

The Holy Eucharist
The Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026
10:00 AM and livestreamed



WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

We are blessed by your presence. Whether you have been coming for years, or it is your first time here, we hope you find riches today in offering your prayer and praise with others in this holy space. Whoever you are, wherever you hurt, whatever joys and concerns you bring, you are welcome at Christ's table and at St. Peter's Cathedral.

For more information, or to make a prayer request, please complete a "Welcome" card in the pew rack, and drop it in the offering plate.

Please join us downstairs after worship to enjoy friends old and new, and share snacks and conversation.

*Please silence
electronic
devices.*



***During
worship, the
People's
spoken
responses
are printed in
boldface.***

Prelude

† Hymn He is risen, he is risen!

All stand as able



1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with joy - ful voice;
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful heart - ed, with glad smile and ra - diant brow!
3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn-ing, hail our Lord's tri - um-phant day;
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened hea-ven's gate;



he hath burst his three day's pris - on; let the whole wide world re - joice:
Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed; Je - sus' woes are o - ver now,
Not one dark-some cloud is dim - ming yon - der glo - rious morn-ing ray,
We are free from sin's dark pris - on, ris - en to a ho - lier state;



death is con-quer'd we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
and the pas - sion that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
break - ing o'er the pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
And a bright - er Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

† Opening Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

† Gloria in excelsis (The People sing the refrain only)



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.

1. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. **(Refrain)**

2. 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. **(Refrain)**

3. 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. Amen! **(Refrain)**

† **The Collect of the Day**

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 People sit for the readings

† **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Acts 2:14a,36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

† **The Response**

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

The Presider leads us in offering this Psalm together

- ¹ 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.**
- ² The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.**
- ³ Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”**
- ¹⁰ How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?**
- ¹¹ I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.**
- ¹² I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.**
- ¹³ Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.**
- ¹⁴ O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**
- ¹⁵ I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.**
- ¹⁶ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,**
- ¹⁷ In the courts of the LORD’s house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

† A Reading from the Epistles

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.

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Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able

† **Alleluia at the Gospel** (Sung through twice)

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/8. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes in both systems. The first system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots, and the second system also ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

† **A reading from the Gospel**

Luke 24:13-35

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples 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.

The People sit

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Kendra Wilde

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able

**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

Intercessor Let us pray.

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;
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 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 Presider offers a concluding Collect

Lord of the gathering feast, you walk with us on the shadowed road: burn our hearts with scripture's open flame; unveil our darkened eyes as bread is torn and shared and from the broken fragments bless a people for yourself; through Jesus Christ, the host of the world. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand, as able

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Ministers and People may share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Hymn at the Offertory This is the feast of victory for our God

Antiphon

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, ___ whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, ___ and
3 Sing ___ with all the peo - ple of God, ___ and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For ___ the Lamb ___ who was slain has be -



1 blood set us free ___ to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]
2 hon - or, ___ bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. [Ant.]
3 join in the hymn for all cre - a - tion. [Ant.]
4 God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]
5 gun his ___ reign. ___ Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]



Final Antiphon
This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

All stand, as able

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God. Chiefly we are 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 was won for us everlasting life. Christ is the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord,
 God of pow-er, God of might, heav-en and
 earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
 san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is
 he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-
 san-na in the high-est.

During the Easter season, the People are invited to remain standing, as able

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Cleopas and his companion, and with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

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

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

Silence

The Fraction Anthem

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us feast on the true Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Life.
Our souls are fed by Christ alone. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Invitation to Communion

The people may sit before and after receiving communion.

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- *Christ welcomes all to the table for Communion or a Blessing. ■ If you prefer a Blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, helping the minister guide the chalice to your lips. ■ If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. ■ You may respond to communion by saying “Amen.” ■ Tell the minister if you require gluten-free elements or alcohol-free wine.*
 - *In the Episcopal Church Baptism generally precedes communion and is offered several times a year; please speak to a member of the clergy to learn more. ■*
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Remaining seated, all may sing

Now the green blade riseth



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Refrain
Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring-eth green.

How can I keep from singing?



1 My life flows on in end-less song a -
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I
3 What, though my joys and com-fort die, the
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a



bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. I hear the real though
hear that mu - sic ring - ing; It sounds and ech - oes
Lord, my sav - ior liv - eth. What though the dark - ness
foun - tain ev - er spring-ing. All things are mine since



far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
in my soul; How can I keep from sing-ing?
gath-er 'round? Songs in the night it giv-eth.
I am his; How can I keep from sing-ing?



No storm can shake my in-most calm, while to that rock I'm



cling-ing. Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,



How can I keep from sing-ing?

On behalf of those participating remotely, the Presider offers a prayer for Spiritual Communion.

The Presider continues, saying

Let us pray.

The Prayer after Communion

The people may stand or kneel.

**Loving God, we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food**

**in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people,
forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life
of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

In the name of Christ and this congregation, we send forth Lizzie and Robin bearing these holy gifts, that Meredith Anderson may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.

The people sit.

The Children's Moment

The Very Reverend Kendra Wilde

The Prayer for birthdays

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer for anniversaries

We thank you, O God, for consecrating the marriage of N. and N. in Christ's Name and presence. Lead them in companionship with each other and with you. Give them grace to live together in love and fidelity. Strengthen them all their days, and bring them to that holy table where, with those we love, we will feast for ever in our heavenly home; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

Tune: Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Announcements

The People stand

The Blessing

The Sending hymn *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more*



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.____ Em-braced by death he
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.____ Re - born we share with
3 The Fa - ther's splen-dor clothes the Son with life.____ The Spi - rit's pow - er
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows____ as Christ's new bo - dy



broke its fear - ful hold;____ and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.____
him an Eas - ter life____ as liv - ing mem-bers of a liv - ing Christ.____
shakes the Church of God.____ Bap-tized we live with God the Three in One.____
takes on flesh and blood.____ The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:____



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

The Dismissal

The Postlude

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Today's AV tech: Chris Boyce

Episcopal Diocese of Montana
The Right Reverend Marty Stebbins, Bishop



St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral
Helena, Montana
The Very Reverend Kendra Wilde, Dean

Today's ministers are the people assembled, including

Presider and Preacher: The Very Reverend Kendra Wilde

Acolytes and oblation bearers: Audrey Towery and Brock Towery

Lectors: Jean O'Connor and Matthew Jaynes

Intercessor: Vera Towery

Eucharistic Minister: Lizzie Carlson-Thompson

Chalice bearer: Charlie Briggs

Eucharistic Visitors: Lizzie Carlson-Thompson and Robin Ericksen

Ushers: Donna Lloyd and Sara Medley

Organ: John Goodwin

St. Peter's Choir: Patty Dean, Interim Music Director

Next week's ministers are:

Presider and Preacher: The Very Reverend Kendra Wilde

Acolytes and oblation bearers: Elena Jaynes and Anya Wilde-Spiger

Lectors: Sarah McHugh and Melinda Schell

Intercessor: Lizzie Carlson-Thompson

Eucharistic Minister: Aubrey Curtis

Chalice bearer: Nick Jaynes

Eucharistic Visitors: Chris Boyce and Donna Church

Ushers: Gretchen Hibbard and Scott Hibbard

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