

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 23, 2023



Road to Emmaus"
George Rouault, 1871-1958

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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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116 :1-3, 10-17 *Dilexi, quoniam*

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!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A Reading from The First Letter of Peter, Chapter 1, verses 17-23.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

As we gather at your table

WLP 763

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

Glory to you Lord Christ.

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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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Holy God, you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son, and to care for those who are our companions, not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love. Seeking to be true friends of all, we offer our prayers on behalf of the church and the world.

For the church throughout the world, that we recognize the risen Christ in Word and Sacrament. May we offer to one another and to the poor and to the stranger the hospitality that the disciples offered to Jesus on the road to Emmaus; **God of resurrection, hear our prayer.**

For the earth, its life giving soil and water, and for all of its creatures, that we recognize our connectedness with all of life, diligently care for it, and remember that all of creation belongs not to us, but to its Creator; **God of resurrection, hear our prayer.**

For the governments of the world and its leaders, that they may resist the corruption of sin and serve the common good; for an end to war and to the gun violence in this nation; and until your reign of peace comes on this earth, for the protection and safe return of all of those serving in the armed forces, especially those on our prayer list; **God of resurrection, hear our prayer.**

For the sick and those in distress, that they may find healing for their pain and be restored to fullness of life, especially all on our prayer list; **God of resurrection, hear our prayer.**

Guide us in the path of discipleship, so that, as you have blessed us, we may be a blessing for others, bringing the promise of the kingdom near by our words and deeds. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

BCP 830 #51/431

Offertory

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Eucharistic Prayer C

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Sanctus

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion of the People of God

Communion Hymn

Come, risen Lord

H 305

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

May there always be infinite acres of sky above us.

May there always be the story of the earth beneath us.

May there always be the song of the air between us.

And may the love that shook creation from God's hand,

And destroyed the power of death,

Shake us alive,

That we may walk in God's way,

Now and always.

Closing Hymn

Christ is alive!

H 182

Dismissal

Resources for The Prayers of the People:

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A, Vol 1, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed.

Announcements

Welcome to St Peter's. May you find God's love present with you in this place and return here often to worship. The communion bread is gluten free. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

The offering plates are in the back next to the doors. Your gifts help support God's work through this church. Mail - PO Box 399, Port Royal, VA 22535. online - <https://news.churchsp.org/onlinegiving>

Happy Birthday – Zeke Fisher (April 23), Tammy Barrier (April 26), Barbara Segar (April 28), Kelly Paterino (April 28), Happy Anniversary - Catherine and Ben Hicks (April 23).

--April 23, Worship, On YouTube,

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.petersepiscopalchurchpo677/streams>

--April 24, Psalms Study, every Monday night from 7-8PM on Zoom,

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87304189375?pwd=RHRIUUcrSVU1K1JPWmhiMlc4Z2xpUT09> Meeting ID: 873 0418 9375 Passcode: 092098

--Bible Study, April 26, 10am-12pm. Parish House. Read the lectionary for April 30.

http://lectionarypage.net/YearA_RCL/Easter/AEaster4_RCL.html

The Earth Day 2023 Theme is "Invest In Our Planet. What Will You Do?" How much plastic do you use with this calculator?

<https://www.earthday.org/plastic-pollution-calculator-2/>

It's not too late to enter the St Peter's "trashy contest." Prizes will be given in the following categories: amount of trash, most disgusting piece of trash, smallest and largest piece of trash.

-Shred-it is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10. The time will be announced. Dispose of sensitive documents safely and securely, and free up needed space at home or work. **Start collecting!**

Easter Tide – "50 Days celebrating the season" from Forward Movement <https://50days.org/>. Sign up for daily email meditations

Remember St. Mark <https://news.churchsp.org/stmarkapril25/>

His day is April 25. Mark accompanied Paul on some of his journeys and was a key source for both Luke's and Matthew's Gospels. Mark's gospel is featured in Year B of the lectionary.

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The Vestry

Cookie Davis, Robert Bryan (2024)

Elizabeth Heimbach, Helmut Linne von Berg (2025)

Linda Upshaw (2026)

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**Christ Centered, Biblically Based, Spirit Filled, Caring
Prayer List**

**Marion Mahoney, Ken Pogue, Johnny Davis, Fred and Crystal Pannell,
Alice Hughes, Jim Heimbach, Susan and Helmut Linne von Berg, Brad
Volland, Rob Dobson, Laura Carey, Lydia O' Neil, John Hess, Charles
McGuire, Tommy Segar, John and Toni Faibisy, Linneth Feliciano, Thom
Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Bill Wick, Barbara and Boyd Wisdom**

**T. C. Collins, Wayne Cohen (cousin of Andrea Pogue), Jimmy and Nancy
Davis (Johnny Davis' brother and sister in law), Herb Collins, Hyacinth
Wallace, Bethune Andrews (Linneth Feliciano's sisters), Sylvia
Coleman, Ed and Doris Hooker, Milijana Grayson, Nika Corwin (friend of
Marcia Kole), Nathaniel Schakenberg, Otis Felts (friend of Johnny Davis),
The Glasgows (friends of the Felicianos), Randall Clingenpeel, Mrs.
Watson (Linneth Feliciano's mother), Ann Pyle (Carolyn Duke's mother),
J.T. Moriarty (Hicks' friend), Harvey Yarus (friend of Tom Kramer), Patty
Reno (cousin of Tom Kramer), Joanne Wilkerson and Julie Davis (sister
and daughter of Johnny Davis), Lois Christie, Rosie Dowdy, Bill Lauck,
Jonathan Coleman (Cleo Coleman's son), Anthony Bowman, Dylan
Puryear (BJ's grandson), Ruth Smith, Joyce Smith (Laura Carey's sisters-
in-law), Orville Watson (Linneth Feliciano's brother), Gloria Jewell,
Kathryn, David and Bobby Hill (Lydia O'Neil's family), Lorena McElwain,
(friend of the Pogues), G. Lee Baldwin, Linda Oliver, Pat Crenshaw (Brad
Volland's cousin), Joan Pemberton (Brad Volland's aunt), Albert Barnett
(Andrea's uncle), Scott Crabtree (Eunice Key's brother), Louise Chapman
(Barbara Segar's cousin), Charlene Schakenberg, (Becky Fisher's mother)**

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons

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Scott Estes

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Cliff Lance

Grace Grimaldi

Alex Long V