



CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcoming all in the name of Christ

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at 8 a.m. April 7, 2024: The Second Sunday of Easter

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as the Celebrant enters the Chapel.

Acclamation and Collect for Purity *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 355*

Song of Praise OR Kyrie *as appointed BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 356*

The Collect of the Day *All remain standing.*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

The Readings *The texts of the Readings are provided inside*

The Lesson

The Psalm

The Epistle

The Holy Gospel

Response before the Gospel Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Response after the Gospel Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Nicene Creed *All standing BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 358*

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 360*

The Peace

All may greet one another in the Lord's name.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer *All stand.*

The four Prayer Book forms of the Eucharistic Prayer begin on page 361.

Following the proclamation of "Holy, holy, holy," the congregation may stand or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer (*traditional form*) *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 364*

The Breaking of the Bread *A brief silence is kept.*

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Altar rail.

Those not wishing to receive Communion may come forward for a blessing.

Post-Communion Prayer *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 365 or 366*

All pray together, kneeling.

The Blessing

Dismissal *All respond: Thanks be to God.*

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024
9 a.m.
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II



Welcoming all in the name of Christ

9:00 A.M. The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude on *Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands* Johann Sebastian Bach

*The Congregation is asked to sit as far forward as possible,
using the front pews of the Nave and of the Transepts.*

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as the ministers enter.

Opening Acclamation *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 355*

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Song of Praise *That Easter day with joy was bright* *HYMNAL, 193, stanzas 1-3*
All sing together.

Collect of the Day

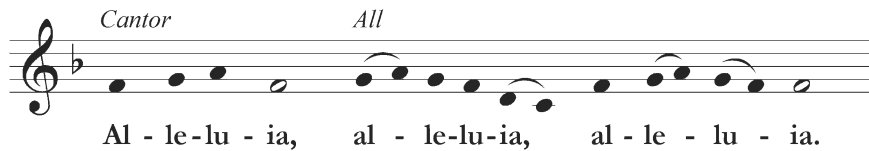
The Readings *All sit for the Lessons and Psalm.*

The Lesson Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133 *All say together.*

The Epistle 1 John 1:1-2:2

Gospel Alleluia-Verse



Truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.
-1 John 1:3

The Holy Gospel *All standing* John 20:19-31

Response before the Gospel Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Response after the Gospel Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily The Rt. Rev. Dr. Ketlen A. Solak

The Nicene Creed *Congregation standing* *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 358*

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Risen Lord, in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 360*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All may greet one another.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn *We walk by faith and not by sight* HYMNAL, 209
All stand and sing together

Eucharistic Prayer B BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 367

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy Lord* All sing together HYMNAL, S 125
Hymnal "S"—numbers refer to Service Music, printed at the front of the Hymnal.

The service continues on page 368 of THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.

The Lord's Prayer *All say together*

The Breaking of the Bread *(A brief silence is kept.)*

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Those not wishing to receive Communion may come forward for a blessing.

Parents are encouraged to bring children to receive Communion or a blessing.

Postcommunion Prayer *All say together* BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 365

The Blessing

Final Hymn *At the Lamb's high feast we sing* HYMNAL, 174, stanzas 1, 4

Dismissal *All respond* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude *Fugue in C major* Bach

All who wish to listen to the postlude from the Choir Stalls are invited to do so.

Classes begin at 10 a.m.:

Christian Formation for children and youth;

Gospel & Breakfast with Young Adult Ministry and Parents of Little Ones in the Evans Room;

The Priest and Rabbi Class in McClintic Hall.



A Priest and a Rabbi Walk into a Classroom

Join us at 10 a.m. in McClintic Hall

Rabbi Aaron Bisno and the Rev. Jonathon Jensen continue to teach a class together. We will focus on the great stories of Judaism in the Book of Genesis. Sessions are recorded and posted to Calvary's YouTube page with a link in the Friday email. All are welcome to attend.

