

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

Morning Prayer

The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



Binghamton's First Church

Christ Episcopal Church welcomes all to our compassionate, diverse congregation as we strive to know God more deeply through worship, service, and fellowship.

Know that whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, there is a place for you here.

The Vestry Greeter and Ushers are available to orient you to the building and assist you; please let them know what you need.

We invite everyone to join us for coffee and fellowship in the Great Hall following the service.

Receiving communion is an act of deep reverence and joy; we ask that pets not be brought to the altar rail.

Please let the usher know that you would like to receive communion, and it will be brought to you at your seat.

Voluntary

Opening Hymn 180

He is risen, he is risen!

Unser Herrscher

Officiant Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite."
Isaiah 57:15

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive us all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Officiant The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

The Invitatory: Venite

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Psalm 4

Richard Farrant

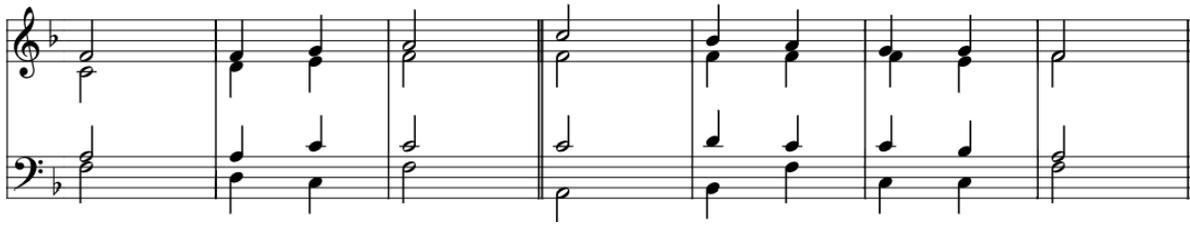


1 Answer me when I call, O God, de/fender of my / cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on / me and / hear my / prayer.

2 "You mortals, how long will you dis/honor 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 up/on your / bed.



5 Offer the ap/pointed / 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 up/on us, O / Lord.

7 You have put / gladness in my / heart, *
more than when grain and / wine and / oil in/crease.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I / fall a/sleep; *
for only you, Lord, / make me / dwell in / safety.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Acts 3:12-19

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 18: A Song to the Lamb

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A Reading from the First Letter of John

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.

1 John 3:1-7

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 13: A Song of Praise

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A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

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.

Luke 24:36b-48

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

The Rev. Deacon Kay M. Drebert

Apostles' Creed

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 was 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.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages B

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. **We praise your Name for ever.**
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy;**
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. **For we put our trust in you.**
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. **and we shall never hope in vain.**

The Collects

Officiant 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.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

God of peace,

We pray for those who have served our nation and laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom. We pray for those who still bear the scars of their service, asking for healing for them in mind, body, and spirit. We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way, asking that you shield them from danger and to bring them home safely.

We pray for all those who govern, asking that you turn their hearts and minds to the work of establishing a peace through justice and equity.

We pray for all those who are caught up in conflict around the globe: civilians, peacekeepers, and the poor who have no escape, asking that we have the courage to defend the defenseless, make room for those who flee for safety, and look to that day when war will be no more.

May the peace you gave us, the peace that passes all human understanding, be the peace that guides and sustains us; in Jesus' name, the Prince of Peace, we pray. **Amen.**

Offertory

Ad cenam Agni providi

Plainsong

The Lamb's high banquet called to share, arrayed in garments white and fair, the Red Sea past, we now would sing to Jesus our triumphant King. Protected in the paschal night from the destroying angel's might, in triumph went the ransomed free from Pharaoh's cruel tyranny. Now Christ our passover is slain, the Lamb of God without a stain; his flesh, the true unleavened bread, is freely offered in our stead. O all-sufficient Sacrifice, beneath thee hell defeated lies; thy captive people are set free, and endless life restored in thee.

—*Latin (7th-8th c.)*

Doxology

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the word by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us evermore.

People **Amen.**

Sending Forth

Processional Hymn 182

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

Truro

Voluntary

Praeludium in E minor

Nikolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

The flowers on the altar are given to the honor and glory of God in loving memory of Shea Szachara by the Davidson family.