Grace Episcopal Church

The Sundays of Easter 2022

The Right Rev. Frank Logue,
11th Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia

The Rev. Kit Brinson, Rector

Mike Taylor, Church Musician and Choir Director

The Procession Hymn # (*on insert*)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

The Gloria

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. (S280)

The Collect of the Day *(on insert)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The First Lesson (*The people may be seated..)*
After the reading…….The Word of the Lord…**Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm *(on insert)*

The Second Lesson

The Word of the Lord….**Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence *(on insert)*

The Holy Gospel (*remain standing*)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

The Sermon *(seated)* *The Rev. Kit Brinson*
(silence follows the sermon)

The Nicene Creed (*read in unison*)

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

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

For those in need of our prayers, especially, Norene, Rosalie, Theresa, Mike, Peggy, Menza, Mark, James, Steve, Gladys, Rob, Nancy, Lucie, Karen, Alyssa, Susan, Ed, Carolyn, Sally, Chris, Carly, Billy, Thomas, Frances, Barb, Lonnie, Allen, Tom, Sara, Rachel, C.J., Zachary, Lauren and Shary, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, 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, especially, Patty, Michelle, Dennis, Gordon, D.J., Edgar and Gloria, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, 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.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are not able to worship with us, that they may feel connected to the Body of Christ, especially Jo, Linda, Jacque, Dot, Frances, Una and Shary, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Lauren May, and Allen Hamilton, that they may feel our love and prayers, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

We commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

The Announcements *(found on insert)*

The Offertory *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer D

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.
Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

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. (S129)

(the people kneel or stand)

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated..

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this wine, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you,

we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. ***AMEN.***

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

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 *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us, Alleluia, let us keep the feast."

(Eight-fold Alleluia)

The Communion of God's People

All visitors, who have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and who have been admitted to Communion in their own church, are welcome to share the Holy Eucharist.) Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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 .

Communion Music

After Communion, the Celebrant says: 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.

The Procession *He lives* **Levas 42**

Post Communion Prayer *(said in unison)*

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

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The Procession **(***on insert)*

The Dismissal

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

Easter Blessings

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

Third Sunday of Easter 2022

Procession Hymn *We sing the glorious conquest before Damascus' gate* **H 255**

Collect of the Day: 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 the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 9:1-6)

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The Word of the Lord…..**Thanks be to God**

Psalm 30 (*said in unison)*

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up * and have not let my enemies triumph over me .

O LORD my God, I cried out to you, * and you restored me to health .

You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; * you restored my life as I was going down to the grave .

Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; * give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, * his favor for a lifetime .

Weeping may spend the night, * but joy comes in the morning .

While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. * You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, * and I was filled with fear .

I cried to you, O LORD; * I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? * will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; * O LORD, be my helper."

You have turned my wailing into dancing; * you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy .

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; * O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever .

A Reading from the Book of Revelation (5:11-14)

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped. The Word of the Lord…..**Thanks be to God**

The Sequence Hymn *Shepherds of souls, refresh and bless* **H 343**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (21:1-19)…People - Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him,

"Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me." The Gospel of the Lord….**Praise to you. Lord Christ.**

The Procession Hymn *Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness* **H 492**

Announcements— New to You Sale Friday May 6th (12-6:00) and **S**aturday, May 7th (9:00-11:00) – **signup sheets available -** Rector's Discretionary Fund collection on May 8th (Mother's Day) – **Continuing needs**—Sacks for Saturday collection & Salvation Army Food collection – May 1st Luncheon - Rector's Discretionary Fund collection on May 8th

May 1st: LEM: Rick Charlett, James Israel **Lector:** Brian Blount **Intercessor:** Lauri Santana **Ushers:** Brian Blount, Brandy Holland **Altar Guild**: Audrey Jernigan **Refreshments:** Luncheon – Team 5 (Cynthia Herrin)

May 8th: LEM: Audrey Jernigan, Brandy Holland **Lector:** Tom Strait **Intercessor:** Gail Walker **Ushers:** Gail Walker, Debra Strickland **Altar Guild:** James Pinckney **Refreshments:** Team 3 (Sandy Boyd)

May 15th: LEM: Ken Taft, Dayton Lang **Lector:** Lauri Santana **Intercessor:** Chris Jeffords **Ushers:** Jim Brown, James Israel **Altar Guild**: Rhonda Blount **Refreshments:** Team 4 (Peggy Lang)

May Vestry Team – Cynthia Herrin, Tom Strait, Ken Taft, Lauri Santana