Those wishing to make offerings
by electronic transfer may use
this QR Code to do so:



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■ CALVARY'S CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. Jonathon W. Jensen, <i>Rector</i>	Jon Tyillian, <i>Assistant Organist</i>
The Rev. Cameron J. Soulis, <i>Associate Rector</i>	Lynda Kennedy, <i>Director of Finance</i>
The Rev. Geoffrey S. Royce, <i>Deacon</i>	Vicki Rispoli, <i>Director of Children's Formation</i>
The Rev. Ruth Bosch Becker, <i>Assisting Pastor</i>	Kenneth Smith, <i>Director of Communications</i>
The Rev. Carol Henley, <i>Assisting Priest</i>	Kim Pieratt, <i>Parish Administrator</i>
Rabbi Aaron Bisno, <i>Rabbi-in-Residence</i>	Jim Gubash, <i>Head Sexton</i>
Ms. Deanna Briody, <i>McNulty Intern</i>	Adam Augustine, Ron Johnston, Mary Ann Packer, Guy Tillman, <i>Sextons</i>
Dr. Alan Lewis, <i>Director of Music</i>	Vivian Rispoli, <i>A/V Technician</i>

– The Vestry –

2024	2025	2026	2027
Jennifer De Rosa	Adam Bailey	David Riehl	John Allison
David Jeong	Kate Burroughs	Wendy Lomicka	Elaine Effort
Donald MacLeod, Jr.	Lucy Douglas	James Manning	Ian Everhart
Laura Marchl	Peter Lewis	Vanessa Sterling	Lisa Nevola

Sarah Wilson, *secretary*

– The Parish Council –

2024	2025	2026	2027
Jonathan Callard	Ann Augustine	Michele Bender	Charles R. Altman
Jean Carr	Mary Jane Bent	Sue DeWalt, <i>President</i>	Diana Page
Emma Schauf	Jeannine Farina	Stanley Nevola	Ray Richter
			Anoo Verghis

Clergy Contact Information

Please feel free to contact any of our clergy. We are ready to help.

- The Rev. Jonathon Jensen, jjensen@calvarypgh.org
- The Rev. Cameron Soulis, csoulis@calvarypgh.org
- Deacon Geoffrey Royce, groyce@calvarypgh.org
- Rabbi Aaron Bisno, aaron.b.bisno@gmail.com
- Deanna Briody, dbriody@calvarypgh.org



April 7, 2024 – The Second Sunday of Easter

Our Parish Life

Bishop's Visit to Calvary

Today we welcome our Bishop, the Right Reverend Dr. Ketlen A. Solak, who will preach and preside at the 8, 9, and 11 o'clock services, with Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation offered at 11. Join us for a festive coffee hour after the 11 o'clock service.



A Service of Evensong Today at 5 p.m.

Evensong is the musical version of Evening Prayer, a rite that has been in the Anglican and Episcopal Books of Common Prayer for as long as such books have existed. Sung psalms and prayers, scriptural readings, and two canticles from the Gospel of St. Luke form most of the service, with other choral music to suit the occasion. The canticles are by the great Victorian composer Charles V Stanford, along with a lovely choral song describing Mary Magdalen's experience at the empty tomb. Please join us!

Funeral for John O'Rourke

A funeral to celebrate the life of John O'Rourke will be held at Calvary on **Thursday, April 11, 2023 at 11 a.m.** in the Lady Chapel. The family will receive visitors in the Parlor, beginning at 10 a.m. A reception will follow the service in the Parish Hall, with interment at 2:30 p.m. at Allegheny County Memorial Park Cemetery in Allison Park, PA. All are welcome to attend. Please join us in holding Peggy and their family and friends in your prayers.

A Death in our Parish Family

Amidst the ever present hope of Christ's resurrection, it is with sadness that we share the news that parishioner Jules (Jay) Labarthe died on Thursday, March 28. Jay was a longtime and faithful parishioner of Calvary. He was involved in the life of the parish in many ways, most recently designing the transept narthex for its 2023 renovation. A service honoring Jay will be held at Calvary on **Saturday, May 25 at 11 a.m.** Please join us in holding Carroll, their children Jules and Leslie, and their other family and friends in your prayers.

