

Pohick Episcopal Church • April 18, 2021 • 7:45 am

Third Sunday of Easter • Holy Eucharist Rite I

**Procession**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Celebrant and People (in unison)*

*Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

Reader 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 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 4** *We will read responsively by whole 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?"
- 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.

Reader 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.*

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (24:36b-48)

People *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

Sermon The Reverend Dr. Lynn P. Ronaldi, *Rector*

## The Nicene Creed

### *Celebrant and People*

*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 Prayers of the People

Celebrant Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

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

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People And with thy spirit.*

*(Per guidelines from the Diocese, The Peace should be shared with a bow, wave, or peace sign.)*

### **Announcements**

### **Offertory**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

*People We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People It is meet and right so to do.*

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

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

*Celebrant and People*

*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.*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Celebrant and People*

*We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

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*In the Episcopal tradition all are welcomed to the Table. All baptized Christians may receive Communion, or you may cross your arms over your chest and simply receive a blessing.*

*At communion, communicants will come forward one at a time, six feet apart at one of two stations.*

*The Priest will drop the host into your hand. Please take it back to your seat to consume.*

*After consuming the host, please replace your mask on your face.*

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

## Blessing

## Dismissal

*Priest* (Sentence of dismissal)

*People* Thanks be to God.



Celebrant	The Reverend Dr. Lynn P. Ronaldi, <i>Rector</i>
Assisting	Adam Lees, <i>VTS Seminarian</i>
Lay Eucharistic Minister	John Pasour
Acolyte	Andrew Choi

## For your home prayers, Intercessions and Thanksgivings:

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Kristy Girten, the Nelson Family, Penelope Mann, Kenneth Minter, Archie Taylor and family, Erika Knudsen, Haydee Sparks, Peter Thomas, Tom Murphy, Carole Fischer, Joan Parsons, Adrian McCabe, Willy Lowel, Suzi Scott, Sharon Michel, Bryan Tuccillo, Victoria Sackett, D'Andrea Wooten, Joan Egan, Bill Hosp, Margery, Tim Dwyer, William Low, Simon Delgado, Stan Coss, James King, Funmi Oduolowu, Fiona, Harry Petrie, Susan Yarwood, Diane, Jim, Mary Hoffman, Jim and Lynn Anderholm, Carol and Glenn Larkin, Sr., Cindy Johnston, Pam Botts, Nancy Bireley, Femi Ayorinde, Sandra Christian, Darryl Sebastian, Francine Brailsford, Shelby Sternberg, Chandra Zinola, Sandy Hand, Roy Baumann, Bill Poad, Travis and Karen Gossett, Victoria Kramer, Clarence Walker, Meredith Allen, Linda Patterson, George Kahlife, Joseph Marsico, Georgette Burkitt, Charles Mitchell, the Gill Family, Anita Stribling, Nancy Hinnen, Boots Beachum, and Jackson Brownlee.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for those having birthdays this week: Maddox Baird, Tracy Bays, Emily Elston, Lisa Franklin, Marilyn Harriman, Judson Bireley, Adelaide Hofmann, Donna Crawford, Alexander Hodge, Gloria Jackson, and Brian McGovern.

We pray for our members who serve our country, particularly those overseas, and their families: Arch Wilson, Ryan Moatta, Rick Church, Katie Weber, Jesse Grimm, and Marty Wilson.

We pray for Christians and others around the world, especially those in Burma, China, Nigeria, and North Korea, who continue to face persecution for their faith.

We pray for peace in the Middle East, and for the Church in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, and Israel.

In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for St. Mark's, Richmond and St. Patrick's, Falls Church.

## Announcements

- The **Being Community Bible Study** continues tonight at 7:00 pm with the book of Acts. Please contact Amy Bontrager if you'd like to join the study. Visit website for more info.
- Come to **Friday Fellowship** at the Pohick Fairgrounds on Friday, April 23, at 6:30 pm!
- This Saturday, April 24, is **Spring Workday** from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm! John Sessums will have many projects for you to choose! Please bring lunch - water and sodas provided.
- Join us next Sunday, April 25, for **Holy Eucharist** at 7:45 am or 9:00 am. Please sign up on our website.
- We will celebrate the ministries of seminarian **Adam Lees** on Sunday, May 9, and Music Minister **Linda Wilberger Egan**, on Sunday, May 16.
- The new Assistant, **The Rev. Deacon Celal Kamran**, joins Pohick May 3. New Music Minister **David Leahey** joins Pohick June 1.
- Mark your calendars! **The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff, Bishop**, will make her visitation to Pohick Church on Sunday, June 20, for confirmations and receptions, health metrics permitting!
- Pohick's **Vacation Bible School** is July 12-16 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. We hope to have a small in-person program for preschoolers through 5th grade following CDC Guidelines. We need volunteers! Call Frances Sessums at 703-472-5180.

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