

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.*

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 we are 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:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

Then the Celebrant continues

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son, in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mark and St. John and all your Saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. AMEN.

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

Officiant and People Together.

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. ALLELUIA!

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **grant us peace.*

Celebrant: 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.

After communion:

Prayer of St. Alphonsus

Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come therefore spiritually into our hearts. As though you have already come, we embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. Amen.

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

CELEBRANT: GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD, ALLELUIA!
ALLELUIA!

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

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: *Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow*

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

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.

the Priest, stands and says

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

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

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

People: And also with you

St. Mark's and St. John's Episcopal Church

April 18th, 2021

The Third Sunday of Easter

The Rev. Bill Martin

Mrs. Karen A. Horvath-Music Ministry

The Liturgy of the Word

Organ Processional

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen
People The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Celebrant may say

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, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect. 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.

The Lessons (see insert)

The Sermon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2021 Book has opened to take reservations for Bulletin and Flower Sponsorship. If you would like to reserve a specific date, please contact the office. Bulletin Sponsorship fee is \$10 for Sunday Services, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Week Services and \$20 for Holidays (Christmas & Easter). Altar Flower Sponsorship is \$28.00.

LAY READER SCHEDULE FOR 2021 Live Stream @ 09:30		
Date	Reading	9:30 AM live stream service
04/18/21	3rd Sunday of Easter	Jill Perry
04/25/21	4th Sunday of Easter	Tom Lager

Flower Sponsor: Today's Altar Flowers are in Loving Memory of Robert Littlefield Hull, brother of Gail Martin, who passed away on Thursday-April 15, 2021.

Box Of Blessings- You may have noticed a Red Cabinet beside Tolman House- this box is filled with emergency food and clothing items to help our neighbor in need. In addition to canned goods, please consider donating socks, gloves, hats and toiletries to place in the box. Donations can be placed in the same location as the food collection items. God Bless You! We thank Johnny Johnson for designing and building this beautiful cabinet, and we thank Jim Pompa, Jr. for volunteering to create the vinyl lettering that will placed on the doors of the cabinet! **We are in need of Juice, Peanut Butter, Non-Peanut Spreads, Jelly, Cracker, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Minute Rice, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Baby Items, Socks and Toiletry Items. Thank you!**

Jim Thorpe Market AND Redner's Receipts - If you or know someone who shops at these grocery stores, please save the receipts. There are bags located outside the Vestibules of the Church and Chapel where the registered tapes can be dropped off. Thank you!

SICK AND HOMEBOUND- Please remember in your prayers: Cheryl, Monica, Don, Frieda, Donald Sr, Jim, Tim, Reggie, Fr. John, Warren, Elizabeth, Evan, Nancy, Janet, Paula, Joan, Carol, Jody, Deidre, Jake, Mary Ann, Angie & Baby, and Diane

The parish clergy do want to attend to your needs. Please notify the parish office immediately upon the hospitalization of any family members. To schedule Baptisms, Weddings, etc. - Please contact the parish office (570-325-2241)

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Fr. Bill's Office Hours- Thursdays, 9:30am – 3:30pm

SERVICES (Online Services at 9:30am only)

Sundays

8:00am (Chapel) and 9:30am (Main Church) (9:30am only due to the pandemic)

9:30am September – May Church School (suspended due to the pandemic)

CHRISTMAS, EASTER, AND HOLY DAYS AS ANNOUNCED

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St. Mark's and St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, April 18th, 2021

The Third Sunday of Easter

Parish Mission Statement

Our parish will be energetic, effective, and loving as we seek to be inclusive and diverse in accomplishing God's work in the Church and Community.

PEACE

be with you



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