Annual Meeting

The Nominating Committee of the Vestry will receive nominations in the Parlor for Vestry and Parish Council members on **Sunday, April 14, 2024** after all services. David Jeong, chair, Jenn DeRosa, Charlie Atwood, Jean Carr, Mark Rust, and Laura Everhart are the members of the committee. The Rector is an ex officio member. Names may be also be submitted at any time to members of the Nominating Committee, or by email, to the chair, David Jeong, at jeongnewton@gmail.com or the Rector at jjensen@calvarypgh.org. The relevant by-laws regarding the annual meeting and Nominating Committee have been posted on the bulletin board and may be viewed on our website at www.calvarypgh.org/annual-meeting-2024

The 169th Annual Parish Meeting of Calvary Church will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 10 a.m., in the Parish Hall. Election of members of the Vestry and Parish Council will take place and reports from the Wardens, Treasurer and others will be given. Please make every effort to attend.

Gospel and Breakfast (GAB): Sundays, in the Evans Room

This class is for young adults and parents of young children to meet for fellowship, light breakfast, and a discussion of the Gospel passage appointed for the day. We gather in the Evans Room on Sundays during the Christian Formation hour (10–10:45 a.m.). The nursery will be open at that time, or you can bring your little one(s) along if you prefer. Drop in whenever you can. No prior knowledge needed. Questions? Please contact the Rev. Cameron Soulis (csoulis@calvarypgh.org or 412.661.0120, ext. 123).

Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer on Mondays and Thursdays will continue through the Easter season. We will meet each Monday and Thursday through May 23 at 6 p.m. in the Lady Chapel. (The only exception is Ascension Day, Thursday, May 9, when Evensong will be offered at 7:30 p.m.). Please join us! Praying at certain points of the day has its origins in Judaism and was practiced in the early church and monastic traditions. Evening Prayer is derived from the monastic prayer services and is one of the Daily Offices found in our Book of Common Prayer. The service of Evening Prayer is about 20 minutes long and includes Psalms, Scripture, and Prayers for the day (but no sermon or music). If you have questions or are interested in helping to lead this service, please contact Steve Shandor (steve.shandor@gmail.com) or Michael Salmon (oriolefish@gmail.com).

Prayer and Anointing for Healing on Sundays at 11 a.m.

Throughout the Easter season, we will offer healing prayer by anointing with oil and the laying on of hands during communion at the 11 a.m. service. If you would like to receive this healing prayer, please come to the Lady Chapel after you receive communion. The priest who is distributing communion at the station by the pulpit will join you there to offer this healing prayer. In Easter, we will evaluate to see if we want to continue this practice.

The Bookstore at Calvary

The Bookstore has confirmation cards to celebrate those who will be confirmed today at the 11 o'clock service. In addition, there is a wide selection of gifts to celebrate the occasion including Bibles, books, clothing items, decorative glass crosses, and jewelry.

The Bookstore is open on Sunday from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call the Bookstore at 412.661.0120 ext. 133 (please leave a message) or email at bookstore@calvarypgh.org and we will contact you. Cash, check, Discover®, MasterCard®, and Visa® along with touch-free payments are accepted.

Food of the Month

East End Cooperative Ministry operates the second largest food pantry in Pittsburgh. **On their wish list in April is peanut butter.** Of course, you may donate any nonperishable food item. Please leave your items in the shopping cart across from the reception desk. Thank you.

Notices for the Sunday service bulletin must be received
by the end of the day on Wednesday each week.
Please email your notice to calvary@calvarypgh.org



A coming together event for all ages

FINISH LINE PARTY

Food, Fun, & Fascinators!
Sunday, May 5, 2024

Special Service Times on Marathon Sunday, May 5, 2024

Because the Pittsburgh Marathon route limits access to Calvary on May 5, we will have a celebration of the Holy Eucharist only at **8 a.m.** and **5 p.m.**

The 5 p.m. service will be Livestreamed.

