

ADVENT EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
3760 Dover Center Road  
Westlake, Ohio 44145

April 7, 2024

10:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Easter  
Rite II - Holy Eucharist - The Word of God

**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL Hymn #205 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!**

**OPENING SALUTATION & RESPONSE** BCP 355

*The people standing*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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.**

*All standing, sing*

**THE GLORIA**

**BCP 356**

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 Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**BCP 224**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may

show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The people sit*

**READING**                      **Acts 3:12a, 13-15,17-26**    **Pew Bible 1142**

*Reader*                      *The Word of the Lord.*

*People*                      *Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM**                      **Psalm 111**                      **BCP 754**

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,\*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- <sup>2</sup> Great are the deeds of the Lord!\*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- <sup>3</sup> His work is full of majesty and splendor,\*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- <sup>4</sup> He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;\*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- <sup>5</sup> He gives food to those who fear him;\*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- <sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works\*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- <sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;\*  
all his commandments are sure.
- <sup>8</sup> They stand fast for ever and ever,\*  
because they are done in truth and equity.
- <sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever;\*  
holy and awesome is his Name.
- <sup>10</sup> The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;\*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

**Psalm Response (sing)**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**READING**                      **1 John 5:1-6**                      **Pew Bible 1281**

*Reader*                      *The Word of the Lord.*

*People*                      *Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL PROCESSION**                      **Celtic Alleluia**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Now He is living, the Christ. Out of the tomb He is risen; He has conquered death, opened Heaven to all believers. (Refrain)*

*Celebrant*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                  according to John.

*People*           ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL     John 20:19-31     Pew Bible 1136**

*Celebrant*       *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*The stone which the builders rejected, becomes the cornerstone chosen. Praise the work  
of God for this marvel in our eyes! (Refrain)*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Paul Laursen**

**NICENE CREED (all standing)**

**BCP 358**

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.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**BCP 392, Form 6**

*The Leader and People pray responsively#*

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.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Archbishop Welby; our Presiding Bishop Curry; our own Bishop Jolly; and for all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

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*

*Leader and People*

Let us pray together:

***Our Father in heaven,***

***We pray with open hearts and minds to know your will for us.***

***Reveal to us the initiatives we should take:***

***For nourishing ourselves with your Word; for supporting each other in Christian fellowship; for taking the Gospel to outside communities; and for loving and serving others in the power of your Spirit. We are grateful for the pastoral encouragement you have provided us in this season. We are grateful for our lay leadership in their shouldering of extra burdens. Lord, we ask that you lay bare the hearts of this congregation, and open each one of us to every new day. Open us to what you have for our future as a new church family in Christ.***

***Amen.***

O Lord, God of our fathers, your Advent people have stood steadfast in the truth of Your Word. We have strived to be the beacon of light in our corner of this world, guiding others to you. We stand before you crying out to you. We know this battle belongs to You Lord. We cannot do this ourselves. As we walk on the path you have set before us, we sing your praises and give you thanks Lord! We know that you will show us the way. Amen.

*Celebrant*

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**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Then the Celebrant and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **OFFERTORY # 712 Dona Nobis Pacem**

*Celebrant*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### **PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS**

### **PREPARATION OF ELEMENTS**

### **DOXOLOGY**

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

*Let all things their Creator bless,*

*And worship Him in humbleness,*

*O praise Him! Alleluia!*

*Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,*

*And praise the Spirit, Three in one!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Eucharistic Prayer A

**BCP 361**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

*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.**

It 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 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 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**The Sanctus** (sing)    Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
                                  God of power and might,  
                                  Heaven and earth are full of your glory. (2Xs)  
                                  Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. (2Xs)

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

### **The Memorial Acclamation**

(Sing)            ***Christ has died.***  
                          ***Christ is risen.***  
                          ***Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

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.

**The Great Amen** (sing) *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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**

**BCP 364**

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

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

*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.

*\* All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*

*For those not yet baptized (or for baptized visitors who do not wish to receive the Sacrament), you may come to the altar rail and cross your arms; the priest will be happy to pray a prayer of blessings.\* Administration of Communion:*

*- Please follow usher's directions to altar rail.*

*- The consecrated bread is offered with the words,*

*"The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven." (Amen).*

*- The chalice and intinction cup are offered with the words,*

*"The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation," (Amen).*

*\* You may dip your bread in the intinction cup \* Intercessory Prayer is available at the back of the Sanctuary*

## **COMMUNION HYMNS**

### **BOB #100 I Am The Bread of Life**

I am the bread of life;  
They who come to me shall not hunger.  
They who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.

*And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,  
And I will raise them up on the last day.*

The bread that I will give  
Is my flesh for the life of the world,  
And they who eat of this bread,  
They shall live forever, they shall live forever. *(Refrain)*

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man,  
And drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,  
You shall not have life within you. *(Refrain)*

I am the resurrection, I am the life;  
They who believe in me, even if they die,  
They shall live forever. *(Refrain)*

Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ,  
The Son of God, who has come into the world. *(Refrain)*

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER,** *said by all*

BCP 365

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** Sing With All The Saints In Glory (Handout)

**THE DISMISSAL**

BCP 366

*The Celebrant dismissed them with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ,

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

**POSTLUDE**

