



# THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

The Third Sunday of Easter  
April 15, 2018      5:30 PM

## The Holy Eucharist

*¶ The service follows the Order for Holy Eucharist  
beginning on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer*

*¶ All stand as the Celebrant and other Ministers enter*

### Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia. ✠ Christ is risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**The Collect for Purity**      *¶ Said by the Celebrant*

**Gloria in excelsis**      *¶ Said by all*

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. † *People* Amen.

† *Then all are seated*

## The Word of God

### The First Lesson

ACTS 3:12-19

**A**ND WHEN PETER SAW IT HE ADDRESSED THE PEOPLE, “Men of Israel, 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 and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name, by faith in his name, has made this man strong whom you see and know; and the faith which is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ should suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

† *A period of silence follows the Lesson*

### Psalm 4

*Cum invocarem*

† *The Psalm is read by the Lector and Congregation, alternating by whole verse*

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?”

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## The Second Lesson

1 JOHN 3:1-7

**S**EE WHAT LOVE THE FATHER HAS GIVEN US, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Every one who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared 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. He who does right is righteous, as he is righteous.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*¶ A period of silence follows the Lesson*

*¶ All stand with the Celebrant for the reading of the Gospel*

## The Gospel

LUKE 24:36b-48

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**J**ESUS HIMSELF STOOD AMONG THEM. But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. Then he said to them, “These are my words which I spoke to you, while I

was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Sermon

The Rev. Peter James Speropulos

*¶ An extended silence follows the Sermon, all seated*

*¶ Following the silence, all stand with the Celebrant and say together*

## The Nicene Creed

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.

¶ *All kneel*

## Prayers of the People

¶ *The Leader and People pray responsively*

∇. Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
℟. That we all may be one.

∇. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
℟. That your Name may be glorified by all people.

∇. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
℟. That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

∇. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
for our nation, for those serving in the armed forces and their families, for our  
government and for our enemies;  
℟. That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

∇. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
℟. That our works may find favor in your sight.

∇. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
℟. That they may be delivered from their distress.

∇. Give to the departed eternal rest; ✠  
℟. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

∇. We praise you for the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Michael and All Angels,  
Blessed George, and all your saints who have entered into joy;  
℟. May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

¶ *Silence*

¶ *The People may add their own petitions*

¶ *The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

## Confession of Sin

*¶ Celebrant 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.

*¶ Then the Celebrant alone stands and pronounces Absolution ✠*

## The Peace *¶ All stand*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

*¶ Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord*

# The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

*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.

*¶ Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds with the Proper Preface, which concludes*

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

## Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit

¶ *Said by all*

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.

¶ *The People kneel and the Celebrant continues*

¶ *Celebrant*

... and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

¶ *Celebrant and People*

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

¶ *Then the Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer which concludes*

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. ¶ *All AMEN.*

## The Lord's Prayer

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 Bread and a period of silence is kept; then is said*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## The Invitation and Ministration of Communion

*¶ All Christians baptized with water in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are invited to receive the consecrated Body and Blood of Christ. To receive the Host, extend palms, crossed and upward; when offered the chalice, please assist in guiding it. Each communicant may say “Amen” as the elements are given. Those desiring a blessing, but not the Sacrament, may come to the Altar rail and cross their arms on their chest.*

*¶ A period of silence follows the Communion of the People*

## The Postcommunion Prayer *¶ Said by all kneeling*

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Blessing *✠ ¶ The Celebrant blesses the People*

*¶ All stand*

## The Dismissal *¶ The People are dismissed with these words*

*℣.* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*℟.* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*¶ The Congregation remains standing as the Celebrant and other Ministers depart*









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