

Emmanuel

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

10:30am



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*As we gather before the service begins,
we encourage people to use the time as a centering for prayer and meditation.
Please recycle your bulletin. Bins are located at the entrances.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

“Come Away to the Skies”

George Shearing

Wayne Hatwich, organist

Opening Hymn

“Awake, arise, lift up your voice”

Hymn #212

v. 1,2,5

1. Awake, arise, lift up your voice, let Easter music swell; rejoice in Christ, again rejoice, and on his praises dwell.
2. Oh, with what gladness and surprise the saints their Savior greet; nor will they trust their ears and eyes but by his hands and feet.
5. O Dead arise! O Friendless stand by seraphim adored! O Solitude again command your host from heaven restored!

(stand as you are able)

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. (†) Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant: **A**lmighty 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 in Excelsis

People: *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.*

Collect for The Third Sunday of Easter

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

Old Testament

A Reading from Acts.

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.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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.*

New Testament

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“That Easter day with joy was bright”

Hymn #193

v. 1,3, 4

1. That Easter day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light, when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.
3. O Jesus, King of gentleness, do thou thyself our hearts possess that we may give thee all our days the willing tribute of our praise.
4. O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Easter-tide; from every weapon death can wield thine own redeemed forever shield.

(stand as you are able)

The Gospel

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

Luke 24:36b-48

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(seated)

Sermon

The Rev. Diane Tomlinson

A moment of silence is observed after the sermon

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.*

(stand)

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: **I**n the flesh and bones of the risen Christ, the invisible God stands among us.
Let us pray to God for the needs of all believers and of all peoples everywhere. For
the holy churches in every place, and for the unity of all.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For this parish family of Emmanuel, the Church of Ireland, for the Congregations in the Elgin
Deanery, and for the Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For this holy assembly and for all who gather in Christ.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the newly baptized, and all illumined by the light of Christ.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop Paula our Bishop-elect, the presbyters, the deacons and all who
minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all those in danger and need, the sick, the suffering, and the oppressed, and the dying.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have gone before us under the sign of faith, and for all the departed, especially Darlene and Daniel.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously bear us.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love, especially Mary, Maryanne, Owen, Nick, Rich, Sam, Sean, and Tony and those celebrating birthdays including Andrew *James (04/18)* and Micky *Miller (04/19)*.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously bear us.

Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Celebrant: **B**lessed are you, O Lord our God, for you sent Christ to suffer and rise from the dead. Hear our prayers which we offer through his presence, and proclaim forgiveness of sins to all nations. Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

“Come away to the skies”

Hymn #213

v. 1, 2, 4, 5

1. Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise and rejoice in the day thou wast born; on this festival day, come exulting away, and with singing to Zion return.
2. Now with singing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our heavenly Father bestowed, while his grace we receive from his bounty, and live to the honor and glory of God.
4. We with thanks do approve the design of that love which hath joined us to Jesus' Name; so united in heart, let us nevermore part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.
5. Hallelujah we sing, to our Father and King, and his rapturous praises, repeat: to the Lamb that was slain, hallelujah again, sing, all heaven, and fall at his feet.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

(The people stand as the bread and wine are presented at the altar. Then they may be seated.)

Eucharistic Prayer B

(standing)

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: **I**t 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:

*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.

(kneeling or seated)

Celebrant: **W**e 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 have 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.” (†)

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*People: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

Celebrant: 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.*

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

Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn

“I come with joy to meet my Lord”

Hymn #304

v. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven,
loved and free, in awe and wonder to recall his
life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as
all are fed, the new community of love in
Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
proud division ends. That love that made us
makes us one, and strangers now are friends.
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
presence, always near, is in such friendship
better known: we see and praise him here.
5. Together met, together bound, we'll go our
different ways, and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction

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

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

Celebrant: **T**he 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 are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will invite people forward by pew.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

***E**ternal 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.*

Blessing (†)

Celebrant: **M**ay almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

(standing)

Closing Hymn

“Lord, whose love through humble service”

Hymn #610

v. 1, 2, 4

1. Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy’s perfect deed, we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.
4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Postlude

“Allegro maestoso e vivace”

Felix Mendelssohn

(from Organ Sonata II)

This morning's altar flowers are given in loving memory of Terry Burgeson by his wife Ellen.

Announcements

Currently at the church, 45 people are able to attend the 10:30 am service, in keeping with diocesan guidelines. Please call or email the church office at churchoffice@emmanuelrockford.org to reserve a spot.

Calendar of Upcoming Events!

Services are broadcast on Facebook, and you do not need an account to view them.

Book Club: The book group's next meeting is April 20, 2021 at 7pm, and the book is "Gilead" by Marilynne Robinson. Marilynne Robinson returns with an intimate tale of three generations, from the Civil War to the 20th century: a story about fathers and sons and the spiritual battles that still rage at America's heart. In the words of Kirkus, it is a novel "as big as a nation, as quiet as thought, and moving as prayer."

Bishop Clark will be with us on April 25th. We have the honor of being her first visitation as Bishop of Chicago.

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Assisting in the Liturgy

10:30 a.m.

Crucifer/Acolyte:

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