

# CHRIST CHURCH

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 18, 2021

*Welcome to Christ Church! We're glad you're worshiping with us today.*

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the House of God.  
Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

**10:00 AM**

**Prelude**

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**THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II**

*The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 355-366*

*Holy Is The Lord*, Arr. Heather Sorenson

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

**The Collect for Purity**

**Gloria In Excelsis**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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

**The Collect of the Day**

*The Priest says:* 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 (Please be seated.)*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

*The full texts can be found on the back page of the bulletin.*

**The First Lesson:** *Acts 3:12-19*  
**Psalm:** *Psalms 4 (Please stand)*  
**The Second Lesson:** *1 John 3:12-19*  
**The Gospel:** *Luke 24:36b-48 (Please stand)*

**Sermon**

The Rev. Peter Munson

*A period of silence will be kept.*

**The Nicene Creed, p. 358 (Please stand)**

**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, Form III**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *(Pause)*

Holy Lord, this search process has been a long one and we pray that you continue to help each member of the Search Committee and the Vestry to persevere as they faithfully serve Christ Church. Give them the wisdom of your Spirit. Whether we are in the valley or on the mountain top, we know that you are God-with-us: Emmanuel. We pray for the unity of the committee, that they shall follow our Lord's example in humbly listening for your guidance and submitting to your will. We ask for clarity of mind and heart for each of the candidates as they also discern, by your Spirit, if you are calling them to be the next rector of Christ Episcopal Church. To you, Lord Christ, we give thanks, honor, and praise, as we seek to follow you and love you through every step of this process. Amen.

### **Let us pray for our families and friends at Christ Church, Aspen.**

We pray for our friends, Jan Blauch, Patsy & Darby, Marsha, Peter and Julia Munson, Don, Jessica & Philip, George Baker, Keith Gardner, and Bobbi Ann. We pray for Roger, Joann, Tony, Brad Noel, Susan & Mickey, Petra, Galileo and little Otto. We pray for all who serve this great nation in uniform in nearby and far-off places. We pray for the young people and students of Aspen, for their schools and staff, and for their learning and growing.

*Presider:* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Peace All stand.**

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

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

### **Welcome / Announcements / Birthday & Anniversary Prayers / Travel Prayers**

### **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

#### **Offertory Music**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*, Arr. Heather Sorenson

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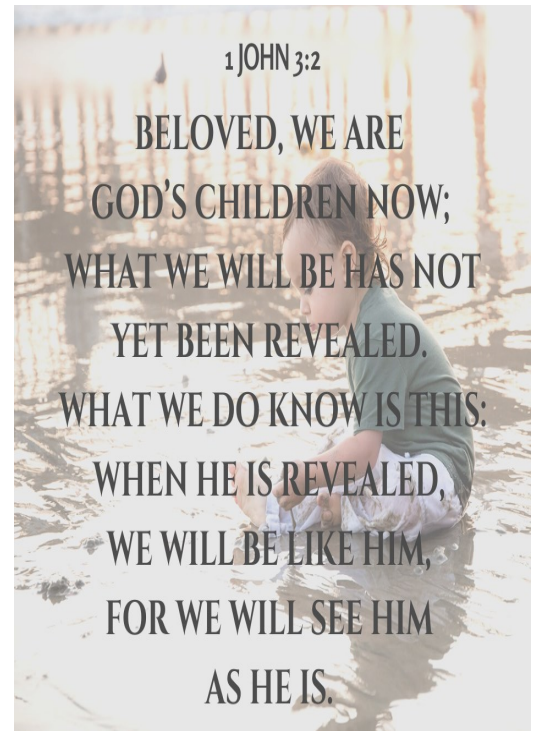
### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(The people remain standing)*

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*The Presider proceeds:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...etc. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **Sanctus**

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

*(The people stand or kneel.)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...etc. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father...etc. ...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.** [*The great AMEN is said as a loud acclamation.*]

*Please stand.*

*Presider:* 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**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then the following is said:*

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

### **Invitation and Distribution of Holy Communion**

*After the Invitation, members of the congregation will be invited to come pick up the blessed elements, one per person, at the altar rail. Please come up the center aisle and return to your seat via the outside aisle. After everyone has returned to their seats we will all receive communion together.*

### **Communion Music**

*Break Thou the Bread of Life, Arr. Larry Scockley*

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### **Post-communion Prayer, p. 365**

*Presider and People:* **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.**

### **A Blessing by the Priest**

*Presider:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **Postlude**

*O Worship the King, by Dan Forrest*

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## LESSONS, PSALM & GOSPEL

### 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."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord  
*People:* Thanks be to God.

### 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.  
*People:* Thanks be to God.

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

### The Gospel: *Luke 24:3b-48* (Please stand)

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, O Christ.

### Psalm 4 (Please stand)

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.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.**  
(Please be seated.)