

# *Third Sunday of Easter*

*Sunday, April 14, 2024*

8:00 (spoken) and 10:15 AM (with music)

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## **VOLUNTARY**

Easter Morn

George W. Chadwick

George Bullock, cello

*(The people stand)*

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

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## **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

*People* **The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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 – S280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**  
*Presider*      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. **Amen.**

*(The people sit)*

## FIRST READING

Acts 3.12-19

*Lector*        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."

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 4

Setting: David York

*The choir sings the antiphon once and the congregation repeats. The choir sings the Psalm verses. The choir and congregation then sing the antiphon following each section of verses.*



Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I was in distress;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?" **Antiphon**

Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;  
the Lord will hear me when I call.

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

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

Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"  
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine abound.

In peace I will lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure. **Antiphon**

## SECOND READING

1 John 3.1-7

*Lector* 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*(The people stand)*

### SEQUENCE HYMN

Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to Be Our Guest

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### HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24.36b-48

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

*People* **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### GOSPEL RESPONSE

Halle, Halle, Halle (*sung twice*)

Traditional Caribbean, arr. Marty Haugen

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le -

lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

*(The people are seated)*

**SERMON**

The Rev. Michael K. Fincher

*(Silent reflection)*

**NICENE CREED** *(Please stand)*

**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**

In this season of Easter, let us offer our prayers with all our heart, mind, and body, saying “Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.”

Gracious God, inspire all church members and leaders – lay and ordained – to know your saving power, and serve you with true humility. We pray for the Church throughout the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Receive our prayer.**

Give discerning hearts and minds to those who hold authority in the nations of the world, that they may move toward peace and reconciliation and away from violence. We pray for all countries torn apart by violence and war. For those who have died in all places of strife, for civilians, for members of the military, and for their families. Comfort them in their loss.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Receive our prayer.**

Show us, your human family, how to share and mobilize resources so that those in need and those with plenty may join together. Deepen our desire, sharpen our will and intention to respect the dignity of all. We pray for all those in our own city, country, and around the world who suffer from homelessness or poverty, or who cannot find work.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Receive our prayer.**

We thank you, Lord, for the joy of resurrection, and all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for all we name now, silently or aloud [or in the comment section].

*(Pause)*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Receive our prayer.**

Break the bonds of illness, addiction, despair, and loneliness by your healing power. We bring in prayer those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. Deepen our faith, Lord, in your power to heal. We pray especially for those we mention now, silently or aloud [or in the comment section].

*(Pause)*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Give rest, O Christ, to those who have died with St. Gregory and all your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting. We pray for those who have died, especially those we mention now, silently or aloud [or in the comment section].

*(Pause)*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Almighty God, you raised up Jesus Christ, that the whole world may shine forth your presence. Open the eyes of our faith, and so infuse us with the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may bear witness to his Name in all the cares and occupations of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider* 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 Risen Lord.)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL BLESSINGS

***Birthday and Anniversary Prayer:*** Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide

arr. Robert Powell

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Refrain:*

*Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst this three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber,  
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number

*Refrain*



## PRESENTATION HYMN

We Know That Christ is Raised

Engelberg

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature change to one flat. The lyrics are: "We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em-braced by death he broke its fear-ful hold; A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood." The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "and our des - pair he turned to bla - zing joy. Al - le - The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: sing:". The third staff includes a first ending bracket and a second ending marked "To Beginning". The lyrics for the third staff are: "lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - MEN!".

Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), Music Engelberg, Vharles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is divided into two parts: "Celebrant" and "People". The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is also divided into "Celebrant" and "People" parts. The lyrics are: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the "Celebrant" and the lyrics are: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the "People" and the lyrics are: "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The score uses various musical notations including slurs, accents, and dynamic markings.

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:

*At the 8:00 Service:*

**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.**

*At the 10:15 Service:*

*A Community Mass, Richard Proulx*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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,

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

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 [ \_\_\_\_\_ 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.**

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

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*(A period of silence is kept after the Presider breaks the host)*

*At the 8:00 Service:*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*At the 10:15 Service:*

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

David York

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our pass - ov - er is

4  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le -

8  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Presider says the following or a similar invitation*

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.

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this Altar. Holy Communion will be distributed from a single Communion Station at the foot of the chancel steps. The Ushers will release people by row to receive Communion. **Gluten free wafers are available upon request.***

## **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*Those participating in the live streamed service and therefore not able to receive communion may wish to say the following prayer in recognition that the desire to receive communion carries the same spiritual benefits as actually consuming the consecrated elements.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have instituted for us a great sacrament in your promise of life and love, which we remember now as we hear your words again: "This is my body; this is my blood — given for you." Feed us in our hearts with faith and trust, draw us closer to you and to each other, and strengthen us for service to our neighbor. We come before you now, with hearts you have fed all our lives with the promise that you have given yourself for us. Keep us strong in that faith until we can meet at your table again. Amen.

