

Eastertide

April 14, 2024, 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Organ Prelude "Preludium" by J. Pachelbel

Welcome & Announcements

Susie Peixotto

Opening Hymn, #182 Christ is alive!

The Hymnal 1982

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Deacon Let every creature and creation rejoice!

People **All who know the power of Love cry, "Alleluia!"**

Celebrant Let us share every story of coming alive again.

People **And testify to all that brings peace and justice.**

Deacon No spirit of destruction can silence us.

People **Let everything that has breath praise God!**

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Gloria, S278 (*see next page*)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y 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.

The Collect of Easter

Celebrant God 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.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Acts 3:12-19

Elizabeth Ring

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4

Peter Sillin

- 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: 1 John 3:1-7

Elizabeth Ring

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn, #193

That Easter day

The Hymnal 1982

The Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

Deacon The Holy Gospel according to Luke

People **Glory to you, O God.**

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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Larry Estey

Anthem

"Look, there! The Christ!" by William Albright
Text: Hymn #196 in The Hymnal 1982

Apostles' Creed

Celebrant
People

Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Prayers of the People

Peter Sillin

Leader

When Jesus first appeared to his disciples, he said, "Peace be with you." In the midst of this world's chaos, violence, fear and uncertainty, Christ continues to greet us today, speaking peace to us and to all.

As we offer our intercessions and thanksgivings today, may we pray with one heart and mind for God's peace.

Jesus, God with us, you met your disciples where they were, hidden in confusion and fear, and offered them your peace. As your disciples today, we are also in need of your peace, courage, and fortitude as we live out our faith in the world. We pray for the witness of your Church, that it can, by word and example, proclaim your message of life and love.

People:

In your Church, loving God:
May your peace abide with us.

Jesus, God with us, the world was in turmoil and dangerous even to you when you walked the earth; yet you invite us to be the peacemakers. We pray for this world's leaders and those in positions of public trust in our country, that wisdom, justice and desire for peace may direct their decisions.

In your world, loving God,
May your peace abide with us.

Jesus, God with us, you walked the hillsides, weathered storms, and fished in the sea; you love your creatures and your creation. We pray that we may mindfully care for this earth and its creatures, and always use its resources wisely and according to your purposes.

On this earth, loving God,
May your peace abide with us.

Jesus, God with us, you loved the poor, healed the sick, wept at the grave of Lazarus; you know our broken human condition because you lived it and live it still today. We pray for all who struggle in body, mind, or spirit, that your loving presence may abide with them. We remember especially today those on the St. Bart's prayer list:

Pat; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Perry; Jim; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Diane; Karl; Nathaniel; Will; Tom & Laurel; Nancy A.; Dennis; Robert & Mary; Karen; Debra; Haskell; Sue; Deb; Don; Hazel; Matilda; Gregory; Mary Jane; Michael Curry; Curt; Bethany; Zach; Andy; Mark; Sally; Ruth; Sue & Dan; Molly; the family and friends of Janet Nolan; and the family and friends of Hannah Austin.

Are there others we wish to commend to Christ today? (*pause for additional intercessions*)

In our bodies, minds, and spirits, loving God,
May your peace abide with us.

Jesus, God with us, you overcame death and the grave. Because you live, we live too. We pray for the dying, that they may rest secure in the hope of your abiding love and eternal life and for all who have died, especially Janet Nolan, and Hannah Austin, a friend and former student of Peter Sillin, that they will continue to grow in your love and service. Are there loved ones we wish to remember before the God and this congregation today? (*pause for additional intercessions*)

In death, as in life, loving God,
May your peace abide with us.

Jesus, God with us, you lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to yourself. We thank you for your abiding presence and your peace, which only you can give. We thank you for the many ways you continue to make yourself known to us, even now, today, as we greet each other and share bread and wine around the table. May we go out of this place today and share what we have received.

In our world, loving God,
May we share your peace today.

We ask these things in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Peace

*Celebrant
People*

The peace of Christ is always with you.
And also with you.

Please greet one another with the sign of peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant As Jesus so freely gave himself for us, let us consider the offerings we make to God. For the scriptures say: "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God." (*Ephesians 5:2*) Let us, now, share the offerings and oblations of our lives and labor to the glory of God.

Bread and wine are brought forward while the ushers pass the offering plates.

Offertory Hymn, #490

I want to walk as a child of the light

The Hymnal 1982

The offering is brought forward.

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,

People **All things come of thee, O God, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to our God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.
Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus, S128 (*see next page*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
 By his baptism of suffering and death
 you give your church birth into a living hope.
 Raising Jesus from the dead,
 you make a new covenant with us,
 by water and the Spirit,
 and deliver us into freedom.
 We who were no people are now your people,
 declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
 who calls us out of death's shadow into everlasting life.

On the night when he gave himself up for us,
 he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
 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."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
 gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, 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.
 Whenever you drink it,
 do this for the remembrance of me."

On the third day you raised him from the dead
and revealed him to the women
who came to the tomb to care for his body.
On that day he was recognized by his disciples
in the breaking of bread.

And so, remembering these
your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
We offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,
and we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give you thanks, God of love.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ
that we may be for the world
the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in loving service to all the world,
until all feast at your heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God
now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant
People*

Gathered into one as the family of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 Fraction

*Celebrant
People*

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

The Invitation

Celebrant Come, for all is now ready! The Gifts of God for the People of God.
People Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St. Bart's! The ushers will invite you to come forward through the center aisle, individuals and families are invited to stand along the rounded edge of the chancel to receive the bread, hands facing upward for bread with gluten, hands facing down will indicate you'd like gluten free bread. The Chalice Bearer will follow the Priest with the cup of wine. You are invited to sip from the cup but not to dip. If you would prefer not to sip from the cup, you may place your hands across your chest to receive the blessing of the words. If you would prefer to receive neither the bread nor the wine but would like to come forward for a blessing, please come forward as described above and simply cross your arms at your chest and the Priest will offer a blessing. Hand sanitizer is available in the aisle. Please use the side aisles to return to your seat once you have received.

Communion Hymns 322 When Jesus dies / 332 O God, unseen *The Hymnal 1982*

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always.
People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn, #184 Christ the Lord is risen again! *The Hymnal 1982*

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in our Risen Savior. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude "Toccatà" by J. Pachelbel

RESOURCES

Opening Acclamation: *Liturgy that Matters*, enfolded

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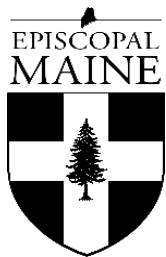
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Great Thanksgiving, Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing: *Enriching Our Worship*

Eucharistic Prayer: St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco, CA.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Lector	Elizabeth Ring
Ushers	Nick Desiderio, Pam Hobson
Altar Guild	Jan Burson, Mary Louise Chin
Flower Arranger	Carol Hayes
A/V	Pal Covie
Bread Baker	Peter Sillin
Counters	Harriet Davis, Susie Soule
Lawn Care	Tom Hyndman
VPOW	Susie Peixotto
Coffee Hour	Susie Soule + Joanne & Jim Berg
Nursery Care	Jennifer Weiderman



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