



April 14, 2024

The Third Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist Rite Two, Eucharistic Prayer A

*Welcome to*  
St. David's Episcopal Church

# The Word of God

## Hymn in Procession

Alleluia, alleluia, vv. 1-3, 5      (*Lux eoi*)

Hymnal 191

1) Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts and voices heavenward raise:

sing to God a hymn of gladness,

sing to God a hymn of praise.

He, who on the cross a victim,

for the world's salvation bled,

Jesus Christ, the King of glory,

now is risen from the dead.

2) Now the iron bars are broken,

Christ from death to life is born,

glorious life, and life immortal,

on his resurrection morn.

Christ has triumphed, and we conquer

by his mighty enterprise:

we with him to life eternal

by his resurrection rise.

3) Christ is risen, Christ, the first-fruits

of the holy harvest-field,

which with all its full abundance

at his second coming yield:

then the golden ears of harvest

will their heads before him wave,

ripened by his glorious sunshine

from the furrows of the grave.

5) Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Glory be to God on high;  
 Alleluia! to the Savior  
 who has won the victory;  
 Alleluia! to the Spirit,  
 fount of love and sanctity:  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 to the Triune Majesty.

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

**BCP 355**

*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*The Celebrant may say*

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.**

**Glory to God**

*(Canticle 20) (Powell)*

**S 280**



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## The Collect of the Day

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*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 Lessons

**New Testament:**

**Acts 3:12-19**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>12</sup>[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?

<sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

<sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

<sup>19</sup>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.*

## The Psalter:

## Psalm 4

<sup>1</sup>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.***

<sup>2</sup>“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*

***how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?”***

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*

***when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.***

<sup>4</sup>Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*

***speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.***

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, \*

***and put your trust in the LORD.***

<sup>6</sup>Many are saying,

“Oh, that we might see better times!” \*

***Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.***

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, \*

***more than when grain and wine and oil increase.***

<sup>8</sup>I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*

***for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.***

## The Epistle:

1 John 3:1-7

A Reading from the First letter of John.

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

<sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

<sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins;

no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

<sup>7</sup>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.

## Gradual Hymn

**He is risen, he is risen**      (*Unser Herrscher*)

**Hymnal 180**

1) He is risen, he is risen!

Tell it out with joyful voice:

he has burst his three days' prison;

let the whole wide earth rejoice:

death is conquered, we are free,

Christ has won the victory.

2) Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,

with glad smile and radiant brow!

Death's long shadows have departed;

Jesus' woes are over now,

and the passion that he bore—

sin and pain can vex no more.

3) Come, with high and holy hymning,

hail our Lord's triumphant day;

not one darksome cloud is dimming

yonder glorious morning ray,

breaking o'er the purple east,

symbol of our Easter feast.

4) He is risen, he is risen!

He hath opened heaven's gate:

we are free from sin's dark prison,

risen to a holier state;

and a brighter Easter beam

on our longing eyes shall stream.



## The Holy Gospel:

Luke 24:36b-48

*All stand.*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

<sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

<sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>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.”

<sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

<sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”

<sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>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.”

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>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, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

<sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon: The Reverend Jeff Wallace**

### **The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 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.

## **The Prayers of the People, Form I**

**BCP 383**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
“Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God,  
and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For our Bishop Ruth, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the  
Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the leaders of the nations, especially for Joe, our president; Henry, our  
governor; and David, our mayor, and for all in authority, let us pray to the  
Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who live and work in the upper Pee Dee region, for every city and  
community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will  
to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially; *(Please see the Prayer List insert.)*

*Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.*

...let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially William Pierce, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of St. David and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

***To thee, O Lord our God.***

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

**BCP 359**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*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 stands and 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**

*Please stand.*

*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 Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and  
sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

## Offertory Hymn

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain

Hymnal 204

*(Noël nouvelet)*

1) Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been:

*[Refrain]*

Love is come again

like wheat that springeth green.

2) In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,  
thinking that never he would wake again,  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:

*Refrain*

3) Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain,  
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:

*Refrain*

4) When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
thy touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

*Refrain*

All things come of thee, O Lord;

***And of thine own have we given thee.***

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**BCP 361**

*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 him thanks and praise.

