



St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church
Keller, Texas

The Holy Eucharist
The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

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WELCOME

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude in A Major

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN 182

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Truro



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and



1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion



1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Page 355, Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

CANTICLE S-280

Gloria in Excelsis

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty 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.

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.**

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

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.

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

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 4
Cum invocarem

Page 587, Book of Common Prayer

- 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.

A READING FROM FIRST JOHN

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.

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

HYMN 188

Love's Redeeming Work is Done

Savannah



1 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; where, O death, is now thy sting?
3 Soar we now where Christ has led, fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head;



Death in vain for - bids him rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once he died our souls to save, where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Savannah*, from *Harmonia Sacra*, ca. 1760

THE HOLY GOSPEL
Before the Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, O 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.

After the Gospel

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

The Reverend Paula Jefferson
Curate

A period of silent reflection follows the Sermon

THE NICENE CREED

Page 358, Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant and People

**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.**

PRAYER FOR THE RECTOR SEARCH

Intercessor and People

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on St. Martin's, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM VI

Page 392, Book of Common Prayer

Intercessor

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Responsively

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Scott, our Bishop; Janet, our Canon; Ron, Ayo, Paula, Judy, Frank, and Diana, our clergy; Joe our Organist/Choirmaster; Li-za our Children's Minister and for all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

In our [Anglican Cycle of prayer](#) we pray for The Church of Ireland.

In our [Diocesan Cycle of Prayer](#) we pray for Holy Comforter in Cleburne, St. Matthew in Comanche, and Resurrection in Decatur.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; and for those on our prayer list for healing and support: Shawn, Mary Jane, Jenny, Molly, Margaret, Ann, Wayne, Brant, Jill, Barbara, Florence, Paula, Meesh, Corbin, Justin, Alex, Peggy, John, Bruce, Andy, Patty, Suzanne, Mindy, Malcolm, Don, Craig, Doris, Ronald, Elizabeth, Brandy and for all their family members and caregivers.

Silence

We pray for all whose lives are affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic, for healthcare personnel, for public health officials, for first responders, and for scientists seeking solutions. Protect and defend those charged with distribution and administration of vaccines, that their efforts, along with all our efforts to subdue this virus, will hasten the day when all people everywhere will once again be safe.

Silence

For those who are traveling:

For those with employment concerns: Rick, Jeff, Janet, Rebecca, Mark, Aaron, Sarah, Collin, Chris

For those in the military Ethan, Devin, Jonathan, Colin, Rachel, Mark, Jeremy, Patrick, Rich, Meagan, Stephen, Sheena, James, Edward, Brandon, Scott, Jim, Paul, Dylan, Dustin, Jason, John, Deion, Tanner, Benjamin, Timian, Will, John, James, Chris, Kip, Steve, Alex, Christopher, Christian and all civilians in harm's way.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week: Nicholas, Aiden, Daniel, Linda

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, [especially N.], that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Page 360, Book of Common Prayer

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All

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.

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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.**

OFFERTORY

Please take a few moments to offer yourself - your time, your talents, your gifts, and your service to God with a prayer that your offering may be pleasing in God's sight, spread God's love, and make a difference in God's world. You may text 817-270-6880 with an amount + GENERAL or PLEDGE to give or you may scan this QR code to give online, or [click HERE](#).



The third Sunday of every month is designated for the Rector's discretionary fund. All loose offerings or those not marked otherwise will be used for this purpose.

OFFERTORY HYMN 305

Come Risen Lord, and Deign to be Our Guest

Rosedale

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay,
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met; thou
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who

let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
 at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand;
 Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest;
 art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

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:

Celebrant and People

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._____

The musical score is written on four staves in G major and 4/4 time. It features a melody with several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of three notes) and a final fermata on the last note.

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

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

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

We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Eucharistic Visitors remain until the Altar Party retires, then leave for their visits.

THE PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Page 366 Book of Common Prayer

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.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 180

He is Risen, He is Risen!

Unser Herrscher



1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened



joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
ra - dian't brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,



let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er



we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE POSTLUDE "Rejoicing" from *Music for the Royal Fireworks* G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Leaders in Today's Liturgy

The Very Rev. Ronald D. Pogue
Interim Rector

Dr. Joseph Henry
Organist/Choirmaster

The Rev. Paula Jefferson
Curate

Chuck Ambrose
Video Producer

The Rev. Ayo Omoniyi
Deacon

Phyllis Bess and John Wieden
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Christopher DeClerk
Intercessor

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Lector

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