

We welcome you this morning!  
If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy worshipping with us today.

**Officiant Rev Chris McCann** **April 24, 2021**

**Opening Hymn** *Good Christians all rejoice and sing* # 205

*The people, standing, the Celebrant prays.*

**Holy Baptism** BCP. p. 299

**Collect**

*(Please be seated for the readings)*

**First Reading** *Acts of the Apostles [5:27–32]*

**Psalm** 150

**Second Reading** *Revelation to John [1:4–8]*

**Gospel Acclamation** *Alleluia*

**The Holy Gospel** *John [20:19–31]*

**Sermon** Rev Chris McCann

**Hymn** *We Know that Christ* #296

**Presentation of Candidate for Baptism** BCP. p.301  
*Miss Charlotte Davis Robinett*

**Intercessions** BCP. p. 305

Parish prayer requests.....

• Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop, Arthur and William assisting bishops;

- For the Diocese, as we engage in the search for our next Bishop
- For the whole world for which Jesus offered himself as a saving source of our reconciliation with God: for all who strive for peace with justice in God's creation. For our civic life; for leaders in government, for all who work for the common good .....
- For the mission of the church, and especially for the ministry of Reconciliation and especially for clergy and congregations as we gather together to wait upon the Lord's and his appearing
- For the people of Ukraine, Syria, Yemen
- For all who have asked our prayers: Joan, Suzanne, Ginny, Greg, Stellie, Jeannette, Doug, Carolyn, Jaime, Katie, Rae, Nancy, Karmen, Grace, Kenny, Cathy, Jim, Lindsay, Wendy...for all who are distressed and discouraged because of illness,...and all those we name either silently or aloud
- For the Faithful Departed:

**The Peace**

**Offertory Hymn** *Come Ye Faithful* # 200

**Prayer Over The Gifts**

**Celebrant:** Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and ever.  
All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine

**People:** *All things come of thee, O Lord,  
and of thine own have we given thee.*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**Eucharistic Prayer** A BCP p 361

**Sanctus** S130

**Fraction Sentence**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

**Communion** *Instrumental music*

*(Please kneel)*

**Prayer after Communion**

BCP p. 366

*(Please stand)*

**Closing Hymn** *That Easter Day*

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**Chalice Bearer:** Andy Blackley

**Lectors:** Carolyn & Doug Dolan

**Organist:** Jean Spangler

**Collect**

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.*

**First Reading**

*Acts of the Apostles [5:27-32]*

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." *The Word of the Lord.*

**Psalm**

150

1 Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*

praise him with strings and pipe.  
5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.  
6 Let everything that has breath \*  
praise the Lord.  
Hallelujah!

**Second Reading**  
*Revelation to John [1:4–8]*

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. *The Word of the Lord*

**Gospel**  
*John [20:19–31]*

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. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Join us for knitting Wednesdays at 3:30p in the conference room. All are welcome. Crocheting too. We can teach you if you want to learn.

NEMAC member Church of the Epiphany is hosting a gun buyback from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday June 11 at their location: 21000 Lake Shore Boulevard, Euclid Ohio, a Guns to Garden vigil and blacksmithing demonstration at 2:30 p.m. that afternoon, where guns will be made into plowshares. Volunteers and donations are welcome. Donations provide gift cards to exchange for the weapons. Checks should be made out to “Church of the Epiphany” with “Guns to Gardens” on the memo line.

**Metro Food Bank Project**  
The next Metro Food Bank event will be on May 21, 2022. Volunteer sign-up online [www.stlukechardon.org](http://www.stlukechardon.org), in food pantry info.