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The Third Sunday of Easter

April 6, 2008

8:00 am & 10:00 am

Note: There is no service music at the 8:00 am service

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: "Christ ist erstanden" Hermann Schroeder

Choral Introit: "Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness" Finnian

The Word of God

Opening Hymn: "Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise" Lux eoi Hymnal 191

The Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says: 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.*

Glory to God - Hymnal S280

The following hymn is said or sung, all standing

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 The Lord 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. *Amen.*

The Lessons (*The people sit.*)

Acts 2:14a,36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the multitude, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with

many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 Dilexi, quoniam

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
- 10 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: "Abide with me" Eventide Hymnal 662

THE GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35 (*The People Stand*)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

That very day, the first day of the week, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels

who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon — The Reverend James P Stevenson

The Nicene Creed (*All Standing*)

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.

The Prayers of the People (*Form III*) *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For the departed, especially Ray & Grace. For those who suffer in body, mind or spirit including Bill, Ed, Dana, Carole, Taylor, Ben, Therese, Carol, Peggy, Debbie, Angie, Maribeth, Jane, George, Heather, Mark, and Dave. For those celebrating special times in their lives, especially Amy, Becky & Carl as they celebrate their birthdays. For all of those who are traveling, especially Jennifer.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin *(people remain kneeling)*

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 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 Lord.

Welcome & Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Junior Choir Anthem: "Disciples of the Son" Joel and Russell Nagy

Presentation Of Offerings: Doxology Hymnal 380 verse 3

The Great Thanksgiving—*Eucharistic Prayer A*

The people 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 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.

Here a Proper Preface is said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy Lord Hymnal S 130*

Celebrant and People

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

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People and Celebrant

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. A period of silence is kept.

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

The Fraction Anthem—LEV 155

This is my body given up for you, this is my blood poured out for you.
This is my body given up for you, this is my blood poured out for you.
Body of Christ, Amen, Blood of Christ, Amen
Body of Christ, Amen, Blood of Christ, Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following 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.

All baptized Christians of any age or denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn: "Break thou the bread of life" LEVAS 146

Post Communion Hymn: "Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace" verses 1,4

The Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Closing Hymn: "Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done" Victory 208Hymnal 212

Postlude: "Variation III on a Scottish Carol" Roger C. Wilson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 6, 2008 ✦ The Third Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

we are glad you have chosen to worship with us. Here are a few items to assist you with the service.

- You will find most of our service printed in this *Service Leaflet* provided to you by the ushers.
 - The *Red Book of Common Prayer* and *Blue Hymnal* can be found in the pew rack.
- Our supplemental Hymnal, *Lift Every Voice & Sing* (LEVAS or LEV) is at both ends of your pew.
- The PostCommunion Hymn (“*Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace*”) is also located in the pew rack.
 - All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Prince of Peace.

Please feel free to speak to an usher if have any further questions or need assistance.

OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK (APRIL 7–11) The Church Office will be closed from **Monday, April 7 through Friday April 11**. Jennifer will be attending a Communications Conference in Seattle Washington with the Episcopal Communicators.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

The Property Commission has scheduled the Annual Spring Clean-up for Saturday April 26 (rain-date May 3). Helpers of all ages are needed!! For more information please see George Yatsko.



“WOOD” YOU LIKE TO HELP OUT? The Vestry has approved the construction of a closet in the Parish Office. We are asking for people to purchase, through the church, the materials needed (example 1 piece of drywall for \$6.00, 2 are needed). All of the labor is being donated. More information is posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen.

U2CHARIST We are pleased to announce that our second U2 Eucharist will be held on **Saturday, May 10 at 7:00 pm**. What is a U2charist?? It is an Episcopal Eucharist which incorporates the music of the rock band U2 to bring awareness to the United Nation’s Millennium Development Goals and ways in which we can support them. Much more information will follow, but please mark your calendars now and spread the word!!

iPod RAFFLE The Youth / Sunday School is raffling off an 8gb Apple ipod, valued at \$199. Tickets are \$3 each or 2 for \$5.00. All proceeds will be donated in support of the United Nations’ Millennium Development Goals. The winner will be selected at random following the U2charist on May 10. Please consider taking a few tickets to sell to family and friends!

