

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024 | 10:00AM

The Word of God

The Liturgy of the Word

PRELUDE |

Dr. Miriam Hickman

ENTRANCE HYMN | *“He is Risen, He is Risen”*

H 180

| *All please stand as able.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION |

S 72

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION FOR BAPTISM |

S 74

Celebrant

There is one Body and one Spi - rit;

People

There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant

One Lord, one Faith, one Bap - tism;

People

One God and Fa - ther of all.

<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>	<i>Officiant</i>

The Lord 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.**

All are seated for the readings.

FIRST READING

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.**

Silence may follow.

Please stand as able for the psalm. The psalm will be sung in unison by all.

THE PSALM

Psalm 4



- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, de'fender 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 dis'honor 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'LÖRD,'he will'hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and'do not'sin; *
speak to your heart in'silence up'on your'bed.
- 5 Offer the ap'ointed'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 up'on us, O'LORD.
- 7 You have put'gladness in my'heart, *
more than when grain and'wine and'oil in'crease.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I'fall a'sleep; *
for only you, LORD,'make me'dwell in'safety.

Silence may follow.

SECOND READING |

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.**

Silence may follow.

| *All please stand as able for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel reading.*

SEQUENCE HYMN | “Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to be Our Guest”

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THE HOLY 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 Rev. Hunter Ruffin

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES | BCP p. 301

Family, sponsors, and Godparents of the candidate please come forward to the Altar.

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented

Sponsors: ***I present Hazel Delphine Hartung to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.***

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsors: ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Sponsors: ***I will, with God's help.***

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: ***I renounce them.***

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: ***I renounce them.***

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: ***I renounce them.***

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: ***I do.***

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: ***I do.***

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: ***I do.***

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: ***We will.***

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT |

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Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES |

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Celebrant: Let us now pray for *Hazel Delphine Hartung* who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER |

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BAPTISM |

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Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who pours water upon them. When the action has been completed for all candidates, the Celebrant prays over them, saying:

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Celebrant places a hand on the candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and says:

Hazel Delphine Hartung, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED |

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Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE |

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Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY |

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| *All please stand as able for the Offertory Hymn. Remain standing as the gifts are brought forward.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | “With a Voice of Singing” (Shaw)

Choir

OFFERTORY HYMN | “Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless”

H 343

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM | *“Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus”*

S 171

This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon: Cantor; then All



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

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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INVITATION |

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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then deliver it to the people.

Instructions for Receiving Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Wait at the front of the pews until a space is available then approach the rail. If you require a gluten-free wafer, put one hand over your cupped hand so that the minister does not give you a regular wafer. If you wish to receive communion in both kinds, you are invited to drink from the common cup or dip your wafer.

COMMUNION MUSIC |

Dr. Miriam Hickman

COMMUNION HYMN | *“This Joyful Eastertide”*

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SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

When home communion for a member of the parish is requested, the following is said:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I 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.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread one cup. Amen.**

The people stand or kneel as able for the Post Communion Prayer.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER |

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN | *“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”*

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant/Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

Dr. Miriam Hickman