

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 23, 2023



PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY! HYMNAL 362

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Alleluia, ✠ Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

**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.**

THE GLORIA

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST HYMNAL S280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

**Welcome to Grace,
we're glad you are here!**

*If you have any questions, our
ushers, greeters and members are
here to help, don't hesitate to ask!*

Restrooms are located through
the door to the left of the pulpit at
the top and bottom of the stairs.
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narthex (front entrance) if you
need assistance getting to the
lower level.

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SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE	Cary Brown
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LECTOR	Kara DeBord
LIVESTREAM	Carmen Lescure
TELLERS	Brian Reid Chuck Szuberla

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17

Read responsively by the whole verse

- 1 I love the Lord, because the voice of my supplication has been heard ,*
because the Lord has inclined his ear to me whenever I call.
- 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 that have been 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 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!

THE SECOND LESSON

1 PETER 1:17-23

Lector 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so for the hymn and the reading of the Gospel

SEQUENCE HYMN

MORNING HAS BROKEN

HYMNAL 8

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

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

John Hart is the Co-founder and Vice President of C3 Solutions, the Conservative Coalition for Climate Solutions. He is also founder of Mars Hill Strategies, a public relations and public affairs consulting firm that has advised Silicon Valley companies, numerous non-profits, and political campaigns. Hart is an effective and experienced communications professional and author.

Along with his wife Kimberly, John owns and manages Fairlight Farm, a 62-acre sustainable farm nearby in Pleasant Valley.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

When prompted, please stand if you are able.

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Leader* Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying,
"Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace."
- For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:
- People* **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**
- Leader* For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:
- People* **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**
- Leader* For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:
- People* **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**
- Leader* For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:
- People* **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**
- Leader* For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:
- People* **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**
- Leader* For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:
- People* **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**
- Leader* For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:
- People* **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**
- Leader* For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:
- People* **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Celebrant Gracious God: Grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Then all are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

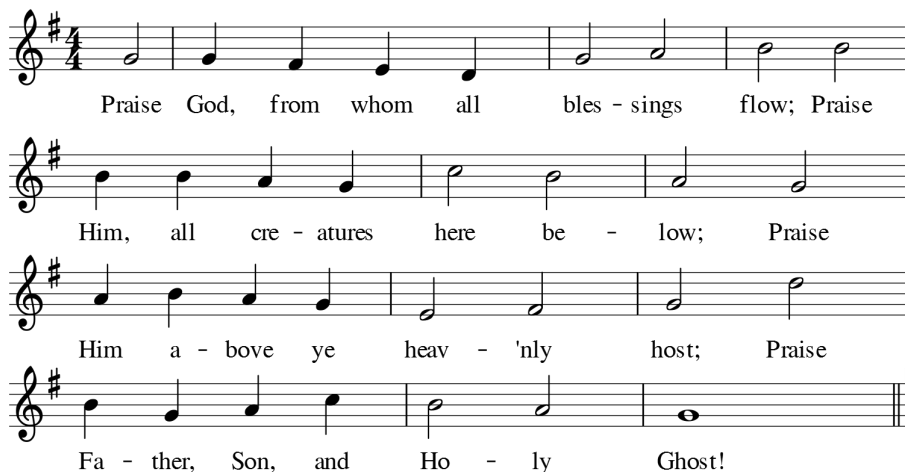
ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

