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Third Sunday of Easter

11:00 A.M.

April 15, 2018

Our Mission:

We, the Family of St. Helena's,
Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
Welcome all God's Children to
Grow with us in Grace and
Proclaim the Good News of Jesus
Christ.

Welcome to St. Helena's Episcopal Church & School

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. If you are a visitor with us, we warmly welcome you to this worship service and to the vibrant life of St. Helena's community. We invite you to fill out a Guest Card found in the pew bookrack and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by. We want you to know that all baptized Christians - regardless of your denomination, tradition, age, or background - are invited and welcome to receive Holy Communion during worship. Also, pick up a blue bag as you leave today. It contains our latest newsletter and other information about St. Helena's.

CHILD CARE

Children of all ages are always welcome in our worship services. Children's sermons are part of our worship during 9:00am and 11:00am worship services. Should you desire it, child care for children ages infants through 4 years is available during all worship services and most parish activities. The parish nurseries (The Ark Room) are located on the ground floor of Wendler Hall (the building closest to John's Road).

QUESTIONS?

For more information regarding St. Helena's Early Enrichment Program, Children & Youth Ministries, music, Bible Studies, senior ministries, baptisms, weddings, and more, please feel free to contact our clergy or staff members. More information may be found on our website at www.sthelenas.net.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:45 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite I,
 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II
 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II
 10:10 A.M. Sunday School for all ages:
 Pre-school - 2nd Room C Wendler Hall
 3rd -5th - The Rock Room
 Middle and High School - Youth House
 Adults - Parish Hall

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Service of Public Healing and
 Holy Eucharist

Holy Eucharist

Prelude:

Welcome

Hymn

He is risen, he is risen!

Hymnal 180

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 *3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - jice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er



we are free, Christ has won the vic-tory.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur-ple east, sym-bol of our Eas-ter feast.
 Eas-ter beam on our long-ing eyes shall stream.

Tune: Unser Herrscher

All standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

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 following is sung, all standing

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

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.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

All sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and

rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated.

Psalm 4

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Cum invocarem

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?”
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 Many are saying,
“Oh, that we might see better times!” *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

A Reading from the First letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now;

what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence

All stand.

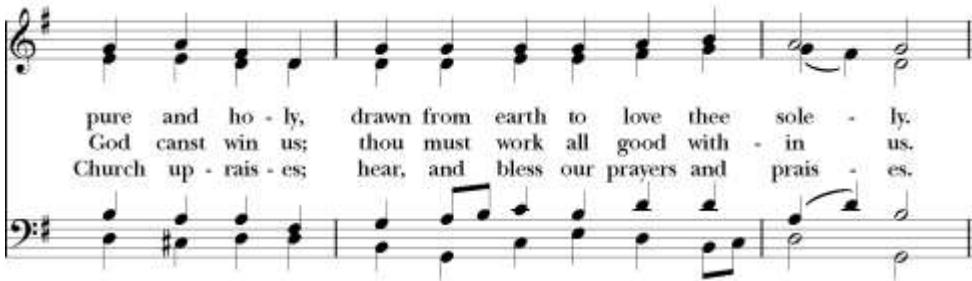
Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Hymnal 440

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy



pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Tune: Liebster Jesu

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

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

Children's Sermon

Dawn McLendon

Sermon

The Rev. David G. Read

Nicene Creed

All stand.

**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.**

Prayers of the People Form VI

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The people stand or kneel

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

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.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For our Presiding Bishop, Michael and our Bishops David and Jennifer; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

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.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

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.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
 in your compassion forgive us our sins,
 known and unknown,
 things done and left undone;
 and so uphold us by your Spirit
 that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
 to the honor and glory of your Name;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

Peace

All stand.

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

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem *Come, Ye Faithful*

R. S. Thatcher

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness;
'Tis the spring of souls today, Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesu's resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold thee as a mortal;
But today amidst the twelve thou didst stand, bestowing
That thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant.

Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise



Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

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The people remain standing throughout the Great Thanksgiving

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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The people stand.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with _____ and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**

The Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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

The Celebrant says

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.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten free wafers are available. Please inform the priest as you come forward.

Prayer ministers are positioned in the transept to the left after communion for your personal prayer needs.

Communion Hymn

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

Hymnal 306
 Tune: Sursum Corda

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

Blessing

Postcommunion Hymn

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Hymnal 182
 Tune: Truro

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude:

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Prayers for our Members

Please pray for our family as you journey through this week.

