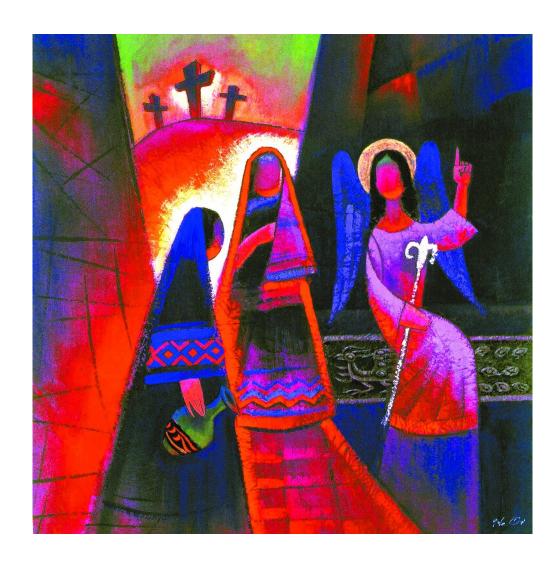
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The Third Sunday of Easter HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

April 18, 2021
10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome worshippers back into the church. To ensure everyone's safety, please observe the following guidelines, which apply to everyone regardless of vaccine status.

- Wear a mask over your mouth and nose at all times. We have disposable masks should you need one.
- **Congregational singing is not currently permitted.** Quiet humming is allowed.
- Practice social distancing with members of other households. Observe signs and the directions
 of vergers and ushers about where to sit. Greet one another from a distance with a nod, wave,
 peace sign, etc.
- If you might need to get up during the service, please sit on the right side of the nave. The first-floor restrooms are available should you need them. Please refrain from going into other areas of the building.
- Children must stay with their accompanying adult(s).
- Enter through the red doors only, and leave through either the red doors or the side doors into the Cloister Garden portico, as directed by a verger or usher.
- We will not be passing the plate during the Offertory. You may leave your donation in the wooden offering box. We can also receive donations through the mail or online via our web site. Thank you!

It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you need to participate in the service is found here in this bulletin.

Our ushers and vergers are here to help create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. We're glad you're here!

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Air for Organ

William B. Cooper (1920–1993)



William B. Cooper was a native of Philadelphia. He received his B.M. and M.M. degrees from the Philadelphia College of Performing Arts and a doctorate of music from Columbia Pacific University (California). He served on the music faculties of Bennett College (Greensboro, NC) and Hampton University (Hampton, VA) as well as spent 26 years in the New York City school system. Cooper also served as minister of music at historic Saint Philip's Episcopal Church (1953–74) and Saint Martin's Episcopal Church (1974–88) in Harlem.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 205, vv. 1, 3, 4 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! *All stand. Congregational singing is not permitted; you may hum quietly if you wish.*

GELOBT SEI GOTT



Words: Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955), alt. St. 5, Norman Mealy (1923-1987)

Music: Gelobt sei Gott, Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)

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THE EASTER ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.

Celebrant Let us pray. 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.

People Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE, vv. 1 & 2

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

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Text: Revelations 5:12-13; adapt. John W. Arthur (1922-1980); Music: Festival Canticle, Richard Hillert (b. 1923)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 3:12–19

All sit.

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 PSALTER Psalm 4

The people say the words in **bold**.

- 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.

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

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b–48

All stand.

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

All 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.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Linda Spiers

THE NICENE CREED

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 say the words in **bold**.

In the flesh of the risen Christ, the invisible God walks with us. Let us pray to God for our needs and the needs of all peoples.

For the holy churches in every place, and for the unity of all. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For this holy assembly and for all who gather for worship, here and online. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For Michael our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; for all who minister in Christ; and for all the holy people of God. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those in danger and need, the sick, the suffering, and the oppressed, and for those who are sick and hospitalized, especially those on our parish prayer list. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For the victims of gun violence, and their families and communities. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For all who rest in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, our families, and those we love. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you open our minds and hearts through the risen Christ: Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of glory, and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

THE WELCOME

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE ANTHEM Hear my words

Stephen Paulus (1949–2014) Words from Psalm 5 St. John's Youth Choir

Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be; Hear my cry, my King and my God. I will make my prayer to thee. With the morning light, O Lord, thou shalt hear my voice arise; And expectant I will bring, prayer as morning sacrifice. Thou art Holy, O my God, thou delightest not in sin; Evil shall not dwell with thee, nor the proud thy favor win.



Stephen Paulus was a prolific composer of classical music. His music continues to be frequently performed and described by critics as rugged, angular, lyrical, lean, rhythmically aggressive, original, often gorgeous, moving, and uniquely American. The New Yorker characterizes his music as having "impeccable technique and well-honed audience appeal," while The New York Times says "Mr. Paulus often finds melodic patterns that are fresh and familiar at the same time…His scoring is invariably expert and exceptionally imaginative in textures and use of instruments."

