

**Holy Eucharist**  
**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 19, 2026—10:00 a.m.**



**Saint Luke's Episcopal Church**  
Los Gatos, California

# The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Voluntary in A Minor

John Blow

## Opening Hymn 174

“At the Lamb’s high feast we sing”



1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death’s dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell’s fierce powers be - neath thee lie;  
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.



who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;  
Is - rael’s hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
From sin’s power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.



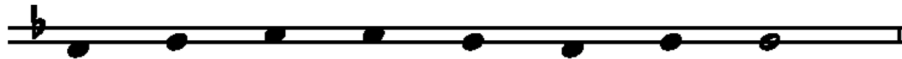
praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;  
now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;  
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:



gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.  
thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.  
ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

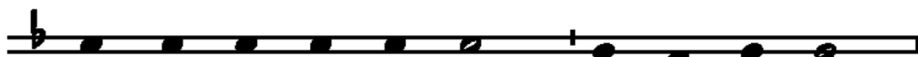
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*Celebrant*



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

*People*



Christ is ris - en in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.

### The Collect for Purity

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.**

### A Song of Praise

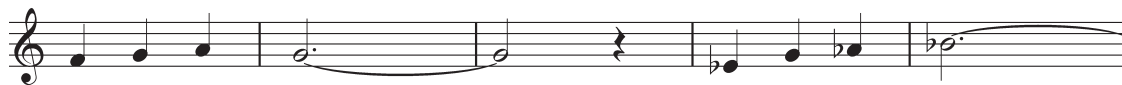
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1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord



God of our fa - thers; \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;



glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; \_\_\_\_\_ we will

praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

*Descant*

5. Glo - ry to you, be -

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of  
 depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,  
 you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will  
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and

high-ly ex - alt you Glo-ry to you!  
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

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## The Collect of the Day

*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 Liturgy of the Word

### The First Lesson

*Acts 2:14a,36-41*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 116:1–3, 10–17

- 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!

## The Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:17–23

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn 205

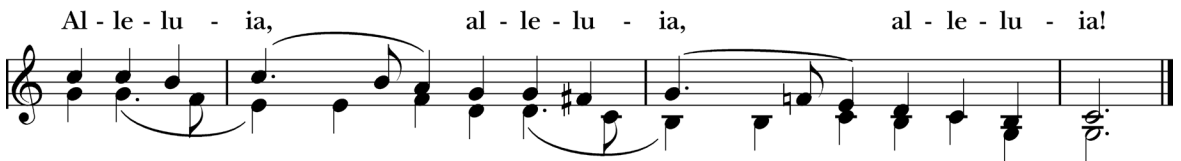
“Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!”



1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joyce and sing! Now is the  
\*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the



1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joyce and say:  
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:



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

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

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## The Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:13-35*

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

*People* **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.

*Clergy*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Ricardo Avila

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Said by all*

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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

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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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Lucinda, our Bishop,  
and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in God's Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, and 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. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

*Silence.*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.*

## The Peace

*Celebrant*     The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People*         **And also with you.**

## Welcome and Announcements

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory Anthem

*Abenlied*

Josef Rheinberger

*Bleib bei uns, denn es will  
Abend werden  
Und der Tag hat sich geneiget*

Bide with us, for evening  
shadows darken, and the day  
will soon be over.

## Prayers Over the Gifts

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, **and of your own have we given you. Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, friends, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty. **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of God's Name, both to our benefit and that of all God's Holy Church. Amen.**



## Sanctus

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

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We 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

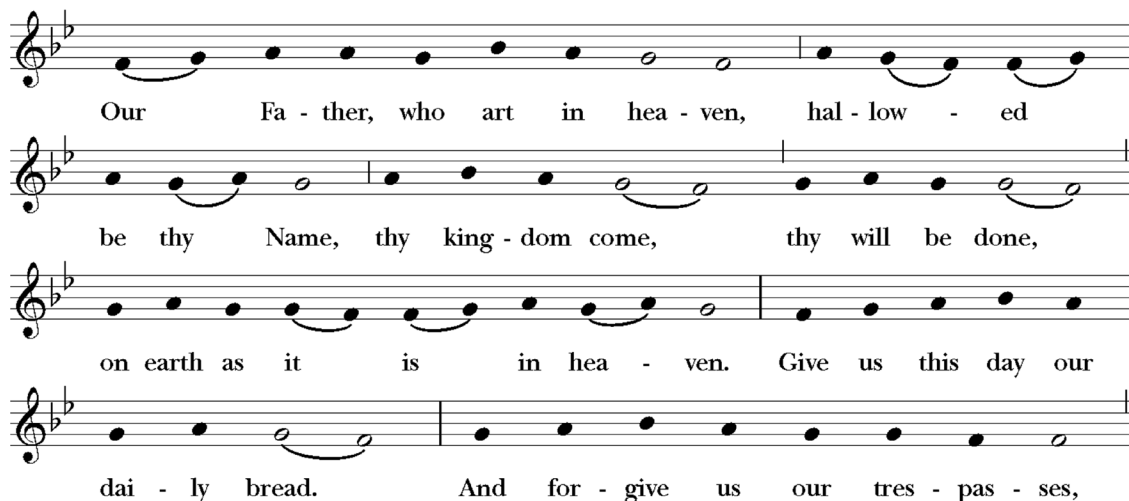
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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 the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, and 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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,

as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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## The Breaking of the Bread

*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.

*Those receiving Holy Communion may partake of both bread and wine or in just one kind. If partaking from the chalice, please only drink, do not dip your wafer into the cup. You may also touch the wafer to the outside of the chalice if desired. If you wish to receive a Blessing rather than Communion, come forward and stand or kneel with your arms crossed over your chest.*

# Communion Hymn 69 (LEVAS)

*"I come to the garden alone"*

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, \_\_\_\_\_ While the  
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice \_\_\_\_\_ Is so  
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him \_\_\_\_\_ Though the

1. dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing  
2. sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He  
3. night a - round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go through the

1. on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.  
2. gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.  
3. voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He

tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we  
tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.

Words: C. Austin Miles (1868-1946). Music: C. Austin Miles.

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Said by all*

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 Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us beloved children through  
 the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of divine  
 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.**

**Closing Hymn 296**      “We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. \_\_\_\_\_  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. \_\_\_\_\_  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. \_\_\_\_\_  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows \_\_\_\_\_



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; \_\_\_\_\_  
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life \_\_\_\_\_  
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. \_\_\_\_\_



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le -  
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. \_\_\_\_\_  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: \_\_\_\_\_

*Final Ending*



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

Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt.  
Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

10 10 10 with Alleluia

## **Dismissal**

*The clergy dismisses the People and they respond*

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

## **Postlude**

*Scherzo*

Flor Peeters



## **FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR**

**Flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for Denise Adams, by her loving husband, Art.**

**Flowers are also dedicated to the glory of God by Martha Sterne in celebration of another rotation around the sun and with much gratitude for God's many blessings.**



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