

# Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021, 10:00 a.m.



Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

## Important Covid Safety Reminders

In acknowledgement of our love and commitment to our faith community, we remind you that face masks must be worn at all times at St. Francis. They must cover your mouth *and* nose. Please also keep a minimum of 6 ft distance from those not in your immediate household, regardless of your own immunization status.

Please also note that we are publicly livestreaming our worship service.

*We are in the season of Eastertide, a period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. Eastertide season is celebrated as a single joyful feast, indeed as the "great Lord's Day". Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter, and, after the Sunday of the Resurrection, they are named Second Sunday of Easter, Third Sunday of Easter, etc. up to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while the whole fifty-day period concludes with Pentecost Sunday. The season is marked with white vestments, extra candles, and the presence of the paschal candle near the altar. We include more alleluias, and The Confession of Sin is absent.*

## The Word of God

Prelude

Impromptu in Gb major

Franz Schubert

Please STAND, as able.

**Important - please do NOT join in singing.**

*Diocesan safety requirements currently prohibit congregational singing regardless of covid or vaccination status.*

*We thank you all for your regard to fellow-worshippers, clergy and staff.*

Processional Hymn

**Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!**

Hymn #205, v. 1, 2, 5

Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the  
 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we  
 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and  
 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be -  
 bring: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 say:  
 gun:

Singers:

*Kirsten Goulde, Lloyd Mistele, Susan Tsuji, Lenita Witherspoon*

## The Opening Acclamation

† Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!  
 † People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.*

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Jude Lyons  
**Preacher/Deacon:** The Rev. Jerry Sather

## The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All** 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.

*Please remain STANDING, as able, join in saying,*

## The Gloria

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

Celebrant 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.

*Please be seated for the readings.*

The First Lesson Acts 3:12-21

1<sup>st</sup> Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets."

1<sup>st</sup> Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

The Response      Psalm 4 *Cum invocarem*

Reader Let us say together 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.**

*Please STAND, as able.*

The Holy Gospel      Luke 24:36b-48

† Celebrant 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

**People      Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated for*

† The Sermon

*There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.*

The Rev. Jerry Sather

*Please STAND as able, and join in saying,*

## The Nicene Creed

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made 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.**

**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.**

*Please remain STANDING, as able, for*

## The Prayers of the People

*(the People read the responses in bold)*

Gracious God, after his resurrection, your Son Jesus Christ was present with his disciples for many weeks, and blessed them with peace, teaching them to love all people. As his disciples in this age, let us follow in the way of the risen Jesus with the resilient power of your love.

Grant to this family of St Francis the grace to inspire one another to good deeds, encouraging one another in the risen Jesus. My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

Bless all with wisdom, especially civil and religious leaders. Help us to remember that even though the future is hidden from human view your divine guidance is always available.

My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

Protect those who protect us, especially first responders, those in our armed and foreign services and their families, especially Drew Deley, Michael Herredia, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve, and all the thousands whose names we do not know.

We pray for the welfare of the world.

My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

We pray for all who are suffering in body, mind or soul, especially Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Claudia, Nancy Christianson, Mark Duley, Pauline Duley, Darlene Endquist, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Frances Hailwood, Ashley Hawn, Sally Hill, Shelby Martyniak, John McCabe, Michael, Mike Mohuchi, Molly, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Annie Ross, Bruce Schaefer, Anne Sharp, Sue, Ted Wong, and all those we name to you now. *(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud)*. Your mercy endures forever.

My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

We pray for those killed or injured in acts of terrorism, gun violence, abuse of any kind and from the consequences of natural disasters. Jesus Christ the wounded healer has overcome all that can threaten us.

My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

We pray in gratitude for all the blessings of this life and the grace to face our challenges.

*(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud)*. We give thanks for the peace of the Christ.

My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

Bring eternal life to those we love but see no longer, O God, especially Keith Anderson, beloved husband of Laurie Anderson, and all those we name to you now. *(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.)*

Awake, O Saints, in eternal Love.