## **COMMUNION MUSIC**

Duet from Cantata 4: Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands  
Brianna Zucker, Andrea Hilliard, soloists  
George Bullock, cello

J.S. Bach

O Death, none could lay thee low, no child of man subdue thee;  
our sin brought all this to pass, for there is no health in us.  
Therefore soon came Death, and threw over us his net  
to hold us captive, fast imprisoned. Hallelujah!

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

Peace Before Us, Peace Behind Us

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## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

## **EASTER SEASONAL BLESSING**

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 newness 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 freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to 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.**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

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## **THE DISMISSAL**

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

## **VOLUNTARY**

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

J.S. Bach

*If you wish to leave during the Postlude, please do so quietly,  
out of respect for the Organist and out of courtesy for those staying to listen.*

**FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

**and**

**in memory of Tony Duacsek**

**by Diane Duacsek**

**Please join us in Francis Hall for refreshments and fellowship  
following the worship service**

(Francis Hall is out the main church doors and to the left)

## TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	<u>8:00 SERVICE</u>	<u>10:15 SERVICE</u>
Presider & Preacher	Fr. Michael Fincher	Fr. Michael Fincher
Organist	—	David York
Crucifer	—	David Luebben-Morrill
Lector	Kris Brooks	Kimberly Bouzguenda
Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs)	Dana Lindsay Holly Graham	Carol Bernstein Elizabeth Spencer

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN  
Hymnal 1982, Hymn 208

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

Victory

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ped.*

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 \*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]



*Antiphon (at the end)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ped.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

*Hymnal 1982, Hymn 306*

Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to Be Our Guest

*Sursum Corda*

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;  
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,  
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,

nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:  
one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;  
who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

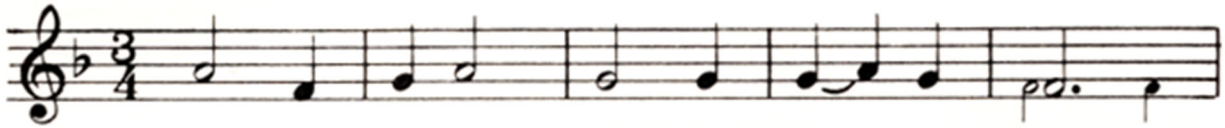
thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest  
"This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:  
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,  
then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;

in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.  
faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.  
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.  
be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

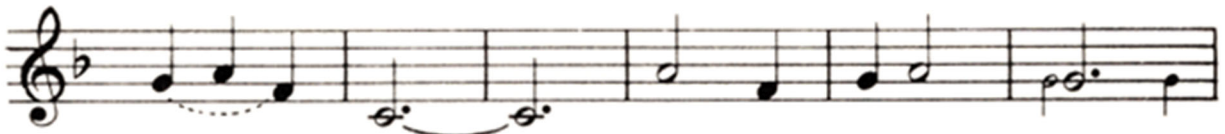
COMMUNION HYMN

Peace Before Us, Peace Behind Us

David Haas



1. Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind\_ us, peace  
 2. Love be - fore us, love be - hind\_ us, love  
 3. Light be - fore us, light be - hind\_ us, light  
 4. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind\_ us, Christ  
 5. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 6. Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind\_ us, peace



un-der our feet.\_\_\_\_\_ Peace with - in us, peace  
 un-der our feet.\_\_\_\_\_ Love with - in us, love  
 un-der our feet.\_\_\_\_\_ Light with - in us, light  
 un-der our feet.\_\_\_\_\_ Christ with - in us, Christ  
 lu - ia.\_\_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 un-der our feet.\_\_\_\_\_ Peace with - in us, peace



o-ver us, let all a - round us be peace. \_\_\_\_\_  
 o-ver us, let all a - round us be love. \_\_\_\_\_  
 o-ver us, let all a - round us be light. \_\_\_\_\_  
 o-ver us, let all a - round us be Christ. \_\_\_\_\_  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_  
 o-ver us, let all a - round us be peace. \_\_\_\_\_



Let all a - round us be peace. \_\_\_\_\_



Let all a - round us be peace. \_\_\_\_\_

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

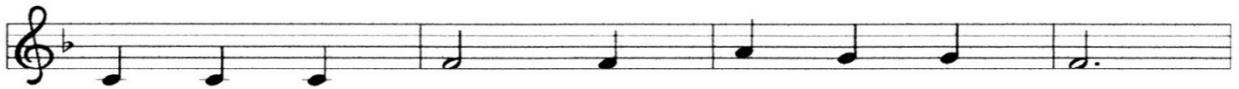
Tanzanian traditional



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
You look for Je - sus who is not here.