HYMNAL 405

PRESENTATION HYMN

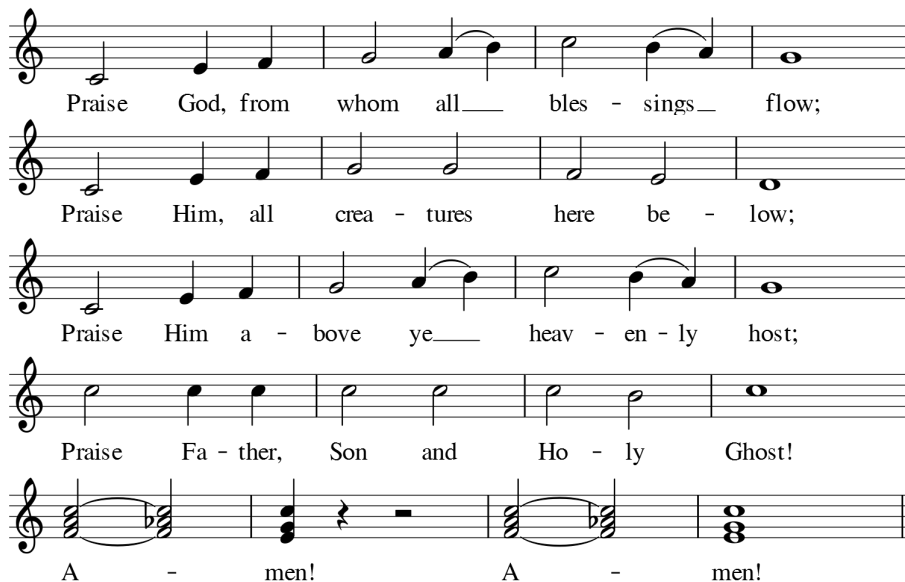
THE DOXOLOGY (SUNG TO TWO TUNES)

Please stand if you are able.



Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise
Him, all cre - atures here be - low; Praise
Him a - bove ye heav - 'nly host; Praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

(Second Tune, sung after the organ interlude)



Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow;
Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;
Praise Him a - bove ye heav - en - ly host;
Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost!
A - men! A - men!

First tune: Old 100th, Public Domain; Second Tune: New Doxology, Public Domain. Arranged by David L.M. Gunning, Jr.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord is here.
People **God's Spirit is with us.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer of all that is, loving Father of us all, in whose hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains, and in whom we live and move and have our being: at your command all things came to be, from the vast expanse of stellar space to this fragile earth, our home. We give you thanks for your creation as gift of your love. All creatures look to you for their food; when you open your hand they are filled with good things; when you take away their breath, they die. At your command the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy. We join with them, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, to give a voice to creation's praise:

SANCTUS

DEUTSCHE MESSE

HYMNAL S130

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

From the primal elements, you brought us forth, and blessed us with consciousness and skill. You gave us responsibility to care for your world, yet through our selfishness the earth has become polluted, poor communities are oppressed, and the life of many creatures put in jeopardy. Your spoiled creation eagerly waits for its freedom. You sent your Son Jesus Christ, in whom all things in heaven and earth were created, to reconcile all things to yourself, making peace through his life, death, and resurrection.

On the night he was betrayed he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Celebrant Great is the mystery of faith:
People **Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life. His Spirit refreshes us with Living Water.**

Send your Spirit on these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, that they may be for us a foretaste of your creation's renewal. Send your Spirit on your people. Transform us that we may become more faithful stewards of your gifts. May we live more just and godly lives, responsible in care for your earth, and sharing more equitably its rich resources. Sustain us in hope, waiting and working for your new world to be born.

Celebrant Through Jesus Christ our Savior and Redeemer, to whom,
with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and praise.
For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory for ever.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

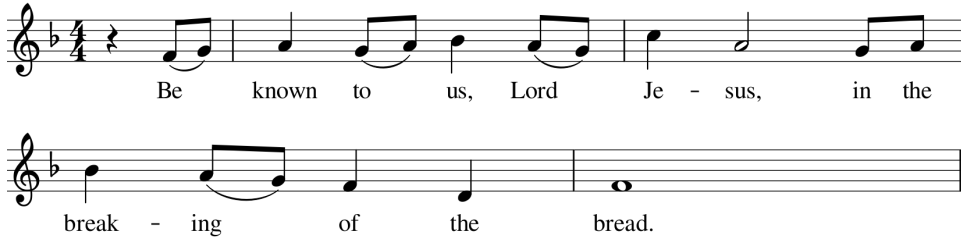
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia!**

FRACTION ANTHEM

BE KNOWN TO US, LORD JESUS



The cantor or choir sing the verses

1. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.
2. One body are we, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

May all who share these gifts be found in Christ and may Christ be found in you.



What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Rev. Edie or Deacon Kathleen following the service.

When receiving the Holy Communion, you may take just the bread if you prefer, or the clergy person can give a gluten-free wafer if you request it. If you are not baptized, or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that all are welcome here at Grace!



COMMUNION HYMN

THE DAY THOU GAVEST, LORD, IS ENDED (*verses 2-4*)

HYMNAL 24

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us Pray.

