. 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, 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 Priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem

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Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

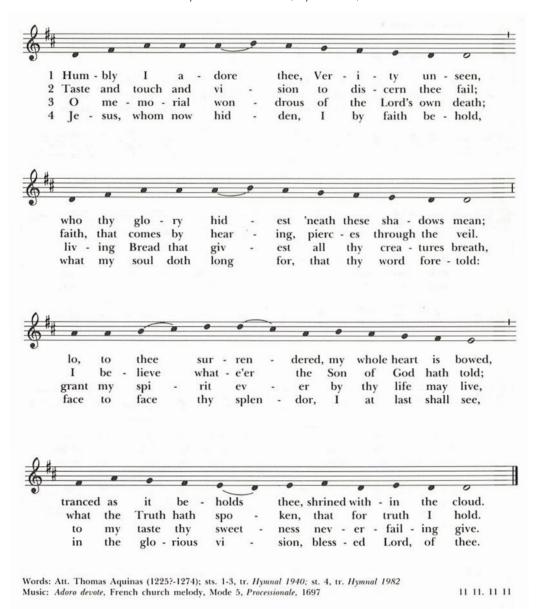
All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to receive the bread and wine.

Come up the center aisle to receive the Eucharist at the altar rail. Return to your pew using the side aisle.

If you prefer to receive a blessing, please let the clergy know by crossing your arms in front of you at the altar.

The chalice will be offered to all. If you prefer not to receive, you may choose to reverently acknowledge the presence of Christ in the wine, while the minister says, "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

COMMUNION HYMN: "Humbly I Adore Thee" (Hymn 314)



SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Deacon We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body,

People Because we all share one bread and one cup.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

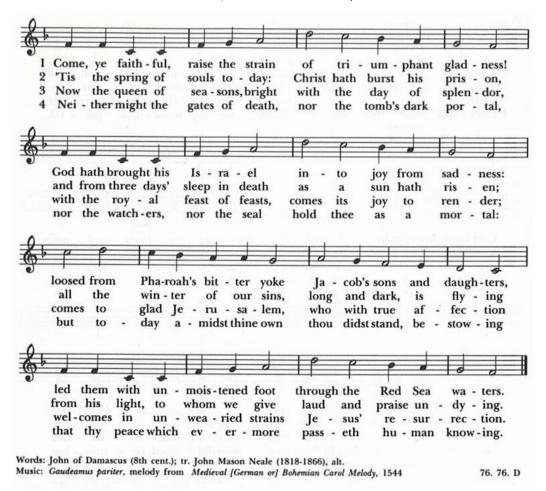
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All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: "Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" (Hymn 200)



THE 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.

Lectors: Caroline Johnson (OT), Chassie Long (NT)
Eucharistic Ministers: Susan Self, Kim Kilgore
Intercessor: Patti Amorello; Livestream / Audio: Hank Long
Acolytes: Sterling Porter, Noah Dumitru, Lorelei Dumitru
Ushers: Kris Riefler, Chip Stansbury; Healing Altar: Joani Koch
Greeter: Patti Amorello; Lights & Locks: Aaron Wells

We pray for the healing and comfort of:

Alicia, Ann Doré, Betty Lamance, Betty Thompson, Bill Kazmier, Bill Pichette, Bryson Tidwell, Caroline Johnson, Charlie Willett, Cynthia Millwood, Dianne Stone, Dixie Warren, Donie, Eddie Rodgers, Emmalea Rogers, Ernestine Rogers, Garnet Johnston, Gene Vredeveld, Jaye Harris, Jimmy McDaniel, Julie Suttles Saunders, June Glass, Karin Gilstrap, Kelly Snyder, Kevin Blasbery, Maggie Williams, Marcia Jaynes, Mark Northern, Mary Cook, Matt Klinger, Megan Zahrt, Pete Cooper, Richard Rogers, Robert Carnes, Satedra Smith, Sawyer Burch, Suzy Marland, Terrell Williams, Terry Arnold, Tony D, Vicki Neff, William Johnston

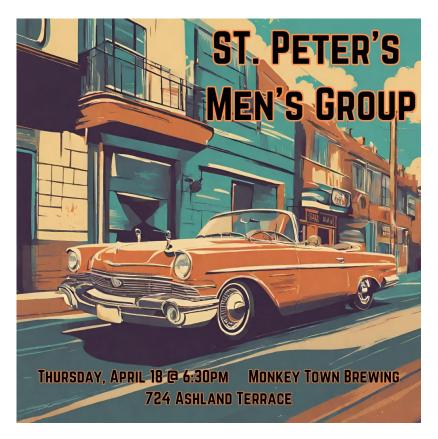
The altar flowers are given by Cindy Carroll to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father, **Snapper Hain.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are new to St. Peter's, please fill out the visitor form found in the pews so we can welcome you properly. Drop the form in the collection plate or hand it to any clergy or staff member.

Join Fr. John Bonner at the next **Men's Group Meeting** on Thursday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m. at Monkey Town Brewing on Ashland Terrace.

2024 Grads, let us honor you on **Senior Recognition Sunday, May 12.** If you or a loved one in the St. Peter's community will graduate from high school this year, please contact Kelsey Aebi.

Pentecost Sunday is May 19. **If you are considering baptism** for yourself or your children, please speak with Fr. Bonner or email the Parish Administrator.

Mark your calendars now for St. Peter's Vacation Bible School: June 28-30.

Once again, VBS will end on St. Peter's Day, with a potluck lunch and fun & fellowship for all. We hope you will join us!