



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026

The Service of the Word

Good morning! We love our love for one another! Yet around 10:28am, once our Opening Voluntary begins, please help us begin the tradition of sitting down and preparing ourselves for worship with a moment of quiet and stillness during the offered song. But, please! Don't forget to offer others grace upon grace as we do so. Peace.

Opening Voluntary: "In the River"

Opening Hymn: "Cornerstone"

*My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name*

*Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Collect for Purity

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.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL * (Ages 4 – 10 years)**
During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Song of Praise 178: "Alleluia No. 1"

*Spread the good news o'er all the earth
Jesus has died and has risen
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.*

The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and

to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17 (read responsively by half verse)

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard
the voice of my supplication,
**because he has inclined his ear to me
whenever I called upon him.**
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant;
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Sequence Hymn: "Open my Eyes"

*Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see Your face
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see*

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 24:13-35*

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

People ***Glory to you Lord Christ.***

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise to you Lord Christ.***

Message

The Apostles' Creed (*in unison*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
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.
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. *Amen*

(**"catholic"* means universal)

Prayers of the People

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.
Silence

The Confession (p. 360 BCP)

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 Peace: Welcome & Announcements



The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 361 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All seeking God through Jesus are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

Offertory Hymn: “Your Peace will Make us One”
(See insert)

The Doxology 380: (v. 3)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 367 BCP)

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

Sanctus - S129

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.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith
People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Lord’s Prayer (p. 364 BCP)

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.

Communion Hymn: “Christ is Risen” (See insert)

Communion Hymn: “Remembrance”

*Oh how could it be that my God would welcome me
Into this mystery. Say take this bread take this wine
now the simple made divine, for any to receive*

*(Chorus) By Your mercy we come to Your table
By Your grace You are making us faithful
Lord we remember You, and remembrance leads us to
worship, and as we worship You, our worship leads to
communion. We respond to Your invitation, we remember
You.*

*See His body His blood, know that He has overcome
Ev'ry trial we will face. And none too lost to be saved
None too broken or ashamed
All are welcome in this place (Chorus)*

Post Communion Prayer (p. 365 BCP)

*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

Closing Hymn: “Christ be Our Light”

*With our own eyes, we see salvation
Within our hearts, we are set free
Your word made flesh, hope for the nations.
Light for the world to see!*

*(Refrain) Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Christ, be our hope! Christ, be our purpose!
Christ, be our vision, radiant, and bright!
Christ, be our Way, shatt'ring our blindness
Gifting us with your sight! (Refrain)*

The Dismissal



Serving Today

8:00am: DOD: Kathy Bleeker. Readers: Chip Lands, Ed Austin.

10:30am: DOD: Howard Johnson. Acolytes: Landree Williams, Sierra Dixon. Chalice: Sabrina Merritt, Laurie White. Readers: Steve Lukow, Eden Ridgeway.

Home Communion Volunteers:
Trista Miller & Hunter Walker

Your Sermon Notes

NO ONE LEAVES HUNGRY FROM JESUS' TABLE



As an important extension of our worship, the Food Pantry is made available and we have a Community Hour following our 10:30 worship. Ask an usher or priest for more information.

Prayer List

Requested Prayer

Marquerite Byrd, Susan Bell, Joy Van Caster, Cindy Skeen, CJ Moffett, Sierra Gracee, Teresa Munn, Karen, Lloyd Peacock, Al Colbird, Donald Hanson, Sheila Hanson, Donna Hundley, Tabby Riley, Kathy, AnnaBelle Love, Linda Patterson, Preston Patterson, and Shearon Harrelson.

Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Bruce Gough, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, David Boyer, Donald Gibbons, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan

Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kevin Kahl, Kyle McChesney, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Matthew Ramirez-Hayes, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Crimando, Nicholas Pinkston, Patrick Resler, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Steven Bonello, and Taylor Knueven.

Repose of the Soul

Kaleb Peters, Jeff Nutt, Ashley Gordon, Dorothy Maddox, Rev Michael Patrick Mooney, and Gordon Gibson.

We would love to honor your marriage and ever lasting love with your late spouse on your anniversary. Please contact the church office if you would like to participate.

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