



Holy Family Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020

Welcome to Holy Family's Online Worship!

If you would like more information about Holy Family or otherwise want to communicate with the clergy or office, please email admin@hfec.org. Thank you for being part of the community this worship time! Alleluia Christ is Risen!

References marked BCP are for pages in The Book of Common Prayer.

You are invited to check in on social media.

Entrance Hymn *Hymnal 174*
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King, who hath washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side; praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred Blood for wine, gives his Body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.**
- 2 Where the Paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, Paschal bread; with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.**
- 3 Mighty victim from on high, hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie; thou hast conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light: now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; thou hast opened paradise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.**
- 4 Easter triumph, Easter joy, these alone do sin destroy. From sin's power do thou set free souls new-born, O Lord, in thee. Hymns of glory, songs of praise, Father, unto thee we raise: risen Lord, all praise to thee with the Spirit ever be.**

Greeting and Announcements

The Word of God *BCP 355*

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Officiant

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 *Gather 97*

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

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Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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 Reading

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.

Reader 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!**

The Second Reading

1 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

Deacon The Holy 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.

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

Homily

The Rev. Bruce Gray

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 worshipped
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 VI *BCP 392*
The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence may be kept

For all people in their daily life and work;
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for
those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and
oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of
trouble;
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless,
and the needy.**

In our parish cycle of prayer we pray for the Burke,
Burkholder, and Butt families and for our Brotherhood
of St. Andrew chapter. We pray for the peace and
unity of the Church of God;
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek
the Truth.**

In our Diocesan Cycle of prayer we pray for the
people and clergy of Christ Church, Madison. We pray
for Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer our
Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

Especially remembering those on our prayer list Tim,
Linda, Greg, Tim, Carla, Kristine, Kerry, Lindy,

Laraine, Krista, Kyla, Alma, Betty, Paul, Bob, Dee, Natalie, Bev, Sue, and Krista, we pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence - the People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for those expecting babies soon especially Kylie & Dylan and Diane & Quinn. We pray for those preparing for Confirmation. We pray in Thanksgiving for our church community. Even when we are physically separated, we are one body in prayer. Please add your own thanksgivings.

Silence - the People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Especially remembering RoseMary Elkins, we pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence - the People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Deacon Let us confess sins against God and our neighbor.

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Absolution

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Anthem

*Hillary Blake
Blessed Assurance
Crosby van Alstyne/Knapp*

The congregation prays the Lord's Prayer together.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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.

Additional Prayers

The Blessing

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 blessing.

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.

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.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn

*Hymnal 182 (v. 1,2,3)
Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.**
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, he comes to claim the here and now and conquer every place and time.**
- 3 Not throned above, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains, but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior with the Father reigns.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Announcements:

Welcome to Holy Family! If you would like more information about Holy Family, please email Fr. Bruce at bgray@hfec.org or go to the Holy Family Website HolyFamilyFishers.org.

You can use your smartphone to scan this code which opens the Holy Family website.



Social Media: Be sure to check in on social media and talk about today's online worship. Share how you are spending your worship time and spread the Good News!

Church at Home: Weekly resources for children, youth, and adults can be found at Faith@Home. Also, see the bottom of each week's Holy Family newsletter for a printable coloring sheet that matches the weekly Gospel scripture.

Youth Group Compline: The next online gathering for members of Youth Group (grades 7-12) will be held via ZOOM on Sunday, April 26th at 8:15 PM. Please check Remind101 or contact [Youth Ministry](#) for the login information.

Morning Prayer & Compline – Facebook Watch Parties: The Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis has set up a page on Facebook for live videos of Morning Prayer and Compline at 8 AM and 8 PM, respectively. All are welcome to join in on these Watch Parties through the diocesan page, [IndyDio Virtual Abbey](#).

Licensed Counseling Available for Free: Deacon Cathy is offering free, short-term counseling by telephone for any parishioner who is experiencing depression, anxiety, or just generalized worry about the future or is having difficulty coping with this "new normal." Cathy has over 30 years of counseling experience and is licensed with the State of Indiana. Deacon Cathy cannot prescribe medication, but will be happy to refer you to a local mental health center for follow-up. Feel free to reach out to her at 317-441-8493 to talk.

COVID-19 Information Webpage: Holy Family has created a new webpage to centralize information about staying connected to church life, receiving current health information, and finding resources for spiritual practices during these difficult times. The page can be found [HERE](#).

Pub Theology - Finding Grace in the Moment: On Wednesday, May 6th at 6:30 PM, Deacon Cathy will host an online conversation about exploring the positive experiences and changes in life during this difficult time. "Really, Cathy? I never planned to Marie Kondo my life THIS MUCH!" Contact [Deacon Cathy](#) or [Fr. Bruce](#) for more information.