My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All We say our mission statement in the power of the risen Jesus and ask for the grace to be faithful to our calling; We welcome everyone to worship God together, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and each other, and to share the light of Christ in the world. Amen.**

*The Confession of Sin is omitted during the 50 days of the Easter season.*

*Please STAND, as able, for*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.*

***Important- Please do not leave your seat, or physically interact with anyone outside your immediate household at this time.***

*Please be seated.*

Welcome

## The Holy Communion

*Please remain seated for the Anthem. For the offertory, collection baskets will be placed at the exit of the church as you leave.*

*Please follow instructions from the Ushers.*

Offertory Anthem

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

*American Folk,  
Arr. Virgil Thompson*

*My Shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is His Name;  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways,  
He leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death Thy presence is my stay;  
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may Thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.*

*Singers:*

*Mary Abbott, Carolyn Carpenter, Anna Eakins, Jill Lynch, Suzanne Miller*

*Please STAND, as able,*

### The Offertory Prayers

**Celebrant** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

**People** **Blessed be God forever.**

**Celebrant** Receive, O Lord, all these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

**People** **Blessed be God forever.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Adapted from St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco*

*The people join in reading the parts in bold.*

**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 God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Please say together,*

**Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Glory be to you, O Lord most high.**

**Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel or STAND as you prefer.*

*The Celebrant continues. The People join in reading the text in bold.*

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. You make all things and call them good. You love us into being; you form us in your image; and breathe into us the breath of life. When we turn away, and our love fails, your love remains steadfast. You deliver us from captivity, and bring us to a land flowing with milk and honey. In Christ you have set before us the way of life. By his baptism of suffering and death you give your church birth into a living hope.

**Raising Jesus from the dead, you make a new covenant with us, by water and the Spirit, and deliver us into freedom. We who were no people are now your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

On the night when he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, 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."**

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, 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."**

On the third day you raised him from the dead and revealed him to the women who came to the tomb to care for his body. On that day he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of bread. And so, remembering these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, and we praise you and we bless you.

**All We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you Lord our God.**

✠ Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in loving service to all the world, until all feast at your heavenly banquet.

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 forever.

Celebrant Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us,  
**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; 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.

### Invitation To Pray Together The Spiritual Communion Prayer From The National Cathedral

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

Celebrant Let us pray together

**All My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.** (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

*Communion (bread only) will be distributed following the Sending Forth, as you exit the church.*

*Please follow the Ushers' instructions*

### The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and gave yourself to die on the cross for our salvation: Give us that same humility, and that same spirit of self-giving love, so we may faithfully follow you and proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### A Prayer for Transition

Lord, we ask that in this time of searching, that the quiet voice of the Holy Spirit help us to search our hearts, so that we may come to understand the needs of our parish, and through your wisdom define the path to meet our needs. Help us to patiently listen to each other when opinions differ, and help us unite by serving with love, and knowing that the journey is to be treasured as much as the destination. **Amen.**

*(by John Bukowski)*

An Easter Blessing

Celebrant God our Creator, whose love raised Christ from the dead; God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has given you new joy in an Easter faith; God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower and fill you with Christ's peace. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.



All Amen.

The Sending Forth

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

**Important**—please remain in your seat and wait for the Ushers' instructions in order to leave the church.

The Closing Hymn

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

Hymn #193, v. 1, 4, 5

Jill Lynch, soprano

This joy-ful Eas-ter-tide, a-way with sin and  
 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je-sus crossed the  
 sor-ri-er! My Love, the Cru-ci-fied, hath my  
 riv-er: Lord of all life, from ill my  
 sprung to life this mor-row. Had Christ, that once was  
 pass-ing life de-liv-er.  
 slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri-son, our faith had been in vain; but  
 now is Christ a-ris-en, a-ris-en, a-ris-en, a-ris-en.  
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Postlude

O Be Joyful in the Lord

John Rutter