



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
ESSEX, NY

St. John's Episcopal Church  
Essex, NY  
**Sunday Service**  
**The 3rd Sunday of Easter**

**In-Person & Zoom Worship**  
**April 14, 2024 □ 10:00 A.M.**

**The Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell**  
**Loose Plate Offering**  
**ReNew**

**Zoom Link for Sunday Worship:**  
**<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/worshipmeet>**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 180 "He is risen, he is risen"**  
*(Please stand as the Crucifer and Officiant enter)*

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The 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.**

**The Collect for Easter 3**

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 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."

*At the conclusion of the reading the lector says*

"Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches"

*People respond:* **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: 4 1-8** *to be said by alternating ½ verse*

*Cum invocarem*

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?"

and then after Mass goes.

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.

**Epistle: 1John 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.

*At the conclusion of the reading the lector says:*

“Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches”

*People: Thanks be to God*

**Gradual Hymn**

“Morning has broken”

**Hymn 8**

*save the last verse until after Gospel*

## **The Gospel: Luke 24: 36b - 48**

*Presider:*

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.

*After the Gospel Reading:*

*Presider:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily (*Please be seated*)

The Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell

**The Nicene Creed** (*Please stand*)

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## **The Prayers of the People:**

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your Gospel to the nations... in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia,

we pray also for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jeremiah our Bishop and Diane our priest,  
Jesus, Lord of life,

**In your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus bread of life, give food to the hungry...we pray for those who are hungry throughout the world, especially in Gaza, the Sudan, Syria and the Ukraine. We pray for the poor and hungry in our own country.  
Nourish us all with your word and sacraments. Jesus, Lord of life,

**In your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way...strengthen our ties within our Diocese and our local community. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life. Jesus Lord of life,

**In your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, Strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. We pray especially for **Ed, Carolyn, Rob, Geoffrey, Alex, Lois, Abra, Mike, Beverly, Noa, Lillian, Rae, Olivia, Cheryl, Steven, Tom, Karen, Chris, Lynne, Eve, Ella, Louis, John, Arnold, Lee, Alicia, Charles, Dick, Nancy, Sarge, Yvonne, and Rob Close: and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.** Are there others?

*pause*

Jesus, Lord of life

**In your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you...  
Raise us with them to eternal life. Jesus Lord of life

**In your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.**

**Dear Lord, grant us your wisdom and guidance as we embark upon our search process. Help us to humbly discern and accomplish your will for St. John's. We know this will be a challenging journey for all of us, but we pray that it will strengthen our faith and our respect and love for each other. Help us to share more deeply our faith in you as we learn to listen to each other with open hearts and minds and to hear your voice in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**The Peace**

**Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Birthdays this week: Dee Myers, Jennifer Moore, Jim Shepherd, Nancy Sherman, Kevin O'Neill

**Watch over our sisters and brothers, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever 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 your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**ANNOUCEMENTS** *(Please be seated)*

**OFFERTORY Hymn 212 "Awake, arise, lift up your voice"**

**Doxology**

**Hymn 380, v. 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.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Eucharistic Prayer 3

*Presider:*

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 our thanks and praise.**

*Presider:*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**Sanctus**

**S130**

*The Presider continues:*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the

resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Presider and People:*

**Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Presider continues:*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed St John, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Presider and People:*

**Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

*Presider:*

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

**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.**

*Presider:* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

*People:* **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**



*Presider:*

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

*Congregation comes forward at this time to receive communion.*

## **Communion**

*For those worshipping on Zoom, the following prayer is suggested to deepen your spiritual communion:*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, O Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I pray you to let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

## **The Post Communion Prayer**

*Presider:* Let us Pray

**Creator of all, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ to one another, and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.***

The Blessing

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.....

**CLOSING HYMN 304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord"**

Dismissal

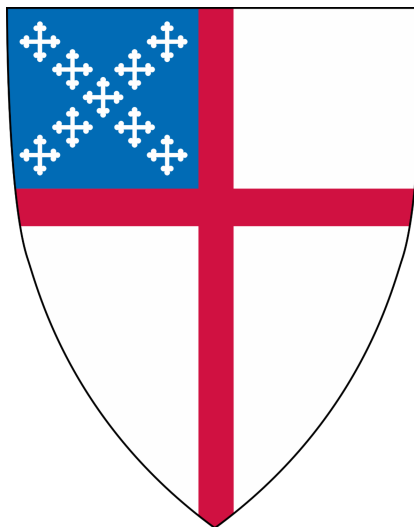
*Presider:* Let us go forth into the world in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia

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

*The ringing of the bell signals the end of the service.  
Please join us for coffee in Persell Hall*

**Ministers of the Service**

Usher Greeters: David Tisdale & Bruce Hale  
Altar Guild: Rinda Foster  
Altar Flowers: Carole Harsh  
Lector: Bill Finucane  
Intercessor: Scottie Emery-Ginn  
Crucifer: Edward O'Neill  
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Steve Rucker  
Acolytes: Darcey Hale & Carole Harsh  
Zoom host: Carole Harsh  
Coffee Hour Hosts: Julie Wever & Kevin O'Neill  
Cantor: Michael Bergman  
Music Director: Jennifer Moore



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