PRINCE OF PEACE E-NEWS In effort to improve communications, we are trying something new. The office will be sending an electronic newsletter about once a week (more or less often as necessary). If you were already on our email list then you were automatically subscribed to this newsletter and should have received the first issue on Friday. If you would like to sign up to receive this newsletter

you can either contact Jennifer Martin in the Parish Office OR visit our website, a subscription box is located near the bottom of the Home page. (Please note: feedback on this project would be greatly appreciated—Jennifer)

“THE LAYING-ON-OF-HANDS FOR HEALING” Beginning this morning, “The Laying-On-Of-Hands for Healing” will be offered at the **10:00 AM service during communion.**



“Healing Hands” by Silvia Hartman, used with permission of the Artist

The Gospels tell us that in most of the “healing miracles” He performed, Jesus touched those whom He healed. Yes, there were cases where healed people “from a distance”, without touching them. But in most cases he touched them. Our Christian faith teaches us we His followers are to continue His healing ministry. We are to “hold the sick up before Him by names in our prayers” and we are to touch them.

We know from experience that there is healing power in the human touch. No doubt, we can all think of times in our lives when we have been healed, in part at least, by the touch of another person, and of other times when we have helped heal others by touching.

So, during communion, Chris Sutton will be at the rear of the church, near the Baptismal Font to offer the Laying-On-Of Hands for Healing. You are invited to go to her, either before or after you have received communion. Tell her what kind of healing you want. She will then lay her hands on your head and offer a prayer to our Lord for you. When she has concluded her prayer for you, simply return to your seat.

Please note four things. First, this is something you are “invited” not “required” to do. Second, even if you do not need to be healed, you are invited “to bring a friend or loved one” to Chris, simply by telling her the person’s name. Third, understand that the healing the Lord gives you may be either instantaneous or gradual. Finally, understand that the Lord, out of his loves for you will give you the kind of healing He thinks you need most, which may or may not be the kind of healing you think you most want. But the Lord will make His healing presence know to your in your life in some way. - Fr. Jim

This Morning’s Ministers

Celebrant / Preacher	The Reverend James P Stevenson
Deacon	The Reverend Mary Lou Divis
Organist	Jacqueline Sheehan
Acolytes	Christopher Dillon, Ryan Monk, Catherine Dillon
Lector	Barbara Wentz
Intercessor	Carl Goeringer
Eucharistic Minister	Carl Goeringer
Ushers / Oblationers	John Sheehan, Sandy Sheehan
Altar Guild	Carol Jones, Mary Jillson-Stout
Vestry Counter	David Wright

THE NEXT...

- ...**Holy Eucharist**, this morning 8:00 am & 10:00 am.
- ...**Adult Christian Education**, this morning 9:00 am.
- ...**Church School**, this morning 10:00 am service
- ...**Junior Choir Practice**, this morning following the 10:00 am service.
- ...**Parish Life Commission Mtg**, this morning following the 10:00 am service.
 - ...**Alanon Mtg**, today, 7:00 pm
 - ...**AA Small Group**, Monday, April 7, 7:00 pm.
- ...**Church Office Closed, Monday, April 7—Friday, April 11.**
 - ...**Vestry Meeting (undercroft)**, Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 pm.
 - ...**Senior Choir Practice**, Thursday, April 10, 7:00 pm.
- ...**Church Office Open**, Tuesday, April 15, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
 - ...**ECW Meeting**, Wednesday, April 16.
- ...**Church Office Open**, Thursday, April 17, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ...**Church Office Open**, Friday, April 18, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
 - ...**Spring Clean-Up**, Saturday, April 26.
 - ...**St Vincent De’Paul Soup Kitchen**, Saturday, April 26.
- ...**Education Commission Mtg**, Sunday April 27, following the 10 am service.
 - ...**Finance Commission Meeting**, Tuesday, May 6, 6:00 pm (note time!)
 - ...**U2charist**, Saturday, May 10, 7:00 pm
 - ...**Theme Luncheon**, Saturday May 17.
 - ...**Parish Picnic**, Sunday June 1, 10:00 am.

If your event is missing from this list, please contact the Church Office with the details!

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Adult Education
10am Holy Eucharist (with Music)
10am Sunday School