Online Resource: Fr. Bruce has started a new blog for spiritual resources, especially during this time of social distancing. Holy Family's deacon, Cathy Scott, is also contributing to it and other authors may also do so in the future. The website is www.churchfromadistance.org. Feel free to share it with others, and to offer suggestions or questions that would help make the blog more interesting and helpful. Contact Bruce at bgray@hfec.org.

Virtual Egg Hunt: Welcome to Holy Family's first virtual Easter egg hunt! Start [HERE](#) to begin your journey. Happy egg hunting!

Sew Many Ways to Help! Area crafters are joining together to sew protective masks and scrub caps for area healthcare providers, food pantry volunteers, and others. For more information on how to help by donating money or supplies or by sewing these items, please click [HERE](#).

Love Thy Neighbor: While following recommended social distancing procedures, consider checking in on ill, elderly, or isolated neighbors to make sure they are doing ok.

Pass the Peace: Record yourself and/or members of your household saying, "The Peace of the Lord be with you....and also with you" on a phone, laptop, or tablet. Email the video files to shortcut@hfec.org for the recordings to be used in an upcoming Holy Family online worship service video on YouTube (HFECVIDEOS). Record in a place where there is good lighting on your face and little or no background noise. Your videos may include any members of your family, including pets.

Personal Prayer: During this difficult time, Deacon Cathy and Father Bruce are available to pray with individuals or families by text or phone. Please reach out by text first (if possible) to set up a time to pray together.
The Reverend Bruce W. Gray (317) 363-6412
The Reverend Cathy Scott (317) 441-8493

Giving to Holy Family Online: Even though Holy Family is not gathering in person, the work of ministry continues in a wide range of activities. Bills continue to be paid, and therefore giving by parishioners continues to be crucial. Make a contribution via [this link](#), and The Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis will absorb 100% of the payment processing fee, so every cent you give will go to Holy Family. Other ways to donate are using your online banking, using the giving link on the [parish webpage](#) (which works using PayPal), or mailing a check to the church office. Everyone's support of God's work through Holy Family is needed and very appreciated!

Morning Book Club Online: This book club is for adults of all ages. The current book is *Listening Is An Act Of Love* by Dave Isay. This book is full of inspiring stories of ordinary people, so is very appropriate to this difficult time. An online discussion group has been formed for those who are interested, and may be helpful in forming connections with one another. Please send a request to join the group here: tinyurl.com/HolyFamilyBookClub

Social Media: Be sure to check in on social media and share your experience with online worship with Holy Family. Share how you are spending your worship time, invite someone new to participate, and send a photo of your household members engaging in worship online to help spread the Good News!

Shortcut to Sunday Podcasts: Holy Family hosts a podcast that focuses on the bible readings for each week. Father Bruce and Ben Paden briefly discuss the assigned scriptures. New episodes are released on Tuesdays in preparation for the following Sunday. The podcasts can be found on iTunes and other podcast sources. Share with your friends!

Mulch Cash & Carry: Looking to freshen up your landscaping in these dreary winter months? Bags of Forrest Fines mulch are now available for just \$5. Please make payment to the church office or online here: holyfamilyfishers.org/donate/ If you prefer, bulk mulch delivery to your home will also be available on April 22 or 23 and May 20 or 21. Watch for upcoming announcements for this year's mulch sale and flower market in May.

Upcoming Events:

Youth Group Compline: April 26 8:15 PM

Pub Theology: May 6 6:30 PM

Bishop's Visit & Confirmation: May 31 10 AM

In Case of Emergency: Please contact Fr. Bruce at this number 317-363-6412 via voice or text.

Prayer List: Tim, Linda, Greg, Tim, Carla, Kristine, Kerry, Lindy, Laraine, Krista, Kyla, Alma, Betty, Paul, Bob, Dee, Natalie, Bev, Sue, Krista

Parish Budget Update: Holy Family relies on the generosity of Sunday worshippers to support the ministries of the church. If possible, please keep up on your pledge so Holy Family can continue to grow in its ministry. The financial information reflects the church financial reports as of March 31, 2020.

	Actual
Income	\$59,659*
Expense	\$58,988
Difference	\$671

* Includes \$13,167 received in 2019 for 2020 pledges.

Serving today:

Officiant: The Rev. Bruce Gray
Homily: The Rev. Bruce Gray
Deacon: The Rev. Cathy Scott
Music Director: Bethany Paden
Readers: Katie Hamon, Betty Bogeman
Prayers: Sandra Cline

Thanks Be to God

- Ben Paden for producing Holy Family's worship videos
- All readers and volunteers for Holy Family's worship videos
- Local crafters who are sewing masks for healthcare professionals
- Hospital staff and first responders
- IT professionals who are working to increase connectivity
- Those who work in grocery stores, food service, and delivery

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