For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
and in its con - quest his might did show.  
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

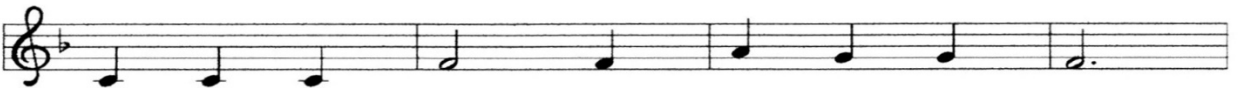
*Refrain*



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!

## ***THIS WEEK AT ST. GREGORY'S***

### **Tuesday, April 16**

**Centering Prayer at 6:30 PM** via Zoom. Contact Fr. Michael for access information.

### **Thursday, April 18**

**Holy Eucharist and Healing Service at 11:00 AM** in the Church.

**Bible Study at 11:00 AM** in the Fireside Room.

### **Sunday, April 21 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Holy Eucharist (spoken) at 8:00 AM** in the Church.

**Sunday School** for ages 5 and up at **9:30 AM** in Room 7.

**Holy Eucharist (with music) at 10:15 AM** in the Church and live streamed on the St. Gregory's Facebook page (<https://facebook.com/stgregoryslongbeach/>).

***Nursery Care is available on Sundays, starting at 7:45 AM, in the Nursery (Room 3)***

### **Daily Offices (Tuesday through Thursday)**

**Daily Morning Prayer:** Tuesday through Thursday at **9:00 AM** on the St. Thomas Facebook page (<https://facebook.com/Saint-Thomas-of-Canterbury-Episcopal-Church-of-Long-Beach-CA-124554214274325/>).

**Daily Evening Prayer:** Tuesday through Thursday at **5:00 PM** on the St. Gregory's Facebook page (<https://facebook.com/stgregoryslongbeach/>).

*For the Daily Offices, you will need either a Book of Common Prayer or you can download the Morning and Evening Prayer liturgies and the Psalms for the week from the St. Gregory's website ([www.stgregoryschurch.com](http://www.stgregoryschurch.com)).*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, April 28 – Music at Four

**Laós Chamber Music** at 4:00 PM. Laós Chamber Music, hosted on the campus of Church of Our Saviour in San Gabriel and led by cellist Dustin Seo, will present music by Ludwig van Beethoven and Johannes Brahms. Inspired by the tradition of liturgy as an active invitation to community and belongingness through public participation, Laós Chamber Music believes that music can also serve as a conduit for human connection and incubate safe and vulnerable spaces for individuals to feel welcomed and heard. A reception will follow the concert.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Roamin’ Gregorians April Outing:** The Roamin’ Gregorians outing to the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures in Los Angeles scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> is being postponed until sometime in May. More information will be forthcoming. If you are interested or have questions, contact Susan Mora at (310) 894-0731.

**Pentecost Readers Needed:** Pentecost is on May 19<sup>th</sup> this year. It is our parish custom that on Pentecost, we hear the Gospel (John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15) read in various languages. If you speak (or at least can read) another language and would like to participate, please let Fr. Michael know either in person or by emailing [rector@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:rector@stgregoryschurch.com). Be sure to let him know what language you would like to do. And note that readers will be responsible for providing the Gospel text in their chosen language.

**Altar Flower Donations:** Need a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one or friend? Make a flower donation. There is a flower donation chart located on the Narthex wall that you can use to sign up for special dates to donate altar flowers. Simply fill out a donation form attached to the bottom of the chart and return the form to the Parish Office. Payment for flowers can be made by check or online at <https://stgregoryschurch.com/4721-2>. Make sure you specify your donation is for Altar Flowers. The Altar Guild thanks you.

**Feed My Lambs and Food Bank:** THANK YOU for your generosity and your donations. Here’s the latest news on our parish feeding programs.