Joe	Gail	Amanda	David
Dorla	Dick	John	Meagan
Fred	Jo	Don	Santiago

What You Want to Know
<p>Come hear about our journey to Wounded Knee We are excited to announce a new relationship that St. Helena's is developing with Messiah/Wanikiya Episcopal Church in Wounded Knee, South Dakota. Our mission leadership team recently returned from a three day trip to meet with Father Harold Eagle Bull. We invite you to come hear all about our sister church and the mission work that we plan to accomplish this July. Mark your calendars for April 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Room of Wendler Hall. We'll be serving Indian tacos and sharing our powerful story of this journey with our entire church family. Please RSVP to Dawn McLendon at dawn@sthelenas.net if you plan on joining us for Indian tacos and the presentation.</p>
<p>Men's Fellowship meeting date change: The men's fellowship meeting scheduled for April 19th has been changed to Thursday, April 26th The meeting will still be at 6:30 PM at the home of John and Judy Krause, 28405 Heritage Trail. Please RSVP to John at 210-875-0557 and bring your favorite meat to burn and your favorite drink. Contact Ron Frishmuth at 281-770-2598 if you need further details or directions.</p>
<p>Financial Peace University Learn the Dave Ramsey way to manage your finances so that they don't manage you. Class begins on April 19 in Room 2 at 6:00 p.m. Coordinators: Rick Callier and Ruth McBride. Contact Ruth at rmcbride@gvtc.com</p>
<p>The Rev. David Read is teaching a "St. Helena's 101" class starting Wednesday, April 18, 6:30pm - 8:00pm. This 6-week series is for people interested in learning more about St. Helena's, and exploring the possibility of becoming a member. The classes will cover the Episcopal approach to worship, sacraments, scripture, prayer, Bible study, and more. Bishop Reed will be at St. Helena's on May 27 to welcome new members. Childcare is available. E-mail Rev. Read to R.S.V.P. or if you have questions at rector@sthelenas.net.</p>

<p>Big Cool News We have launched a “Donate” button on our website. All manner of donations, pledge payments, tithes, and gifts of all types, may be conducted with more to come, online for your convenience. Check it out at www.sthelenas.net under “Giving”.</p>
<p>Youth Confirmation class will be held Mondays April 23rd, 30th, May 7th, 14th, and 21st from 4:30-5:30 in the youth house. With our Youth Confirmation Retreat scheduled for May 26th. Please contact Dawn McLendon to register your child for the class. dawn@sthelenas.net</p>
<p>Rockport Mission Work You are invited to join a St. Helena's mission team that is heading to the Texas Coast April 19-22nd to work on the Humane Society location. Contact Michael Glick at mglick@gvvc.com to sign up and get further details about departure times, projects and accommodations.</p>
<p>Make note of these important dates (details to follow) Bingo Night 4-24 S.H.E.E.P. Picnic 4-29 Youth Sunday 5-6 Mother's Day 5-13 Bishop's Visit 5-27 Service of Remembrance 5-27 Vacation Bible School June 18-22</p>
<p>Rebecca Snell Memorial Service will be held on April 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Historic Sanctuary. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.</p>
<p>Like us on Facebook</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Altar Flowers In Celebration of Hud Vickery's Birthday By the Vickery Family</p>

Weekly Calendar

<u>Sundays:</u>	Worship Services: 7:45, 9:00, 10:10 Christian Ed, 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. St. Helena's Bells, 8:00 p.m. AA
<u>Mondays:</u>	7:45 a.m. Ignite Mid-school Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. HCYO 6:30 p.m. Worship Band, 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
<u>Tuesdays:</u>	9:30 a.m. Lectionary Readings Study, 1:00 p.m. Ukulele practice, 5:00 p.m. Women's AA (<i>this group meets every other Tuesday</i>), 6:30 p.m. Women's AA, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics A
<u>Wednesdays:</u>	10:00 a.m. Healing Service, 4-5:30 p.m. Rock Solid & Shine, 4:15-5:30 Mid School, 5:30 p.m. SHOCK, 6:00 p.m. High School, 6:30 p.m. Yahweh Sisters' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays: 7:00 am. Men's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Yahweh Sisters' Bible Study
 5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer, 6:00 p.m. Paws4Hearts
 6:30 p.m. Women's AA, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics A

Fridays: 9:30 a.m. AA Big Book

Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. Women's AA, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics A

11:00 Worship Leaders		Vestry Officers	
Acolytes:	Maddie Boutte, Andrew Boutte	Sr. Warden:	Tommy Mathews
Altar Guild:	Team: 2	Jr. Warden:	Jasen Hart
EM:	Judy McGrew, Linda Horton	Secretary:	Julie Vickery
Prayer Team:	Molly Frishmuth	Treasurer:	Ron Tribo
Ushers:	Bob Vincent, Ron Frishmuth		
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