

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
3rd Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2014, 10:30 am

Psalm 116:13

We worship today according to the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two,
beginning on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn:

Come, *Risen Lord, and Deign to Be Our Guest*.....305

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

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.**

Hymn: *We Are Coming, Lord*.....SH-33

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 (the people sit)

The First Lesson – Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and
addressed the multitude, "Let the entire house of Israel know
with certainty that God has made him both Lord and
Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and
said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what
should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized
every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your
sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy
Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all
who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to
him." And he testified with many other arguments and
exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt
generation." So those who welcomed his message were
baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were
added.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my
supplication, *

**because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I
called upon him.**

The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

How shall I repay the LORD *

for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation *

and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *

in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD *

is the death of his servants.

O LORD, I am your servant; *

**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *

in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the LORD'S house, *

**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!**

The Epistle - 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people
impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear
during the time of your exile. You know that you were
ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors,
not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the
precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or
blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world,
but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.
Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him
from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and
hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to
the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one
another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew,
not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living
and enduring word of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Sequence – Luke 24:13-35 (the people stand)

Hymn: *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

**Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word!**

**Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.**

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

On the first day of the week, two of Jesus' followers were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Hymn: *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

**Teach me to live, dear Lord, only for Thee,
As Thy disciples lived in Galilee;
Then, all my struggles o'er, then, vict'ry won,
I shall behold Thee, Lord, the living one.**

**O send Thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,
That He may touch my eyes, and make me see:
Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word,
And in Thy Book revealed I see the Lord.**

Sermon

Father Larry Sharpton

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.**

The Prayers of the People (Form VI, page 392 of the Book
of Common Prayer)

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 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.**

The Holy Communion

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; for Kee and Santosh, our bishops; for Wells, our priest; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

Let us pray for **Lynda** Denton, **Thurman** Harris, **Charlotte** and **Lannon** Poole, **Dezsel** Oliver (Kathy Haynie), **Billie** Wilkinson (Eddie and Pam Harper), **Lindsey** Burt (Eddie and Pam Harper), **Kathy** Brumbleloe (Jere and Pam Van Etten), **Sherry** Gritz (Jean Kerr), **Clifford** Flood (Jean Kerr), **Adam** Durough (Kelli Kerr), **Sally** Kingsley (Hugh Thompson), **John** Graves (Betty Weldon), **Allison** Foggarty (Jimmy Weldon), **Ed** Clayton (Jean Kerr), **Kathy** DeArmond (Jean Kerr), **Phil** Gatusso (Jere Van Etten), **Charlene** Bates (Jean Kerr), **Mavilene** Prentice (Betty Weldon), **Virginia** Nordon (Betty Weldon), **David** Hodges (Amanda Borden), **Cameron** Hornsby (Pam Van Etten), and the others we now name: *(the people here add their own petitions)*.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

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. The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant may add a suitable Collect.

Confession of Sin (the people stand or kneel)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Offertory Hymn: *Shepherd of Souls*.....343

The Presentation

**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 A, BCP p 361)

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 him thanks and praise.

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

(Father Larry says a Proper Preface)

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: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord*.....S 130

The people stand or kneel

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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,

**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. A period of
silence is kept.*

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

Fraction Anthem: *Jesus, Lamb of God*.....S 164

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.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

Communion Hymn: *Bread of the World*.....301

After Communion, the people stand or kneel and the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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 Blessing

Recessional Hymn (*the people stand*):

I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord.....304

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

We are delighted to welcome back Father Larry Sharpton and his wife Pat.
Father Larry is serving as our supply priest today.

Serving at Epiphany this week . . .

Ushers: Nancy Dupree and Barbara Trogon
Altar Guild: Pam Van Etten
Lay Reader: Maurice McCord

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Maurice McCord
Refreshments: Pam Van Etten
Stewards: Pam Van Etten and Sharon Cleary

and next . . .

Ushers: Jere and Pam Van Etten
Altar Guild: Betty Weldon
Lay Reader: Kara Shea Davis
Piano: Caleb Hart

Eucharistic Minister: Kara Shea Davis
Refreshments: Elizabeth Harber
Stewards: Cathy Jones and Barbara Trogon