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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:

**Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy** (*Schubert/Proulx*) **S 130 / BCP 362**

*Celebrant and People sing*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full,  
full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

**BCP 363**

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.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

*People and Celebrant*

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

**BCP 364**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

You may decline the bread and/or the wine by crossing your arms over your chest when offered to you at the altar. You may also choose to remain seated in your pew.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Elements of bread and wine are distributed*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant 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.

## Blessing

BCP 366

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest blesses the people*

## Recessional Hymn

**That Easter day with joy was bright** (*Puer nobis*)

Hymnal 193

- 1) That Easter day with joy was bright,  
the sun shone out with fairer light,  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
the apostles saw their risen Lord.
- 2) His risen flesh with radiance glowed;  
his wounded hands and feet he showed;  
those scars their solemn witness gave  
that Christ was risen from the grave.
- 3) O Jesus, King of gentleness,  
do thou thyself our hearts possess  
that we may give thee all our days  
the willing tribute of our praise.
- 4) O Lord of all, with us abide  
in this our joyful Eastertide;  
from every weapon death can wield  
thine own redeemed for ever shield.
- 5) All praise, O risen Lord, we give  
to thee, who, dead, again dost live;  
to God the Father equal praise,  
and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.

## Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

## Announcements:

◆ Fr. Jeff and Jeff Buckner lead a new **Bible Study** each Sunday morning at **9:30am**. It's a very casual, chat format with no assigned reading. Come and enjoy learning something you might not have known.

◆ **The Wine Factory Restaurant** at 165 Second Street in downtown Cheraw is running a promotion through the month of April in support of **St. David's Daycare & Preschool**. Every **Thursday and Friday** evening in April 2024, if you mention "I want to support St. David's School" when you order, 10% of your dinner food and non-alcohol beverage total will be donated to St. David's!

There will also be a donation box on the counter for St. David's School. Let's all get out and have a wonderful dinner (or two, or three) in April, and support our school at the same time!

◆ Join us for our **Social Time** between Sunday School and our service, and again following the service. We'll enjoy a light snack and pleasant chat in the Chapel. This will also help preserve the quiet of the Sanctuary.

◆ St. David's Episcopal Church is a distribution point for the Chesterfield County **FoodShare** program, which makes fresh produce available to local citizens at reasonable cost. Get more information at their Facebook page, **FoodShareChesterfield**, or email **foodsharecchc@gmail.com**.

Our next delivery dates are:

Order by 5:00pm **Friday, Apr 12** ..... pick up on **Thursday, Apr 18** (12:30-3:30)

Order by 5:00pm **Friday, Apr 26** ..... pick up on **Thursday, May 2** (12:30-3:30)

Order by 5:00pm **Friday, May 10**... pick up on **Thursday, May 16** (12:30-3:30)

Order by 5:00pm **Friday, Jun 7** .....pick up on **Thursday, Jun 13** (12:30-3:30)

Order by 5:00pm **Friday, Jun 21**..... pick up on **Thursday, Jun 27** (12:30-3:30)

◆ At the final Lenten Lunch, a member of the Cheraw Ministerial Alliance announced that their next project would be the **National Day of Prayer**, which is scheduled for **Thursday, May 2**. Watch for more information as the day draws nearer.



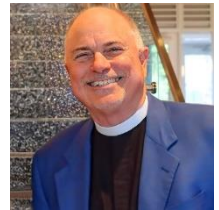
**ST. DAVID'S**  
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Welcome!

Regardless of whether or not you regularly attend here, we are happy to have you as one of us today! Feel free to come up close, and kneel before our Lord's altar and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. If you need a gluten-free wafer, then please indicate this to one of the ushers.

Of course, if you prefer to remain seated during Eucharist, we are fine with that as well. We merely hope that your experience with us today is divinely positive and truly meaningful.

As Priest-in-Charge, I would be glad for us to have a conversation during the coffee hour or to have a scheduled appointment for another time. I love answering questions about why we do what we do and about who we are as Episcopalian Christians. If you have a confidential matter to voice, I can be trusted as a priest and as a certified grief counselor.



Again, I am very happy that you have chosen to be with us this day. Feel free to contact me personally. On Sunday afternoons, I am only available for pastoral emergencies.

Blessings, Father Jeff+

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