

Episcopal Church of the Nativity

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

The Rev. Scott G. Sinclair, Presiding & The Rev. Rebecca Morehouse, Deacon

Opening Hymn	“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”	Hymn #174
Gloria		BCP p. 356
Collect for the Day		Service Leaflet
First Reading	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Service Leaflet
Psalm	Psalm 116	Service Leaflet
Second Reading	1 Peter 1:17-23	Service Leaflet
Gospel Reading	Luke 24:13-35	Service Leaflet
Sermon		
Nicene Creed		BCP p. 358
Prayers of the People		
Confession of Sin		BCP p. 360
The Peace		
Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP p. 361-363
The Lord's Prayer		BCP p. 364
The Breaking of Bread		
Post Communion Prayer		BCP p. 365
Birthday Prayer		BCP p. 830
Blessing		
Closing Hymn	“That Easter Day”	Hymn #193

The Collect

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 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.

The Psalm

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 Reading

Peter 1:17-23

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.

The Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

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.

Prayer List:

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER, WE PRAY FOR: CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION, PLEASANT HILL, WHOSE FEAST DAY IS EASTER DAY, ST. ANSELM'S, LAFAYETTE WHOSE FEAST DAY IS ANSELM, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY (APRIL 21) FOR OUR MEMBERS: FOR JAMIE, NANCY B, NINA A, NORMA, DUANE, STEVE K, BARBARA B, DOYLE, DIANE, IAN, JEAN AND ROSE AND FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY, MILES, VIOLET & AARON, BY, PHIL, GREG, NICK, KATHIE, JOHN S, SUZIE, BILL, IVA HOLLY, LYNN , CHRIS AND RUSS. WE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF MARION MARSH WADE, GARY SCHAFFER AND ELIZABETH PICK AND COMFORT FOR THEIR FAMILIES.

Announcements

The Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her dad, Bill Bromley, by Kim Bromley.

Memorial Service for Marion Marsh Wade will be held on Saturday, April 25th at 10:00 am. Nativity will be providing a light reception following the service. Donations of cookies would be appreciated along with set-up/cleanup help.

Next Sunday, April 26, we will have music, drumming and song with Sean Potts. Come and experience a different type of music for Nativity.

Next Movie Day is May 24, 3-5 pm. We will be featuring *Rental Family* directed by Hikari, starring Brendon Fraser.

Flower Chart: There are plenty of empty spaces on the Flower Chart needing volunteers.