



St. Peter's  
Episcopal Church  
The Little Church with the Big Heart



# The Third Sunday of Easter

## The Rev. David McElwain Presiding

### April 14, 2024

**Prelude:** This is a Day of New Beginnings (Solo by Linda Good w/Choir)

**Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church:**

St. Peter's is situated on land that was lived and traveled on by many different tribes including: the Hohokam, the O'odham Jewed, the Sobaipuri, and the Akimel O'odham. We respectfully acknowledge and honor all tribal communities, past and present, for their ongoing and fundamental relationship with this land and this region.

**Processional:** Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing - The Hymnal 1982 #182

**The Acclamation:**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

**Collect of 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:**

## Easter Alleluia

*Refrain* *Last time to Coda* ☩

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

1. Glo - ry to God who does won - drous things,  
2. See how sal - va - tion for all has been won,  
3. Now in our pres - ence the Lord will ap - pear,  
4. Call us, Good Shep - herd, we lis - ten for you,

let all the peo - ple God's prais-es now sing, all of cre - a - tion in  
up from the grave our new life has be - gun, life now per - fect - ed in  
shine in the fa - ces of all of us here, fill us with joy and cast  
want-ing to see you in all that we do, we would the gate of sal-  
splen - dor shall ring: *D.C.*  
Je - sus the Son:  
out all our fear: Al - le - lu - ia!  
va - tion pass through:

☩ CODA

al - le - lu - ia!

### The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And, also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading: **Acts 1:6-8**

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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

### The Psalm: **Psalm 78:1-7**

Hear my teaching, O my people; \*

**Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**

I will open my mouth in a parable; \*

**I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

That which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us, \*

**We will not hide from their children.**

We will recount to generations to come

Your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God, \*

**And the wonderful works you have done.**

You gave your decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, \*

**Which you commanded them to teach their children;**

That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn, \*

**That they in their turn might tell it to their children;**

So that they might put their trust in you \*

**And not forget your deeds, but keep your commandments.**

**The Epistle: Romans 13:8-10**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

**The Gradual** Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love - The Hymnal 1982 #343 (V1,2/v3,4)

**The Gospel: Matthew 22:23-33**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you Lord Christ.**

The same day some Sadducees came to him saying there is no resurrection, and they asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies childless, his brother shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.' Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married and died childless, leaving the widow to his brother. The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh. Last of all, the woman herself died. In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her."

Jesus answered them, "You are wrong because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection people neither marry nor are given in marriage but are like angels of God in heaven. And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is God not of the dead but of the living." And when the crowds heard it, they were astounded at his teaching.

The Gospel, the Good News of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon:** The Rev. David McElwain

**The Nicene Creed:** *(Please Stand as you are able)*

**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, was incarnate of the Holy  
Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped  
and glorified, who 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:**

Let us with all confidence bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal,  
saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of life, in gratitude and great joy we praise you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection.  
Throughout this Easter season, give all god's people hope; for Christ is risen  
indeed, so we pray:

**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

Holy One, we commit ourselves to work toward the unity of your church, that Christ's body  
may be one; for Christ is risen, so we pray:

**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those who have needs that  
they are unable to meet; for Christ is risen, so we pray:

**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; especially: Kara, Owen, WaWee, Ron, Elaine, Wayne, Bryan, Helen, Susanne, Rick, Lynn, Joy, Susie, Patrick, and Diamond. That illness and despair may have no more power over them; for Christ is risen, so we pray:

**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

May all who have died in your faith be received at your heavenly banquet and may we be one in faith with all of them; especially: Rene Joy, Ann Slaybaugh, Alex Wyman and Linda Clark. In baptism we die with Christ to the sure joy of resurrection; for Christ is risen, so we pray: **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

**Collect:**

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Confession:**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(Silence)*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evils done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love, and serve only your will. Amen.**

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.**

**Peace:** The Peace of Christ be always with you

**And also with you.**

*(Please take a moment to offer your neighbors a sign of Christ's peace. This will be followed by some brief Announcements; and then we will offer blessings for any Anniversaries, Birthdays, Surgeries or Travelers)*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory:** Open Your Ears, O Faithful People – The Hymnal 1982 #536

**Doxology:** The Hymnal 1982 #380 V3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer A**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to tell all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of ages. 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: S130**

**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.**

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.

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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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:

**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:**

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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.

*(If you are visiting, and you normally receive communion in your home church, you are welcome to receive at this table as well. If you are not yet baptized, you may come up with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing)*

**Communion:** The Gift of Love (*Hal Hopson*)

**Post Communion Thanksgiving Prayer:**

*(Please stand or kneel as you are able)*

Let us pray,

**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.**

**Blessing:**

The Wisdom of God the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

**Recessional:** Lift High the Cross - The Hymnal 1982 #473

**Dismissal:**

Let us go forth, rejoicing in the resurrection of Christ our Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

**Postlude:** Sing Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness - The Hymnal 1982 #492

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church Prayer List:**

Kara, Owen, WaWee, Ron, Elaine, Wayne, Bryan, Helen, Susanne, Rick, Lynn, Joy, Susie,  
Patrick, and Diamond

**Rest of the Soul List:**

Rene Joy, Ann Slaybaugh, Alex Wyman and Linda Clark

\* If you would like to add any names to the Church Prayer Lists, email: [prayers@stpetersepiscopalcg.org](mailto:prayers@stpetersepiscopalcg.org)

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### Bishop's Committee:

- **The Rev. Shawn Rutledge**, Vicar
- **Kari Davis**, Bishop's Warden
- **Dorrie Carskadon**, People's Warden
- **Kay Horton**, Member at Large
- **Linda Good**, Member at Large
- **Susan Herbert-Truskowsky**, Member at Large

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