

Family Service
Third Sunday of Easter
The Episcopal Church of the Advent
Kennett Square, PA
April 19, 2026 9:00 a.m.



*****Annual Parish Meeting at 10:00 a.m., today. There will be no 11:00 a.m. service or Sunday school for adults, youth, or children.*****

Elementary Sunday School resumes next week at 9:45 am, in the Children's Chapel.

Jr/Sr High Sunday School resumes next week at 10:00 am, in the Youth Room (St. Jude Room).

Adult Formation resumes next week at 9:45 am, in the St. Nicholas Room. The Rev. Sherry Deets will present on Thistle Hills, a Coatesville ministry that empowers women to overcome trauma and addiction

Our liturgy is taken from the Book of Common Prayer 1979, the Book of Occasional Services 2022, and Enriching Our Worship 1997, as used in the Episcopal Church in the United States.

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PIANO PRELUDE

All Good Gifts

Schwartz

OPENING HYMN

All Are Welcome

#1 in the **Family Songbook**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Celebrant

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.**

GLORIA

S-280 in the front of **The Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

Powell

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The First Lesson - 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.

Lector 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!

(Please stand as you are able for the Sequence Hymn and Gospel.)

SEQUENCE HYMN *Break Thou the Bread of Life*
#146, v.1-2 in **Lift Every Voice and Sing** (black & red hymnal)

THE GOSPEL – Luke 24:13-35

Celebrant The 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.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *Break Thou the Bread of Life*
#146, v.3 in **Lift Every Voice and Sing** (black & red hymnal)

HOMILY

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

We believe

T. D. Smith

(Please stand as you are able.)

*Sung to hymn tune from # 495 in **The Hymnal 1982** – blue hymnal.)*

**We believe in God the Father, God Almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began.
We believe in Christ the Saviour, Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's King to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit; in one church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Please kneel, stand, or remain seated for the prayers.)*

THE PEACE *(Please stand as you are able for the Peace.)*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lamb of God
Advent Parish Choir

Paris/Somers

DOXOLOGY

(Please stand as you are able for the Doxology.)
*Hymn tune from # 400 in the **Hymnal 1982** – blue hymnal.)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here
below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise him above you heavenly host; praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere...
...sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy - #362, v. 1 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God Almighty!
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee!
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and might,
God in three person, blessed Trinity.**

(You may remain standing, kneel, or be seated for the remainder of the prayer.)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love...
...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...
...all honor and glory is your, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**

**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.
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.**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Come Risen Lord

#306 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

Let Us Break Bread Together

#325 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Canticle of the Turning

#10 in the **Family Service Songbook**

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Trumpets in Dialogue

Clerambault

*The Sanctuary Candle is sponsored this week by
Fran Wilson in memory of her son Aaron...“Always in our hearts.”*

WORSHIP SUPPORT

Lector / Sub Deacon: Dennis Glasgow
Eucharistic Minister: Barbara Thornton
Usher: Mike Bell
Director of Music: Wilson G. Somers

***Suggested Spiritual Practice for the Easter Season:
Read the Book of Acts***

Easter is more than just a day; it is an entire season. It is one of the two festival seasons of the church year, with the Christmas Season being the other. The Easter Season is celebrated for fifty days, beginning on Easter Sunday and concluding with Pentecost Sunday. During the Easter Season, in worship services where all the appointed Bible readings are typically read (Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament, and Gospel), the Old Testament reading is typically replaced with a reading from the Book of Acts. The Book of Acts (a.k.a. The Acts of the Apostles) was written by the same author as Luke's Gospel, and it picks up where Luke's Gospel ends. The Book of Acts tells the story of the earliest Christians immediately following the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. I encourage you to spend some time in this Easter Season reading through the Book of Acts.

Happy Easter! Rev. Tim