St. John's Episcopal Church

Fayetteville, North Carolina Founded 1817



The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia!

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S, a historic Episcopal parish established in 1817; it has continued its service and ministry to the Fayetteville community for over 200 years!

St. John's is happy to welcome visitors, including members of the military who are relocating to the Fayetteville area. A large number of our parishioners are retired and active duty soldiers and officers.

Invitation to Coffee Hour. We warmly invite you to join us in Hauser Hall for refreshments and fellowship following the 10:30 a.m. service. Hauser Hall is through the door to the right of the pulpit and at the end of the left-hand hallway. On the way, stop by the Welcome table next to the stairs to find information about our parish, our beliefs, and our traditions.

For More Information. If you are interested in becoming a member of this parish or desire information about St. John's, please fill out a visitor's card from the bookrack in the pew. Either place it in the offering plate or return it to an usher after the service. You may also contact the parish office during the week.

CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

The Liturgy. While the order of service for the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist is printed in this bulletin for your convenience of worship today, please note that our liturgy comes from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), which embodies the rich traditions of the Episcopal Church and includes the foundation of our history and theology.

There are two books we use during the liturgy. The black one is the BCP and the red one is the Hymnal 1982. The service bulletin includes all service music, which is designated by "S" numbers and may be found in the beginning of the Hymnal.

Holy Communion. All who are baptized with water in the name of the Holy Trinity and who receive Communion in their home church, may receive Communion at this altar. If you are not baptized, or if you do not wish to receive either the bread or the wine, cross your arms over your chest and the priest will give you a blessing. Please let an usher know if you need communion brought to you. They will be happy to assist.

Childcare. If you desire, nursery care is available for children ages 0-2 from 9 a.m. to noon September through May and from 10 a.m. to noon June through August. Nursery pagers are available for your convenience. Young children are welcome to stay with their parents during worship.

Children's Chapel. Children ages 3-8 are invited to join Children's Chapel each Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. service. Children begin the service sitting with their families in the pews for the Prelude. During the Processional, they may walk behind the Children's Cross and proceed to the Chapel for a small service. They return to their families at The Peace for The Holy Communion.

The Holy Eucharist Rite I

8:00 a.m.

Please maintain silence in the Church for 15 minutes before the service to allow quiet space for prayer and reflection.

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The Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30 a.m.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN 180

HE IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN

The Acclamation

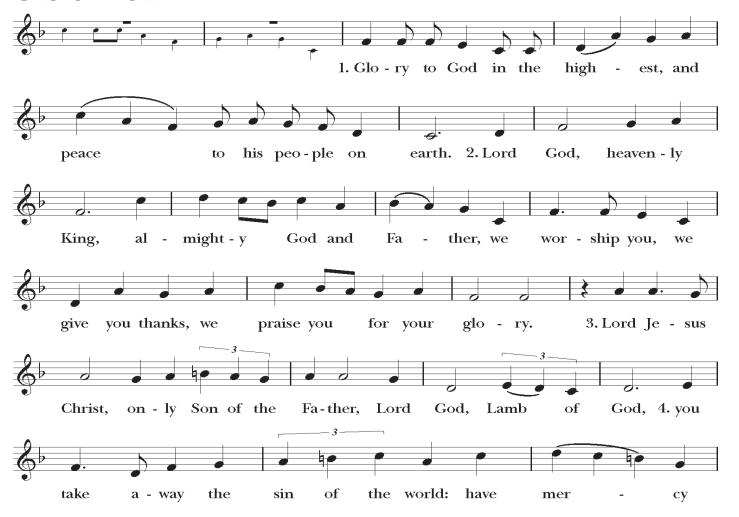
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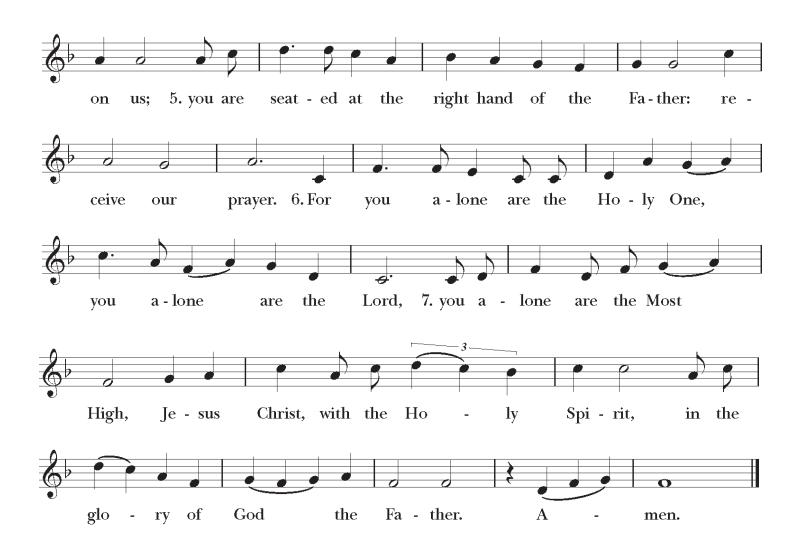
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People 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*.