- **Feed My Lambs** has the following needs: **100 HARDBOILED EGGS; HOMEMADE COOKIES**
  - **Homemade cookies** can be brought to church on any Sunday, in ziplock freezer bags, labeled “Feed My Lambs” to the kitchen.
  - **Wednesday, May 1 from 9:00 AM to Noon** you can deliver to the office:
    - Hardboiled eggs
    - Homemade Cookies
  - **Thursday, May 2 until 11:00 AM** you can deliver to the kitchen:

- Homemade Cookies
  - Hardboiled Eggs
- **Friday, My 3 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM** you can deliver to the kitchen:
  - Hardboiled Eggs
- **Our Guests always need white athletic socks and belts!** Which you can put in the Feed My Lambs bin outside the church on any Sunday.
- **Volunteers** – We need some additional volunteers to help with serving our guests at St. Luke’s on the first Saturday of every month. Contact Tamera if interested. If you have questions about helping out with Feed My Lambs or dropping off items, contact Tamera Benedict at ([tlbenedict4@gmail.com](mailto:tlbenedict4@gmail.com), 562.301.6800).
- **Food Bank** has the following needs:
  - **Volunteers** – We need volunteers to assist with the Food Bank distribution on the THIRD Wednesday of the month between 8:30 and 11:00 AM. Please contact Kevin at the Parish Office ([info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com), 562.420.1311) for more information about the Food Bank.

Your continued support of our feeding ministries, through product and monetary contributions, is greatly appreciated!

**Gratitude for Your Support of the Parish:** We continue to be humbled and so incredibly grateful for your generosity in supporting our parish and its ministries! While you may not be able to drop your donation in a real offering plate, there are still ways you can make sure your donation gets to the parish:

- You can mail your check to the parish office.
- Make donations through our online payment account, accessible through the parish website at <http://stgregoryschurch.com/4721-2/>.
- Scan the QR code found in the Sunday bulletin.

And again, THANK YOU for your continued support!

**Parish Directory:** Our online parish directory is at <https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/>. This is a secure site and can be accessed using the email address you had published in the parish directory. You can also download the “Instant Church Directory” on your smart phone. Versions are available for Android, iPhone, iPad, and Kindle.

**One Body & One Spirit Annual Appeal:** The Diocese has established an ongoing campaign focused on raising funds to assist congregations, schools, affiliated institutions, and their communities who are faced with unprecedented challenges. We are invited to prayerfully consider making a donation to help others in our Diocese who may have unmet needs. More information is available at <https://diocesela.org/annual-appeal/>.

**Forward Day By Day:** For those who use the Forward Day By Day booklet for personal devotions and need the newest edition mailed, please contact Kevin at 562-420-1311 or [info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com).

**In Case of Emergency . . . Notify Your Priest!** With our combined ministry program with St. Thomas of Canterbury comes additional coverage for pastoral emergencies. In the event of a hospital stay, illness, death in the family, or other pastoral emergency, please call Father Michael on his cell phone (909-373-6478) any day except Monday, his Sabbath day. Mother Sharon (562-833-3393) covers emergencies in both communities on Monday, just as Father Michael covers emergencies in both parishes on Friday, Mother Sharon's Sabbath. And PLEASE, no excuses about not wanting to bother me. That's why we are here – for YOU!

### ***PRAYER LIST***

Lydia Gibbs, Suzan Laverty, Martin Nemitz, Ferdinand Gonzalez, Patrick McDonough, Mike Laverty, Michael S., Bob Gergen, Barbara Smuck, Mother Beryl, Kathryn Courtney, Eric Graham, Walt Gupton, Scott Morgan, Fran Luebben-Morgan, Rosy Ixco, Harold Peacock, Heather Simundson, Rudy Revell, Jared Baker, Kimberly Bouzguenda, Shannon Romano, Ralph Tesla, Danny Kimball, Betty Lang, Anne Cantrell, Karen McDonough, Marilyn Finney, Kathy Stein, Matt Burger, David Feit-Pretzer, Kathy Edwards, Darlene Feit-Pretzer, Jo Ridenour, Keeley Gilmore, Robyn, David, Edith Finney, Mark Padgett, Marissa G., Maria White, Anita, Laura Mae Harper, Gloria Neal, Wallace Landry

*Note: Unless we are aware of on-going concerns, names only stay on the Parish Prayer List for a month. If names need to be re-added, please notify the Parish Office.*



# ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## **WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!**

St. Gregory's is a warm and caring community of families and singles, young and old, committed to sharing the good news that Jesus is the Lord of all life. We are an Episcopal Church, having members from all backgrounds and religious traditions. Many of us had no church involvement before coming here. We want to offer to you the same welcome and friendship that were extended to us when we came to St. Gregory's.

## **ST. GREGORY'S MISSION STATEMENT**

God has called us into Christian community and gifted us for ministry:

- To worship and glorify God
- To transform faith into action
- To share the love of Jesus Christ

The Right Reverend John H. Taylor  
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles

The Reverend Michael K. Fincher, Rector  
[rector@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:rector@stgregoryschurch.com)

David York, Music Director & Organist  
[york1635@aol.com](mailto:york1635@aol.com)

Kevin Wood, Parish Administrator  
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Parish Office Hours: 9:00am-12:00pm, Tuesday – Friday  
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