

# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Grow in Faith. Live in Hope. Share God's Love.

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The Third Sunday of Easter  
April 14, 2024 + 10:30 a.m.

## The Holy Eucharist

### Preparation for Worship in God's Name

#### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

*As the people gather before the service begins,  
we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.*

O God, we seek to be a people of the resurrection, a people of Easter joy. Be known among us; grant us the assurance of your presence, your love, and your renewing power. Through your Spirit, reveal to us your purpose in our lives; in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

#### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

# The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN “Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,  
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to  
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -  
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior  
Beth - le - hem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,  
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,  
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your  
bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the  
Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the  
till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.  
gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.  
full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.  
newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

—Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.  
Music *Finnian*, Christopher Dearnley (b. 1930)

ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

All: 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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Remain standing; everyone sings the refrain three times.*

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

—Setting: Jacques Bertier, Taizé

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Remain standing; silence is kept.*

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 LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (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 this man 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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 4



—Setting: Jerome Webster Meachen

- 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.

## SECOND LESSON

A reading from the First Letter of 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “Blessèd Jesus, at thy word” *Standing; everyone sings.*

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness  
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night  
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings  
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to  
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.  
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

—Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878); alt.  
 Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

**GOSPEL** *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (24:36b–48).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus 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.”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Children may join Katherine Smithwick and Anna Calhoun for Children’s Chapel.  
They will return at the Peace.*

**SERMON**

*A time of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

CREED *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



We be - lieve\_ in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be.  
We be - lieve\_ that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;  
We be lieve\_ in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-in



Mak - er of\_ the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky\_ and sea.  
tak - en from\_ the cross, was bur - ied, True Life there had tru - ly died.  
one church cath - o - lic, one church ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees\_ from sin;



We be lieve\_ in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us\_ both Lord\_ and Christ,  
We be lieve\_ that on the third\_ day Christ was raised up from\_ the grave,  
in the bo - dy's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of\_ death's chain



of\_ the Spir - it and\_ of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.  
then\_ as cend - ed to\_ God's right\_ hand. He will come a - gain to save.  
gives the life\_ that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith\_ that we have claimed.

—Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955–1993), alt.

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Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Remain standing.*

Leader: As the disciples encountered the Risen One in their midst, so now we come to Christ in prayer, saying: Answer us when we call, O God: have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

We pray for disciples everywhere and for the many and diverse places where they gather, that in this Easter season there would be a renewed sense of mission in the world. Answer us when we call, O God:

People: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all those who lead in the structures of government, that they may be led by love in their service to others. We remember those in the military, especially those who have been deployed. And we pray for peace in all places of violence and war; and for an end to gun violence everywhere. Answer us when we call, O God:

People: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all of creation, that from the mountains to the seas, that the earth might burst with resurrection joy. Answer us when we call, O God:

People: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the community of Knoxville and especially for this parish family of Good Samaritan, that we may watch for and recognize the risen Christ in our midst. Answer us when we call, O God:

People: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Leader: We give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. And we pray for all those who need our prayers: the sick and the suffering, the homeless and the helpless; for those we now name, and those we hold in our hearts. We pray especially for...

**THE BAKER FAMILY**

**GAIL** Cox

**MARY** Davis

**LOIS & RON** Dearolf

**CONNIE** DeWitt

**DANA & DEWELL** Downey

**DOUG** Emblar

**THE GREELEY FAMILY**

**JOYCE** Grubb

**MARGE** Hudson

**ANN** McClain

**DON** McConnell

**DALE** Oakley

**KENT** Parish

**ALLAN** Philp

**MARILYN** Randall

**THE RICHARDS FAMILY**

**TOM** Schlitt

**SHAROLYN** Sprigg

**LO** Starck

**JOYCE** Taylor

**DENISE & ROGER** Tibedo

**ALICE & FRED** Wegmann

**MICHELE** Welsh

and

**DON** White

*Silence. The people may add their own petitions.*



Leader: Answer us when we call, O God:

People: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that we may one day share with them in the joy of life eternal. Answer us when we call, O God:

People: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

*Silence may be kept.*

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**PEACE** *Standing.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

*Greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Seated.*

## Holy Communion

**OFFERTORY**

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (*2 Corinthians 9:7*)



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:

*Everyone sings:*

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.\_\_\_\_\_

—Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

*The people stand or kneel.*

Celebrant: 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.

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:

All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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 and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: AMEN.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
 All: 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. Everyone sings:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 there - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

—Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

## INVITATION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God, holy Gifts for God's holy People.  
 Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and died and was raised for you,  
 and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## DURING COMMUNION

HYMN “Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord” *Everyone sings.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his — Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

*Repeat Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -  
 Now we shall live — for ev - er.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

—Words and Music: *Alleluia 1*, Donald Fishel (b. 1950)

HYMN “Christ has arisen, alleluia” *Everyone sings.*

Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia. Re-joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.

For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb, e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.

Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy. Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy,

Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia. Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia.

—Words: Bernard Kyamaywa, 1966; tr. Howard Olson, 1969  
Music: Haya tune, *Tumshandilie Mungu*, Makumira, Tanzania

DOXOLOGY *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be -  
low; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove ye heaven - ly  
host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

— Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), with alleluias.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623



**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION** *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

**SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR** *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I 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 are who are many are one body,

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

**BLESSING** *Remain standing.*

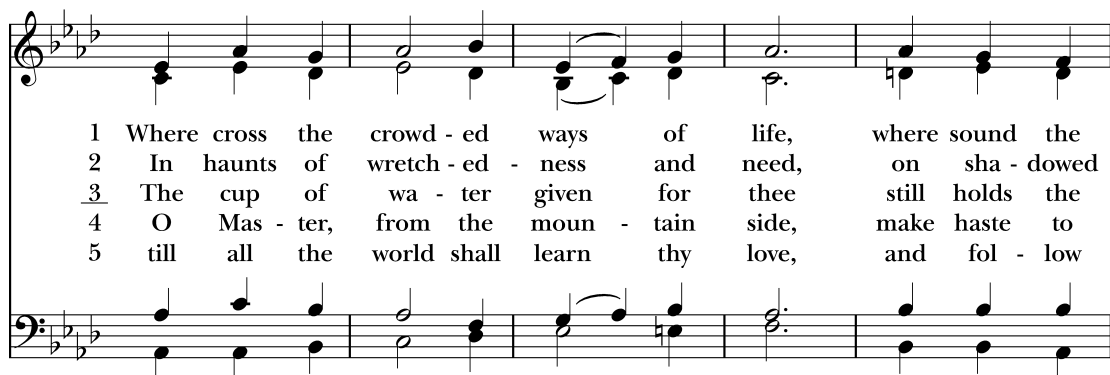
Celebrant: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the  
resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.  
*Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into new-  
ness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting free-  
dom in the Redeemer, bring you into your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

HYMN “Where cross the crowded ways of life” *Standing; everyone sings.*



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed  
3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the  
4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to  
5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low



1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -  
4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less  
5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy



1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.  
2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.  
3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.  
4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;  
5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

—Words: Frank Mason North (1850-1935), alt.

Music: *Gardiner*, from *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853)

**DISMISSAL**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

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