



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, APRIL 18, 2021**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**OPENING HYMN 180 He is Risen, He is Risen**

1. He is risen, he is risen!

Tell it out with joyful voice:

he has burst his three days' prison;

let the whole wide earth rejoice:

death is conquered, we are free,

Christ has won the victory.

2. Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,  
with glad smile and radiant brow!

Death's long shadows have departed;

Jesus' woes are over now,

and the passion that he bore—  
sin and pain can vex no more.

3. Come, with high and holy hymning,

hail our Lord's triumphant day;

not one darksome cloud is dimming

yonder glorious morning ray,

breaking o'er the purple east,

symbol of our Easter feast.

4. He is risen, he is risen!

He hath opened heaven's gate:

we are free from sin's dark prison,

risen to a holier state;

and a brighter Easter beam

on our longing eyes shall stream.

The Celebrant says

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says

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.

## THE GLORIA

John Rutter

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord

God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

*Descant*

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be -

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of

depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_

you. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and



### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

### FIRST LESSON: Acts 3:12-19

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.”

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 4 *(the people read the verses in bold print)*

**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

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.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## THE GOSPEL SEQUENCE

*The cantor sings this refrain; then the choir sings the refrain with the cantor.*



*The cantor will sing verse:*

Speak, Lord, your servant is list'ning.

Speak your words of wisdom,

for the words you speak are everlasting life.

*The choir responds with the refrain*

The second verse varies with the reading.

*The choir responds with the refrain*

*The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

**People:** 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.

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

### THE NICENE CREED (*said by all*)

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.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Priest:* Through resurrection from the dead, God has given us new birth. Let us offer prayers to God for the living hope of all the world.

*Prayer Leader:* We pray to Jesus, who is present to eternity, saying Jesus, Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us.

*Prayer Leader:* Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations, and bind up the wounds of violence and war, Jesus Lord of life:

***People:* in your mercy, hear us.**

*Prayer Leader:* Jesus, bread of life, give food to all and use us to feed the hungry. Nourish us all with your word, Jesus Lord of life:

***People:* in your mercy, hear us.**

*Prayer Leader:* Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way, deepen our appreciation of your truth, and fill us with your life. Jesus, Lord of life:

***People:* in your mercy, hear us.**

*Prayer Leader:* Jesus, wisdom of God, guide our thoughts, open our hearts, and draw us, through our prayer, closer to one another. Jesus, Lord of life:

***People:* in your mercy, hear us.**

*Prayer Leader:* Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler and strengthen the sick, praying for Melody Cannon, Wendy Day, Sherry Eichert, Logan Holland, Jen, Jessica, Liz Landau, Alexis McConomy, Tony Lawson, and all others we name before you silently or aloud. Jesus, Lord of life:

***People:* in your mercy, hear us.**

*Prayer Leader:* Jesus, the resurrection and life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you, for all who have died from COVID-19 this week, and for those who have died in the recent mass shooting, raise us with them to eternal life. Accept our praises and be with us always. Jesus, Lord of life:

***People:* in your mercy, hear us.**



The Celebrant concludes with a collect.

## THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS –

★ There are **tulips and daffodils** left from Easter on the parish hall stage. If you contributed to the funding of Easter flowers, please take one home today or stop by the church Mon, Wed, or Fri between 11 -3 to pick up some flowers to plant in your yard.



★**The outreach committee is sponsoring a socially distanced Caring for Friends (formerly Aid for Friends) cook-in** on Sunday, April 25th following the 9 am service. In keeping with

Caring for Friends' preference for soft, easy to chew foods, please provide a main entree or side of potatoes from the following, enough to serve 6 or more persons: **ground meat and pasta casserole** (recipe available if needed or make your favorite), **meatloaf, chicken casserole, potatoes** (mashed, roasted, hash brown) OR Donate cookies, bread, frozen vegetables or canned fruit to be included with the meals.

Please **email [jeanebernosky@gmail.com](mailto:jeanebernosky@gmail.com)** to indicate the item you will provide. Please also indicate if you can help with the packing. Label your donation with ingredients like dairy, nuts, onion. If you wish to cook but cannot attend the event or bring your donation to church, pick up can be arranged.

★**Anti-Racism Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania** presents a webinar on April 24, 2021, 8:30-noon. This explores the multi-layered manifestations of systemic racism, identifying contributing factors and core concepts such as prejudice, privilege, race, and systemic racism. Register at this site: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-systemic-racism-tickets-131127244117?aff=erelexpmlt>

★Mark your calendars: Our annual meeting this year will be on **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

## THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Birthdays in our parish this week: *Rob Kavash*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them where ever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

ANTHEM **Christ Has Arisen** (LEVAS 41)

DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer C*

*The Celebrant says*

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 God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.  
**By his blood, he reconciled us.**  
**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold 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 betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**now and for ever. Amen.**

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

#### **FRACTION ANTHEM**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

# As the Grains of Wheat

## Refrain



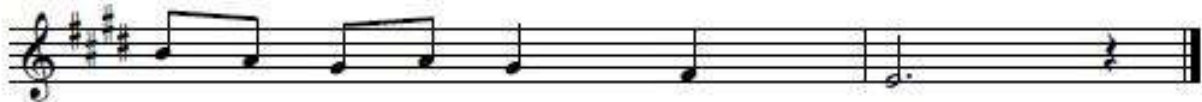
As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be



gath - ered in - to one in you.

## Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

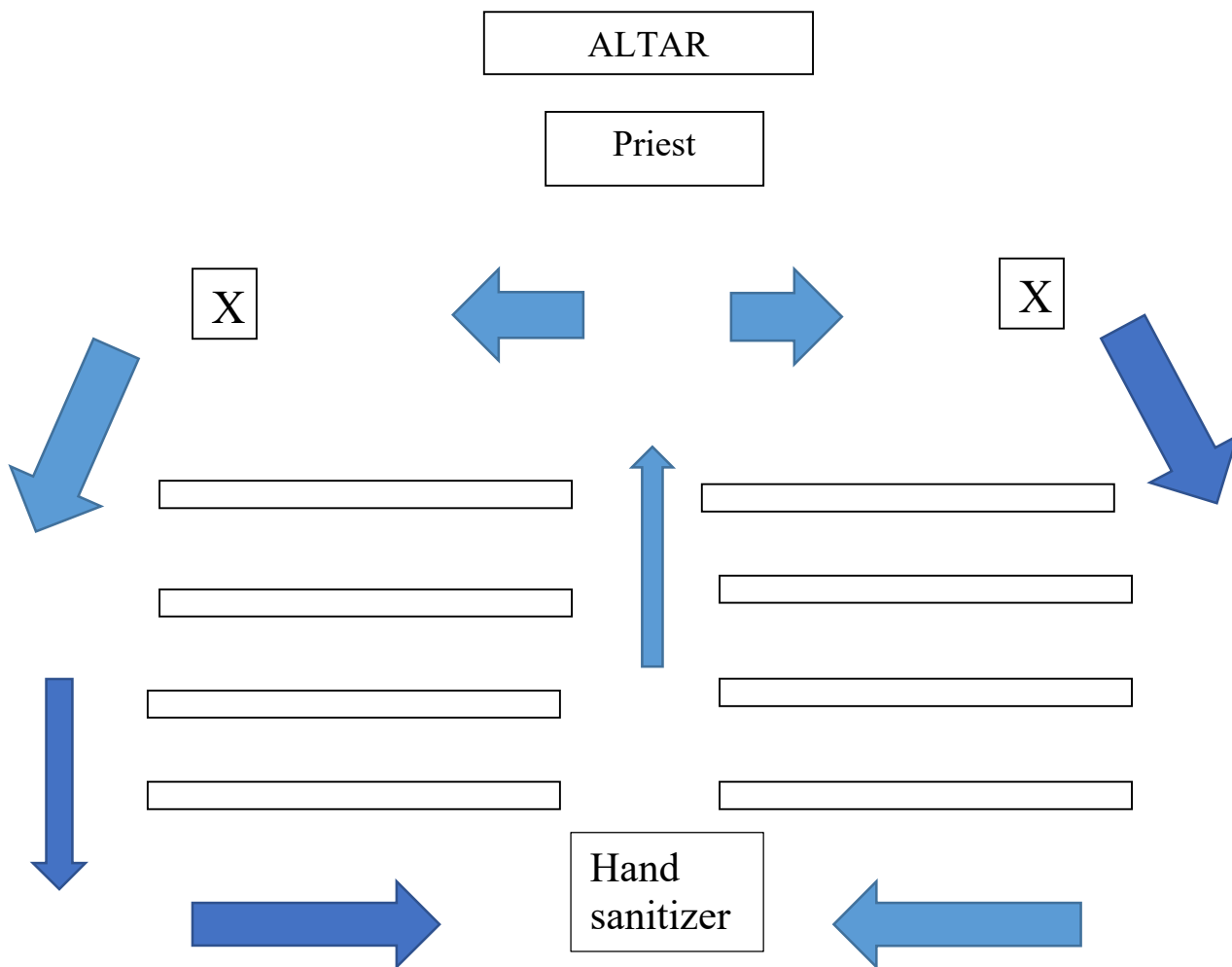


may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

## Here's how to come forward for communion:



- Leave your mask on.
- Beginning with the last pew, use the side aisle to walk to the back of the church and to the hand sanitizer.
- Put hand sanitizer on your hands and then walk forward to the altar as you rub in the sanitizer.
- Please leave 6 ft between yourself and other people.
- Leave your mask on while you receive the bread in your hands.
- Move to the side and lifting your mask, pause and eat the bread. Say a prayer if you wish. We have plenty of time.
- Return to your pew via the side aisle.

## COMMUNION HYMN Eat This Bread

The musical score is for a hymn in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system is for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) voices, starting with a piano (*p*) dynamic and moving to forte (*f*). The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and never be hungry. Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger." The second system is for Tenor (T) and Bass (B) voices, also starting with a piano (*p*) dynamic and moving to mezzo-forte (*mf*). The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst. Je - sus Christ, Ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst." The accompaniment is provided by piano and bass staves.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*said by all*)

Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory. Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN 182 Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.

2. Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
he comes to claim the here and now  
and conquer every place and time.

3. Not throned above, remotely high,  
untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
but daily, in the midst of life,  
our Savior with the Father reigns.

4. In every insult, rift, and war  
where color, scorn or wealth divide,  
he suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, though ever crucified.

5. Christ is alive! His Spirit burns  
through this and every future age,  
till all creation lives and learns  
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

#### THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Lectors and Intercessor: Gerry & Jan Lattuca, Sharon Dippre*

*Altar Guild: Jeanne Bernosky & Maryann Cannon*

*Musicians: Chris Walton, Jan Lattuca, Barbara and Gail Johnson*

Today's altar flowers are given in memory of  
**the loved ones of**  
George & Aylis Wolf.

*The altar candles for the month of April are given in loving memory of*  
**Ruth Dorothy Griffin Iacullo & James C. Iacullo, Sr.** *given by Jim Iacullo.*

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