

St. John's Episcopal Church

3 Easter April 18, 2021



Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! If you are seeking a church home, we hope you will consider St. John's. Contact us for more information. Know God's presence in this place.

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. Led by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to serving the community with the love and justice of Jesus Christ.

During this time of pandemic, our worship is a bit different. We ask that at the Peace, you remain in your pew and simply turn and acknowledge those around you by a nod, wave or similar gesture of respect. To help prevent the spread of the virus, we are refraining from congregational and choral singing. We realize that music is an integral part of our worship experience; we hope to be able to sing as the body of Christ in the future. In the meantime, we appreciate the music offered by Jerilyn Yerkes, our organist, and others who present a music ministry.

As we stream our service, we want you to be as involved as possible. Please use the Facebook Chat and comments section freely.



Children of all ages are welcome at our services.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted. The people's responses are in bold.

We are committed to God, to our church, and to each other as a family in Christ, providing and cherishing spiritual growth and living our faith in the community.

Let us pray: God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop of Indianapolis

The Rev. Jan Oller, Rector

The Rev. Bill Wieland, Priest Associate

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Prelude "Voluntary on Duke Street" - Lind

The people standing, the Celebrant says Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Collect for Purity

All say **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.**

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

The Word of God

The Collect for the Sunday

The Priest says The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest 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.**

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**

Psalm 4

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.

Interlude Music Baptized in Water -LEVAS 121

The Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke 24:36b-48

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

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 our Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Homily

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 I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering (*Prayer List*), let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

The Peace

During this time of COVID-19, we ask that you refrain from shaking hands hugging or leaving your pew. Please stand, turn and acknowledge those sitting around you with a wave, a nod or similar sign of peace.

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Offertory Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels -Hymn 182

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The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

During this time of COVID-19, we have modified Communion, in accordance with instructions from Bishop Baskerville-Burrows. If you are in-person, you may come forward to receive the Bread. Communion, according to the theology of The Episcopal Church, is valid "in one kind". We ask that before you receive the Bread from the priest that you use the hand sanitizer and that you wait to consume the Bread until you have returned to your seat. Please come forward using the center aisle and keeping physically distant. Please return to your seat using the side aisles.

If you are worshipping online with us, we invite you to participate using the Prayer of Spiritual Communion (p7).

Priest The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

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People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving. **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us

one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray:

**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
Forever and ever AMEN**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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 Ministration of Communion

Musical Interlude I am the bread of life -Hymn 335

*An Act of Spiritual Communion for Those Who Are Not Present or Who Choose Not To Receive
It is right to give you thanks, merciful Father, at all times and in all places. In the wilderness you fed your chosen people with the bread from heaven, and gave them water to drink from the rock. When he was tempted by Satan, your Son Jesus Christ endured forty days of fasting, and still was filled with your power. Even now your Holy Spirit moves through the Church, sustaining us in this time of our exile. We thank you for your presence in your holy Word, in the prayers of your faithful people, and in the love you have placed in our hearts.*

Therefore, blessed Jesus, in union with those who are gathered at every altar of your church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we make our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. We adore you, O Christ, for by your life, death and resurrection, you have redeemed the world, bringing us out of sin and death into righteousness and eternal life. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we pray you to come spiritually into our hearts. In your good time bring us again, your scattered people, to feast at the feet of your altar, and at

the last day bring us to feast with all your saints at the table of your heavenly banquet, where we will see you face to face. Amen.

We are Sent Out

Post Communion Prayer

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.**

Blessing & Commissioning

Celebrant: Go forth with renewed hope trusting in the transforming love of God.

People: **God does not leave things as they are; with God, all things are made new.**

Celebrant: All creation responds to God's presence. The world is alive with possibility.

People: **We open ourselves to this truth. With Christ we trust our whole lives to this power.**

Celebrant: Nothing is beyond the reach of God; neither evil nor hardship or death.

People: **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

The Blessing and the Dismissal

May God who seeks the lost keep you; may God who brings back the wandering heart uphold you; may God who binds up the injured heal you; may God who strengthens the weak empower you, now and forever. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**¹

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

Postlude "That Easter Day with Joy was Bright" – Smith

Announcements

Wednesdays: 9am – Bible Study (Whitlock Hall)

Every day except Sunday @ 8am: Morning Prayer. [Facebook.com/IndyDioVirtualAbbey/](https://www.facebook.com/IndyDioVirtualAbbey/)

Every Day @ 8p: Compline – [Facebook.com/IndyDioVirtualAbbey](https://www.facebook.com/IndyDioVirtualAbbey/)

Serving Today:

Organist: Jerilyn Yerkes

Lector: 8a-Kitty Haffner; 10:30a-Barb Easterling

Crucifer: Steve Charles

Greeters: Roosa Family

¹ [Feasting on the Word](#) (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press).

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Altar Guild: Meegan Reidy

Counters: Ed Fain & Jim Gary

Videographer: Ed Fain

Flowers: The flowers are given today to the Glory of God and for this beautiful spring and the promise it holds by Marc & Helen Hudson

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Randy & Elaine Pickering

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Please know that your participation with us today has been a blessing. If this is your first time worshipping with us, and you would like to be known to us, please send an email to: stjohnscville@gmail.com