



## The Third Sunday of Easter 10:00 AM + April 18, 2021

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Welcome! You are invited to participate fully in our worship.  
Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome!

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**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**  
**The Word of God**

Prelude: *Prelude*

Arthur Milner (1894- 1972)

Offertory: Hymn 204 *Now, the green blade riseth*

tune: *Noel nouvelet*



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain,  
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

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*Celebrant:* Alleluia, Christ is risen.

*People:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Celebrant* 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 in excelsis*

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 the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

Let us pray together.

Said in unison

**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

**P**eter 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.”

*People’s response after the reading*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 4

- 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.**

## A Reading from John's 1<sup>st</sup> Letter 3:1-7

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.

*People's response after the reading*

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel according to Luke 24:36b-48

*People*     *Said before the reading*  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Said after the reading*  
**Praise 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.

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Dr. Paul Kolbet

**Silent Meditation**

**The Nicene Creed**

Spoken by 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 V**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, for the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Alan and Gale our Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust [especially Donald our President and Charlie our Governor], that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For \_\_\_\_\_, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*Silence*

**PRAY FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION** Pray for the Church of Ireland.

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops, for Paul, our Interim Rector and for Valerie Cowart, Diaconate Candidate.

**In our Diocese:** Church of the Good Shepherd, Acton, St. Andrew's Church, Ayer, Trinity Church, Concord, St. Andrew's Church, Framingham and for the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society.

**We also pray for the faith communities in Chelmsford,** especially for the Islamic Society of Greater Lowell.

**PRAY FOR THOSE JOINING GOD'S MISSION IN OUR PARISH** especially for the Altar Guild.

**PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH IN NEED OF HEALING:**

Scott Bempkins	health concerns
Marcia Herlihy	health concerns
Vi Flumerfelt	health concerns
Mia Terris	daughter of Jessica & Richard, looking for treatment options for mastocytosis
Elizabeth Sandoval	health concerns
John MacKenzie	cancer treatments at home
Molly Loder	Brain cancer
Nate Barrow	Medical concerns
Garrett Burgess	Recovery of his sight

**PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OUR PARISHIONERS:**

Beth, Greg & family	friends of Scott Bempkins - slow & challenging recovery from spinal abscess
Nichols	friend of the McSheehys- health concerns
Heather	daughter of friend of Kate Friesner – recovery from having part of lung removed
Dawn	niece of Karen Kowalski – health concerns
Betty Small	cousin of Lois Freeman - hole in the retina of her right eye & has shingles
Peg Kearney	sister of Kate Blount – who is suffering from Diabetes Complications
Janet Swanton	friend of Lois Freeman – knee replacement surgery on April 30
Trudy	Aunt of Mike Brodeur – recovering from heart surgery
Len	Uncle of Mike Brodeur - cancer
Emily	friend of Libby Maynard - prayers for health and healing
Ellen	sister of Laura Geary – breast cancer
Diane Soboski	friend of the Barry's – cancer concerns
Meg C.	friend of Laura Barry – undergoing chemo
Christina Tessier	neighbor of the Ouellettes – recovery from stroke and for return of her vision
Tony Ganchi	Paige LaRochelle's friend's grandfather - undergoing cancer treatment
Carolyn	friend of Lois Freeman – tumor in her lung
Anna & Family	friends of the LaRochelles - being evaluated for a possible heart transplant
Dan Willman	son of Barbara Willman –being treated for multiple myeloma
Sampath S	friend and work colleague of Scott Bempkins - cancer
Chris Gobron	brother of Deb Collins – recurrence of esophageal cancer
Jennifer	Sister of Lissie Bates-Haus - Cancer
Joanna Nickerson	Deacon Bruce's wife - Parkinsons

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE AT HOME, IN NURSING HOMES, OR LIVING WITH CHRONIC ILLNESSES:** Terry Hunter, Brian Hunter's brother, Chaz Freeman, Lois Freeman's son, Vinnie and Jeanette Freeman, Larry Van Walters, Ken Lager, twin brother of Kate Friesner, Katherine Luetters, Garrett Burgess, Ginny Wright, D'Youville, Lowell

**PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES:** Especially for those who have been deployed overseas, and for all others serving our country.

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FAMILY WHO ARE HEALTH CARE WORKERS:**

Theresa Camacho, Chris Pyne, Linda Cahill, Pam Meinhardt, Larisa Ducharme, Lois Freeman, Nancy St. Onge, Kiyomi Hammoumi, Gail Carmichel, sister of Linda Coles, Leigh Lovely, sister of Lynn Gresock, Kathryn Harrington, Ben, Dave, & Marlene Hillman, Michelle & Dave Colton, Dr. Amanda Kowalski, daughter-in-law of Karen Kowalskim Cherie & Scott Hamelin, Christy Brodeur, Jessica McSheehy Del Llano, Sean Olbert, Laura Andrews, Jennifer Haley, Meredith Ludlow.

**The Sanctuary Lamp** is lit in memory of Ted Cannistraro, son of Ron & Carol, by Scott SanJurjo.

*Celebrant adds a concluding collect*

**The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
And also with you

**Announcements**

**Offertory:** *Largo*

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

**The Lord's Prayer**

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.

**Contemplative Eucharist**

**Concluding Prayer**

Almighty God, our fast from Holy Communion does not arise out of any lack of devotion to you, but out of the love you have commanded that we have for one another. Give us strength to endure and bless this fast so that our spiritual hunger will lead us to worship you as one family once again gathered around your altar where with your Son Jesus Christ you live and reign with the Holy Spirit, one God, unto ages of ages.

**The Easter 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. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

**Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



**Postlude:** *Postlude*

George Dyson (1883-1964)



*Join us for online coffee hour at 11am on Sunday! The Zoom link is found in an email invitation sent on Sunday mornings.*

**Ministers for Today's Service**

Officiant: The Rev. Dr. Paul Kolbet

Choirmaster & Organist: Dr. Carl Klein

Lay Reader: Connie Pawelczak

Lay Reader: Elizabeth Danieli

Litanist: Lynne McSheehy

Psalm: Parish Choir

Nicene Creed – Mary Cooney