

EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the  
**HEAVENLY REST**  
God's Love. For All.

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Missions Sunday - Third Sunday of Easter, Year A  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Sunday, April 19, 2026  
10:30 in the morning

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRELUDE** *This Joyful Eastertide*

Marilyn Biery (b. 1959)

**HYMN IN PROCESSION** *This joyful Eastertide*

Hymn 192  
Tune: *Vruechten*

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *This is the Feast of Victory for our God*

Hymn 417  
Tune: *Festival Canticle*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

**FIRST READING**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A reading from the Book of Acts.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd,

“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.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON *Organ, Choir, All*



PSALM TONE

*Tone: DUKE STREET*



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

1 I love the Lord, ... because he has heard the voice of my [sup]-plication,\*  
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.”

*Antiphon*

10 How shall I re-[pay] 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.

*Antiphon*

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. ... [Hal]-lelujah!

*Antiphon*

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-23

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

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 *Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain*

Hymn 204  
Tune: *Noël nouvelete*

**THE GOSPEL**

Luke 24:13-35

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Children ages four through seven are invited to attend Wiggle Worship. Children who would like to participate should follow the Children's cross to the Children's worship space. They will return to the Nave during the Peace.*

**THE SERMON**

The Reverend David Romanik, *Rector*

*Following the sermon, all stand for*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**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.

#### **PRAYERS OF DEDICATION FOR HEAVENLY REST MISSIONS**

*Those engaged in service to Thrift House, Breakfast on Beech Street, Bowie Angels, and St. John's Episcopal School  
are invited to come forward to be commissioned.*

Dear friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. These persons have been called to ministries of service in the missions of the Church of the Heavenly Rest: Thrift House, Breakfast on Beech Street, Bowie Angels, and St. John's Episcopal School.

*The rector says to those gathered*

Do you, in the presence of this congregation, reaffirm your commitment to serve God as you serve your community?

**I do.**

*The rector says to the congregation*

Will you support these persons in their ministries?

**We will.**

*The Rector says to those newly commissioned*

In the name of this congregation I commend you to this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor upon these persons who have now reaffirmed their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All stand for*

**THE PEACE**

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

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*At Heavenly Rest, we believe that we are called to respond to God's grace and generosity by giving of our time, talent, and treasure. The work of this church community is made possible by the financial contributions of those who worship here and participate in the life of this place. There are several ways to make a financial gift to Heavenly Rest: you may place cash or a check in the alms basin as it goes by; use the "Give" tab in the ChurchCenter App; or visit our website by using the QR code.*

Scan for online giving.  
Thank you for your generosity!



*Those who are celebrating anniversaries in April are invited to follow the procession to the altar rail and receive a blessing.*

**OFFERTORY** *Thee We Adore*

T Frederick Candlyn (1892-1964)

*Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, Thee who in thy sacrament art pleased to be; both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail, yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail. O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who living bread to us doth here afford! O may our souls for ever feed on thee, and Thou, O Christ, for ever precious be. Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God, cleanse us, unclean, in Thy most cleansing flood; increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from thy presence flow. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our portion be: to gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face, the vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.*

**HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION** *Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor*

Hymn 307  
Tune: *Bryn Calfaria*

**ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

All things come of thee, O Lord.  
**And of thine own have we given thee.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Eucharistic Prayer D*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

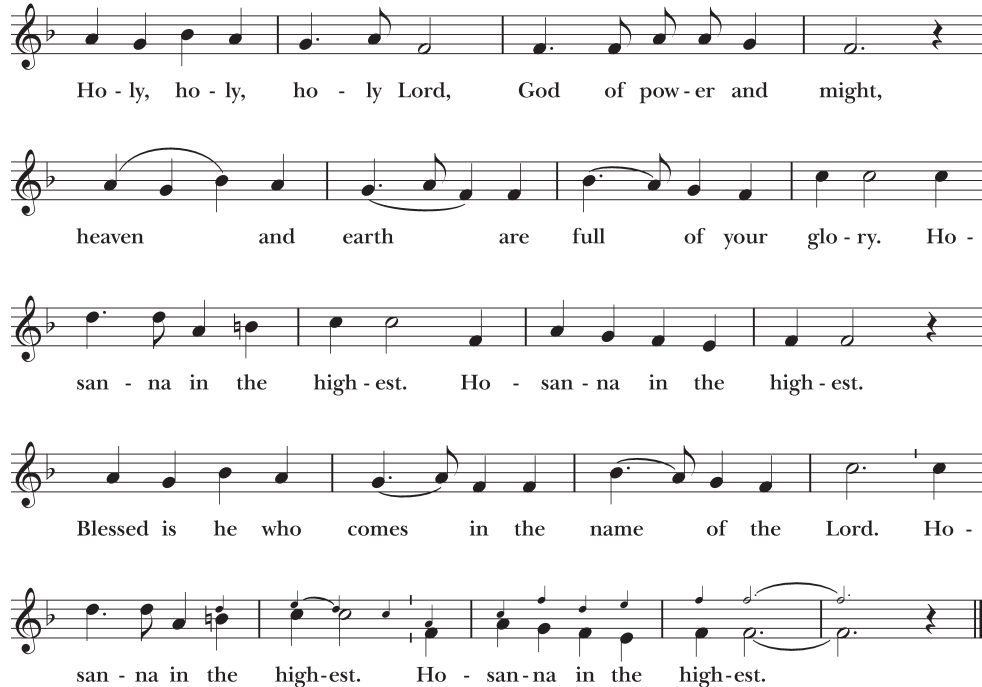
It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

THE SANCTUS *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

SI25



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

*The People stand or kneel as they are able*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

*Prayers for the Church and the world may be added here.*

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

**FRACTION ANTHEM**

SI55

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

7  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

14  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

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.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not baptized, you may come forward to receive a blessing by folding your arms over your chest. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. If you are interested in being baptized, please speak to one of the clergy after the service. Communion will be distributed at two stations: at the altar rail and in front of the pulpit. If you do not wish to receive wine, please cross your arms over your chest when the chalice comes by. Please follow the instructions of the ushers as you wait to receive Communion.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest*

Hymn 306  
Tune: *Sursum Corda*

*Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

Hymn 343  
Tune: *St. Agnes*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

**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 Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors may be said.*

**In the name of this congregation, we send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one Body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

*The Celebrant blesses the People*

*All stand and sing*

**HYMN AT THE PROCESSION** *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more*

Hymn 296  
Tune: *Engelberg*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE DISMISSAL

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

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

**POSTLUDE** *Christ lag in Todesbanden (Christ Lay in Death's Bands and Rose Again), BWV 625* JS Bach (1685-1750)





## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

*Celebrant* - The Rev. Ashley Powers, *Associate Rector*

*Preacher* - The Rev. David Romanik, *Rector*

*Assisting* - The Rev. Amanda Watson, *Assistant Rector for Community Life*

*Wiggle Worship* - The Rev. Karen Boyd, *Assisting Priest*

*Organist and Choirmaster*- Thomas Pavlechko

*Verger* - Luke Teten

*Acolytes* - CeCe Romanik, John Gloyna, Tom Haney, Caroline Haney, Margo Reed

*Music* - Heavenly Rest Choir, Children's Choir

*Lay Ministers* - Jen Rogers, Dan Harbaugh, Kimberly Brumley

*Altar Guild* - Gay Ann Walts, Yvonne Batts, Aimee Powell, Andrea Taylor

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