People **Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments.
Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith,
that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world,
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
Amen.**

THE EASTER BLESSING

Celebrant May Christ who out of defeat brings new hope and new alternatives, bring you new life.
And the blessing of God our Creator, ✠ Redeemer, and Giver of Life be with you always.

People **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

HYMNAL 376

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go forth in the name of the risen Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Join us downstairs after the service for fellowship and a bite to eat, all are welcome!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE CHURCH

For the clergy: ++Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; ++Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; +Eugene Taylor Sutton and +Robert Ilhoff, Bishops of the Diocese of Maryland; Carrie Schofield-Broadbent+, Bishop Coadjutor-Elect of the Diocese of Maryland; Edie+ Holton, our Priest; Kathleen+ Smith-Jones, our Deacon.

In the Diocesan prayer cycle, St Luke's, Brownsville; St. Mark's, Lappans; St. Paul's, Sharpsburg; and for the Rev.'s Florence L. Ledyard, Mark F. Gatza, George R. Merrill, and Michael G. Schirmacher.

In our Parish prayer cycle, we pray for Megan, Steve, and Gus Root.

OUR COMMUNITY

The Homebound: Teeny Phillips, Marvin Metzgar.

We pray for the healing, wholeness, comfort, guidance, and safe travel of the following people in our faith community and beyond: Adán Cortés; Nancy Hughes; Michael Weldon; Shirley Shores; Bo Harris; The Szuberla Family; Reta Mercer; Paul David Moss; Peg Jung; Glenn, Robert, and Gay Eackles; The Killmayer Family; Kathy Brown; Abby & Tom Kahn; The Cendrowski Family; Sandy Cain; Tammy Trimmer; Marilyn Rich; Zoe Huck; Claudia; The Dean Family; William; Barry Slocum; Virginia Danner; Eddie Danner; Jason Harris; Fred Zupka & Family; Barry Stocks; Lisa Cox & Harriet Carr; Betty Ramsay; Steve Foust; Susan Kimble; Meghan Davidson & Family; Charlotte Barnhouse; Susan Mann; David & Mary Alice Thoma; Catherine Thompson; Felicia Watkins-Kimble.

THE WORLD

For elected leaders in this country and around the world, especially President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris; Governors Wes Moore (*MD*) and Glenn Youngkin (*VA*); and Mayors Nathan Brown (*Brunswick*) and Christopher Hornbaker (*Lovettsville*). For victims of hunger, human trafficking, substance abuse and natural disasters in the United States and throughout the world.

We pray for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for the victims, family, and communities that have suffered from senseless violence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAY FOR THESE PILGRIMS

Your prayers are requested for Paul Durham and a small group of locals that will be making a pilgrimage to the Camino de Santiago, April 16-May 3. The small group of four will be walking the Camino Portugues Route from the city of Viana do Castelo in Portugal north to Santiago de Compostela, approximately 135 miles over a 10 day period.

The Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James) is a large network of ancient pilgrim routes stretching across Europe and coming together at the cathedral of St. James ("Santiago" in Spanish) in Santiago de Compostela, a city in the province of Galicia in north-west Spain. More than 400,000 pilgrims waked the camino in 2022.

This group has dedicated their pilgrimage to the Brunswick BEACON food bank. You can follow their journey by going to <https://www.facebook.com/pddurham> .

BRUNSWICK FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Demand at our community Food Bank is surging. Grace will once again, be collecting non-perishable food items to help stock the shelves. A basket is in the Narthex for donations. You can also give a monetary donation, via the BEACON website.

<https://www.brunswickbeacon.org/donate/>

BRUNSWICK SPRING FESTIVAL

The Brunswick Spring Festival is coming up Saturday, May 20th from 10:00am - 5:00pm in downtown Brunswick with vendors, Food, live music, kids activities and more! Grace will have a booth and we need lots of help to make it a successful event. Check out the signup genius at <https://tinyurl.com/GraceSpringFest2023> and/or check in with Pat Zupka or Kathy Brown.

COMING UP AT GRACE

Apr 11	Tue	5:00pm	Healing Service	Nave
May 20	Sat	10a-5p	Brunswick Spring Festival	Downtown Brunswick

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