The Parish Council is hosting the second annual Finish Line Party after the 5 p.m. May 5 Marathon Sunday service. This party will provide a chance for parishioners from all services to meet and celebrate Calvary. We will ask folks to bring a cold appetizer for eight to share as we chat and play. Bring a Kentucky Derby Hat – or fascinator – to join the parade! *Details to come.*

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The Calendar

Sunday April 7, 2024

The Second Sunday of Easter

Bishop's Visitation

The Holy Eucharist at 8, 9, and 11 a.m.

- 10:00 A.M. Children/Youth Formation
- 10:00 A.M. Priest/Rabbi Class
- 10:00 A.M. Gospel and Breakfast (GAB)
- 10:00 A.M. Bishop Meets with Confirmants
- 10:00 A.M. Choir Warm-up
- 12:00 P.M. Festive Coffee Hour
- 3:30 P.M. Choir Warm-up
- 5:00 P.M. Evensong

Monday April 8, 2024

The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary [Transferred from March 25]

- 5:00 P.M. Capital Campaign Team
- 6:00 P.M. Evening Prayer
- 6:00 P.M. EfM
- 7:00 P.M. Contemplative Prayer

Tuesday April 9, 2024

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Pastor and Theologian, 1945

- 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. Coventry Circle

Wednesday April 10, 2024

William Law, Priest, 1761

- 9:00 A.M. Wednesday Workspace
- 10:00 A.M. ESL Conversation Class
- 12:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 6:00 P.M. Sacred Ground Level 2
- 6:00 P.M. Interlude Group

Thursday April 11, 2024

George Augustus Selwyn, Bishop of New Zealand, and of Lichfield, 1878

- 10:00 A.M. Visitation for John O'Rourke Funeral
- 11:00 A.M. John O'Rourke Funeral Service
- 2:30 P.M. John O'Rourke Burial, Allegheny County Memorial Park
- 6:00 P.M. Evening Prayer
- 6:30 P.M. Julian of Norwich Reading Group
- 6:30 P.M. Mahjong
- 7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

Friday April 12, 2024

- 11:00 A.M. Pauline (Polly) Foster Mullins Funeral

Saturday April 13, 2024

- 4:00 P.M. Night at the Races for DePaul School

Sunday April 14, 2024

The Third Sunday of Easter

Nominations received in the Parlor following all services

The Holy Eucharist at 8, 9, and 11 a.m.

- 10:00 A.M. Children/Youth Formation
- 10:00 A.M. Priest/Rabbi Class
- 10:00 A.M. Gospel and Breakfast (GAB)
- 10:00 A.M. Choir Warm-up
- 11:00 A.M. Children's Liturgy
- 12:00 P.M. Coffee Hour
- 12:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

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THE CALVARY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

PRESERVE • SUSTAIN • SHARE

We are very pleased to report that the Capital Campaign currently has 72 pledges and one-time gifts totaling \$2,648,700 which is 44% of our \$6,000,000 goal. While this is great progress, we need to have many more members participate in the Campaign. In order to facilitate this, we are offering several opportunities to learn about the Campaign and make it easy to pledge. Please send an email to us at campaign@calvarypgh.org if you have any questions or would like to be contacted personally to discuss your participation in the campaign.

The Prayers of the People _____

*For the Anglican Communion, and for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and
The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.*

For the Episcopal Church, and for The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop.

*For the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh and for The Right Reverend Dr. Ketlen A. Solak,
Bishop.*

*For the parishes of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, especially Calvary Episcopal
Church, East Liberty, the Rev. Jonathon Jensen, the Rev. Cameron Soulis,
the Rev. Geoffrey Royce, Rabbi Aaron Bisno, the Rev. Carol Henley,
the Rev. Ruth Bosch Becker (ELCA); and the Bookstore at Calvary.*

Let us pray for those serving in the armed forces:

Christine DeForest, Tres Mellor, Robert Weaver, Jon Danchik, Chris Claunch,
George Rossman, Brian Bongiovi, Lauren Laessig.

