

The Third Sunday of Easter
St. Gregory's Episcopal Church
April 18th, 2021



PRELUDE.....Ann Klein, Music Director

THE REGINA COELI

During Eastertide, the Regina Coeli replaces the Angelus as the prayer rung on the church bells before worship. One set of nine rings accompanies the anthem, versicle, and response, and another set of nine the concluding Collect. You may pray it as the bell rings, or use the silence to prepare for worship in your own way.

The first three bells O Queen of heaven, be joyful, alleluia;
Because he who was born of your body, alleluia,

The second three bells Has arisen, as he promised, alleluia:
Pray for us to the Father, alleluia.

The third three bells V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

The nine bells O God, who by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, vouchsafed to give gladness to the world: Grant, we beseech you, that, with the help of the Virgin Mary his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ENTRANCE HYMN.....*Sing, ye faithful, sing*

1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
 2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
 3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
 4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's

sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
 Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
 kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
 throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,

let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
 bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
 Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
 till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -

mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
 gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
 full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
 newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Celebrant 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.**

GLORIA

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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. *Amen.*

THE 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."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE (*chanted in unison*)

Psalms 4

- 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, God will | **hear me**.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not | **sin**; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your | **bed**.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacri**fi**ces *
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 in|crease.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall a|sleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in | **safety.**

THE EPISTLE

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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People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ALLELUIA



THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

Celebrant 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.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Wright

THE NICENE CREED (from *Enriching Our Worship*)

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,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
 and became truly human.
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,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
 who 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 Leader and People pray responsively*)

Gracious God, 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 Andy, Allen, and Mary, our bishops; Matthew and Susan, our priests,
and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joseph our President, and 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.

We pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Deb, Angela, Robert, Barbara (T.), Alex & Kaela,
Gary & Marge, Lorraine, Phyllis, Marcus, Barbara (S.), Trevor, Robin, Bill, James, Theo,
Charlotte, Bob, Olive, Doris, Linda, Caleb Francis, Charles, Cara, Ford, Chris, Paul, Zachary,
Heather, Ilfra, Anna & Emmett, Tress, Gini, Amy, and Chloe Rose. 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.

The People may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Celebrant Gathering up all these prayers, let us offer them from our hearts into God's heart,
as we pray in the words our Lord Jesus Christ has taught us:

Celebrant and People

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,**

**and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE

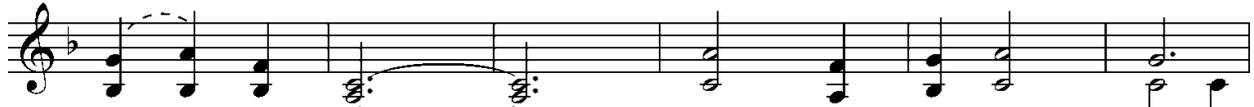
Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Parish announcements may be made.

OFFERTORY HYMN



1, 6 Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us, peace
 2 Love be - fore us, love be - hind us, love
 3 Light be - fore us, light be - hind us, light
 4 Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us, Christ
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al -

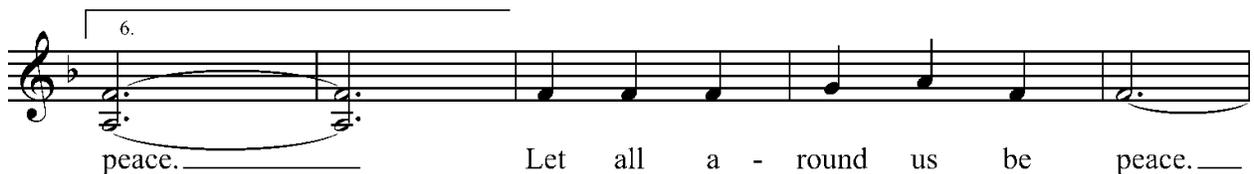


un - der our feet. _____ Peace with - in us, peace
 un - der our feet. _____ Love with - in us, love
 un - der our feet. _____ Light with - in us, light
 un - der our feet. _____ Christ with - in us, Christ
 le - lu - ia. _____ Al - le - lu - ia, al - lc -

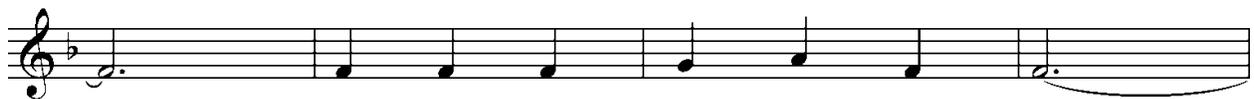


o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace.
 o - ver us, let all a - round us be love.
 o - ver us, let all a - round us be light.
 o - ver us, let all a - round us be Christ.
 lu - - - ai, al - - - le - lu - - - ia.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5.



6. peace. _____ Let all a - round us be peace. _____



_____ Let all a - round us be peace.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 tender mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Maker of all. He stretched out his arms of love upon the hard wood of 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 poured out for you

and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Longing now to gather again at your table and to share the meal he shared with us, we pray in union with all your Church:

All join the Celebrant in praying

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your Body, so the soul of your servant may be healed by like faith in you, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through your tender mercy, who lives and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A brief period of silence follows.

THE BLESSING

The Rev. Susan Auchincloss

RECESSIONAL HYMN.....*O sons and daughters, let us sing!*
(see following page)

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Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the faith - ful wo - men
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, who sat and spake un -
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; a - midst them came their

1 glo - rious King, o'er death and hell rose tri - um - phing.
 2 went their way to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
 3 to the three, "Your Lord doth go to Gal - i - lee."
 4 Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be on all here."

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the Name of the Risen Christ!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!