



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 14, 2024

READINGS: ACTS 3:12-19; PSALM 4; 1 JOHN 3:1-7; LUKE 24:36B-48

Hymn 200: Come, Ye Faithful, Raise The Strain, Of Triumphant Gladness

THE WORD OF GOD

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

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.

Hymnal S-280: Glory to God in the Highest

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 Lord be with you. And also with you. 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.

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Peter has just healed a crippled man, and in this passage he proclaims the fundamentals of the gospel to those who are astonished at this healing.

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."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4. The cantor sings the refrain; all repeat, and sing as indicated by **R**.



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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. "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory? How long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?" **R**. Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me. Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord. **R**. Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!!" Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord. You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase. I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R**.

A Reading from the First Letter of John

In this lesson we learn that through the Father's love, disciples are now children of God, and they no longer live in sin. Their destiny is to be like Christ.

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.

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

all stand – Hymn 205, vs. 2

**The Lord of life is risen today! Sing songs of praise along his way; let all the earth rejoice and say:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Luke. **Glory 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 Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon -- The Rev. Michael Bradley, Rector

Our Affirmation of Faith - What do we believe?

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 joy and hope let us pray to God, who has raised our Lord Jesus from the dead.

That our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection, O Lord, we pray;

Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter, O Lord, we pray; **R.**

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, O Lord, we pray; **R.**

That needs be met for those who lack food, work or shelter, O Lord, we pray ; **R.**

That through the gift of peace, war and famine may cease through all the world, O Lord, we pray; **R.**

That God may reveal the light of his presence to the suffering, the sick, and the dying;

to comfort and strengthen them, O Lord, we pray; **R.**

That all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, O Lord, we pray; **R.**

That fire of the Holy Spirit may descend upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,

O Lord, we pray; **R.**

Prayers are offered on behalf of the world and our nation; the Church and its members; our family, friends and loved ones; for those in need, trouble, want or sickness; and for the departed. Opportunity is extended to those present to offer their own petitions.

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan: St. Katherine's, Williamston; Nativity Church, Bloomfield Township

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Our parish prayer list: Matt, Bill Steiner, Richard Simonds, Karen Schulze, Donald Burton, Lynn Kerber, Ed Haug, Jim Veit, Nina, Vicki.

We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence is kept, then all pray together:*

Have mercy upon us; **Most merciful God, in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown things done and left undone, and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Guide us in the path of discipleship, so that, as you have blessed us, we may be a blessing for others, bringing near the promise of the kingdom by our words and deeds. Forgive us all our sins and hear all our prayers which we make this day; through our Risen Lord we pray. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn 306: Come Risen Lord, And Deign To Be Our Guest

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Creator God, you made the wonder that is earth singing the hymn of your unending praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord; God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest. Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues with the Prayer of Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and Great Amen.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them and rejoice that Christ is truly raised from the dead,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

After all have received, please stand.

God of grace; Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. Feed us always in these
mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your
faith; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you forever.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn 180: He Is Risen, He Is Risen! Tell It Out With Joyful Voice

A JOYOUS EASTER TO ALL!

Our Mission: We share the light of Christ by loving and serving our neighbors in the world.

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