GLORIA - S 280





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*.

The Lessons

Congregation seated

A READING FROM

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 this man 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 The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4

- 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?"
- 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

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

SEQUENCE HYMN - 343

SHEPHERD OF SOULS, REFRESH AND BLESS

All standing

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 24:36b-48

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus 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 People sit

The Rev. Bill Privette

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

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 Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For Joseph our President, Roy our Governor, Mitch our Mayor, and for this community, the nation and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Rob, our Bishop; Robert, our Priest; Matthew, our Seminarian, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

We commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them with your grace; strengthen them in their trials; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life including those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you*.

Silence

The Celebrant says

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

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*.

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

- Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY

GO NOT FAR FROM ME OH GOD Handbells

DOXOLOGY HYMN - 380 VERSE 3

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.

AMERICA HYMN - 717 VERSE 4

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing; long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer B

BCP - 367

All stand.

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant proceeds

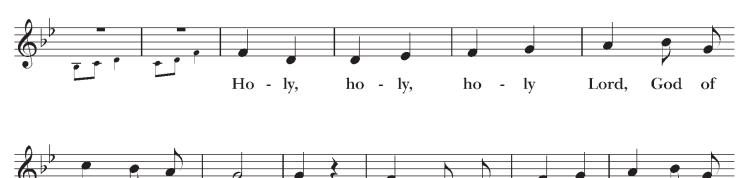
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS – S 127 (sung by all)

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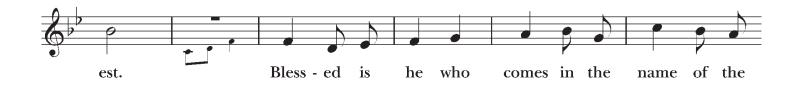
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The People stand or kneel

Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

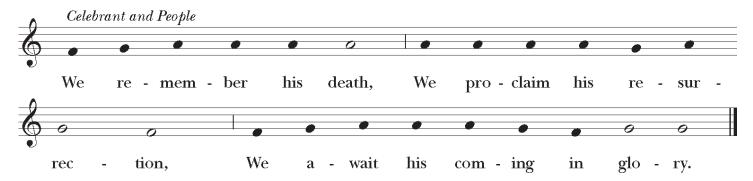
On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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."

Celebrant

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 - S 147



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant
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

BCP - 364

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant says

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.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

FOR THE BREAD WHICH, YOU HAVE BROKEN
DRAW NIGH AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
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.

The Commissioning of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

The Celebrant says, "In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood."

The congregation responds, "We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen."

The Blessing

The priest blesses the people

CLOSING HYMN-208 ALLELUIA! THE STRIFE IS O'ER, THE BATTLE DONE

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

OUR VISION

Our traditional Episcopal parish aspires to be a fount of spiritual renewal, a place of reflection and an instrument of God's work in our local community, our diocese and the world, while honoring the history and heritage that help make us who we are in Christ.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Holy Eucharist - Rite I	8:00 a.m.
Parish Family Breakfast	
Nursery Care for Children	10:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.
Christian Education	
Corporate Worship	10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday Worship......5:15 p.m.

PARISH STAFF & OFFICERS

The Rev. Robert M. Alves	Rector
Mr. Ben Shepherd	Senior Warden
Mr. Richard Evans	
Mrs. Judy Brown	Clerk of the Vestry
Mrs. Mary Flagg Haugh.	
Mr. David Lussier	Music Director
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Mrs. Claire Schwartz	Communications & Facility Coordinator
Mrs. Elise McPhaul	Preschool Director
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