For those who are ill or convalescing:

Erica, Elise Power, Henry Albee, Jamie Rogers, Phyllis Ernst, Hattie Mauch,
Judith Baskin, ++Michael Curry, Jeff Arberman, James Knight, Roy Murphy,
Joan Rollins, Nancy Hudak, Janet, Josh Butler, Kate, Jean Oh, Andrea, Beth Gallis,
Thomas Gallagher, Daniel Perett, Janice Myers, Lucy Duffy, Earl,
Marilyn Devereaux, Pat, Judy, Shannon, Emily, Kristen, John Lovelace,
Erick Hoffman, Avianna Hoffman, Lori McCormick, Kelly Christner, Kam Murrin,
Charlie Auth, Alex O'Brien, Tom Johnson+, Lee O'Nan, Heather Cleevely.

Let us remember those who continue in our prayers:

William Marchl+, Charles Mullen, David Rollins, Charlotta Ross, Mimi Dobby,
Charlie Quillin, Holly Best, Marie Houston, Nikki Smith, Fairfax Seay,
Paula King-Smith, Phyllis Hickok, Mary Anne Marchl, Betty Howard, Richard Zack,
Walter Bowman, Stan Schoen, Doreen Putnam, Jean Carver, Diana Jannetta.

Let us pray for those who have been commended to our prayers:

Betty Shandor, Marjorie Wells, Linda Augustine, Sang Oh, Dorothy Tague, Tom Vig,
Heidi Murrin, Joachim Bielert, Marilyn Corstange, Gary McCann, Dave Bruton,
Alyson Holt, Debra Teton, Patricia, Carol Ann R., Jennifer S., Laura B., Patricia M.,
Marian G., Charles, Jeremiah McClung, Dave Arlotti, Mike, Ed Cohen, Carol, Hay-
den, Brian, Meredith G., Janie Leighton, Devlin Cato, Rebecca Rogovin, John,
Nancy, Steve, Ernie, Betsy Mastaglio, Jason Durand, Barbara G., Paul Thompson,
Lou and Nancy M., Cathie Keenan, Mary Kay D., Marsha Dilts, Eileen Simmons,
Al Churley, Barbara, Judy, Mark Steinberg, Michael C., Anthony, Helene Burke, Wal-
ter Simmons, Alex, Aster, Gail, Megan and Mike and family, Judy, Jill W. and chil-
dren, Katherine Plank, Marie Churley, April DeLucia, Stefania, Edward, Kathleen,
Joe Hardy, Cathy Rielly-Goddard, Avi and family, Lisa, Dena Gallagher and family,
Frankie Schell, Max and Leah Weiss, Mary G., Paul Marvy family, Arnold Shurkin,
Linda Almasy-Hohmann, David Hohmann, Marsha McElwain, Harry DeLuce, Chris
Chaney, Kristen, Annette Bowen, Stefan,
Denise Wolff Oetinger, John Rinozzi, Vincent Esposito, Katy Reeder, Allison,
Rita Rose, Kevin Ayala, John Pranikoff, Dawn Miller.

For people throughout the world living with HIV and AIDS.

For caregivers.

*For those who have died: Pauline (Polly) Foster Mullins, Bob Kopf (friend of Sarah and
Joe Wilson), Jules (Jay) Labarthe, Jr.*

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Jetta Jenkins, by Steve Shandor.*

Howard McClintic (Pete) Love, by his family.

*Obidimma Olga Ibimina Okobi, beloved daughter, sister and aunty, and
forever loved.*

Irene Stewart, by Dennis and Jan McKeag.

[To add or remove names from the Prayer List, please contact Kim Pieratt
at the church office: 412.661.0120, ext. 111; kpieratt@calvarypgh.org]

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our LORD, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [4:32-35]

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the LORD Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
 - 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
 - 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
 - 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
 - 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
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A Reading from the First Letter of John [1:1-2:2]

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

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We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

{20:19-31}

Response before the Gospel: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the LORD. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the LORD." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My LORD and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Response after the Gospel: Praise to you, Lord Christ.