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

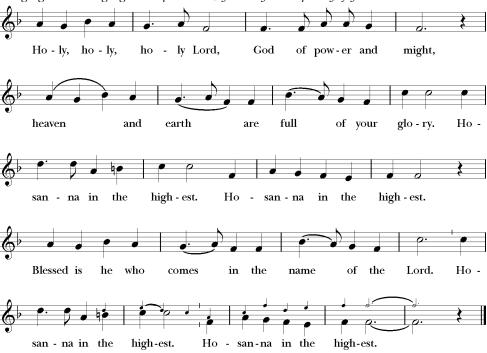
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father 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:

THE SANCTUS

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All remain standing or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 LORD'S PRAYER

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

All 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

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THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant

Gracious and risen Lord, we believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. We love you above all things and we desire to receive you into our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you and unite ourselves wholly to you. Never may we be separated from you. **Amen.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

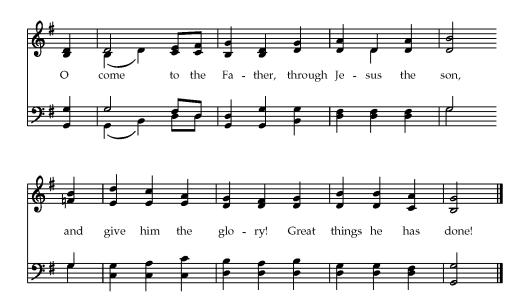
People

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.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN To God be the glory Congregational singing is not permitted; you may hum quietly if you wish. 1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the 2 O per - fect re-demp-tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - ery be - 3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our reyield - ed his life an world that he gave us his who son, liev - er the pro-mise of joic - ing through Je - sus the est of - fen - der who God! The vil pur - er and high-er and but son; and o - pened the life-gate that all may go in. tone-ment for sin be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give-ness re - ceives. great-er will be our won-der, our rap-ture, when Je - sus we see. Refrain Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!



Words: Fanny Crosby (1820–1915). Music: W. H. Doane (1832–1916).

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY Postlude on Gelobt sei Gott

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say **Amen** at the end of the voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Margie Baker Preacher: The Reverend Linda Spiers Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

> Layreader: Paul Shaker Cantor: Michael Mei Organist: Scott Lamlein

Vergers: Eleanor Barnes, Steve Crocker Ushers: Emmy Aziz, Julia O'Brien Livestream Oversight: Ted Babbitt Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson

In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Patricia
Kim Green	Sue	Beth	Enid
Janet Ray	Billy Ulrich	Chris	Zachary
Brad Babbitt	Jonah Dahlstrom	Ellie Brown	Kimberley
Robert E. Eikel	Whitney Lynch	Judy Gardiner	Kent Lawrence
Gwain Gillespie	William Bittinger	Anita Winters	Clark Hendley
Ward Farrell	Mary A. Looney		

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Ann Hanlon

Alexander Giuliano

Margaret Evans

Stacey Alemany

Linda Evans

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Kristie Harrington & Tony Fournier

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Andrew's, Meriden; Christ Church, Middle Haddam; St. George's, Middlebury; Holy Trinity, Middletown; and for clergy whose work is not in parishes, multi-vocational priests, and clergy of ECCT whose ministry is carried out in other countries or dioceses.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of Ireland.



Women Together begins new book study on April 27, 2 p.m. on Zoom

On April 27th, Women Together will begin a six-week study of *The Gnostic Gospels* by Elaine Pagels, "an intellectually elegant, concise study" evoking the world of early Christianity. Women Together meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays from 2 to 3:15 p.m., bringing together women from St. John's, Trinity, St. Monicas, and other friends. This series will be the last of the program year. If you'd like a link for these Zoom meetings, please contact Sarah Kieffer at kieffer2468@gmail.com. Newcomers are always welcome!

Choral Evensong, Sunday, April 25, 5 p.m. – Livestreamed and in-person with limited attendance

Available in-person to a limited audience and livestreamed, we will host the ancient and beautiful service of Evensong on April 25 at 5 p.m. with music by the St. John's Schola. Sign-up is required for in-person attendance. Go to https://www.reddoormusic.org/event/choral-evensong-st-johns-choir/ for more information and to sign up.

Garden work day, Saturday, May 1, 9 a.m.

At the next work day, we'll plant some early crops. All are welcome, and no gardening expertise is required! Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Wear your gardening clothes, sun protection, and a mask, and come for as long as you're able.

Pipes Alive! Sunday, May 2, 12:30 p.m. - Livestreamed and in-person with limited attendance

The next Pipes Alive! organ recital will feature Edward Clark, organist for the Hartford Symphony Orchestra and minister of music at First Church of Christ, Congregational in Farmington. As with all current Music at the Red Door concerts, Pipes Alive! will be livestreamed online and open to a limited in-person audience, with sign-up required. Go to https://www.reddoormusic.org/event/pipes-alive-edward-clark-organist/ for more information.





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