Liturgy for April 14, 2024: Third Sunday of Easter

Opening Hymn #450 All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name

- ¹ All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
- ³ Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call, the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all! the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!

- ² Crown him ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
- ⁴ Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Collect of the Day

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.

A Reading from the Book of Acts 3:12-19 read by Ethel Rosally

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.".

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People:** *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 4 Cum invocarem (To be read responsively) Led by Ethel Rosally

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.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; * how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the LORD.

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

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

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; * for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

A Reading from 1 John 3: 1-7 read by Sabina Gaston

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*

Sequence Hymn #305 Come Risen Lord and Deign to Be Our Guest (Verses 1-2, Gospel, Alleluia, Verses 3-4)

- ¹ Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine; thyself at thine own hand make manifest in thine own sacrament of bread and wine.
- ³ One body we, one body who partake, one church united in communion blessed; one name we bear, one bread of life we break, with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
- We meet as in the upper room they met;
 thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand:
 "This is my body": so thou givest yet;
 faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.
- ⁴ One with each other, Lord, for one in thee, who art one Saviour and one living head; then open thou our eyes that we may see; be known to us in breaking of the bread.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 24:36b-48

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ (Remain standing)

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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise to You, Lord Christ
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Varghese Mathew

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 the People (remain standing): led by Sabina Gaston

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops, priests and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially........

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life—those we name in our hearts, and also for those celebrating birthdays, including......

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially.....

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; Who put their trust in you.

The Priest adds a Concluding Prayer

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be also with you

People And also with you

Announcements and Recognition of Birthdays and Anniversaries

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem Love's Redeeming Work is Done Robert Lehman

Doxology "Old Hundredth"

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving BCP p. 361 (Eucharistic Prayer A)

Priest The Lord be with you
People And also with you
Priest Lift up your hearts

People We lift them up to the Lord

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People It is right to give him thanks and praise

Priest continues with Eucharistic Prayer A

Sanctus (sung) Hymnal S 131

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation (sung) Hymnal S 135

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

Amen (sung) Hymnal S 147

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Communion Hymn #209 We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

- 1. We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear from him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe him near.
- 3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound, to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:
- 2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod; but in his promise we rejoice; and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- 4. that, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Post-Communion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer p. 365

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 Blessing

Closing Hymn #205 Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing

¹Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

³ Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! ² The Lord of life is risen today! Sing songs of praise along his way; let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

⁴ Your Name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dismissal

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