

The Sunday
of the
Resurrection:
Easter Day
April 20,
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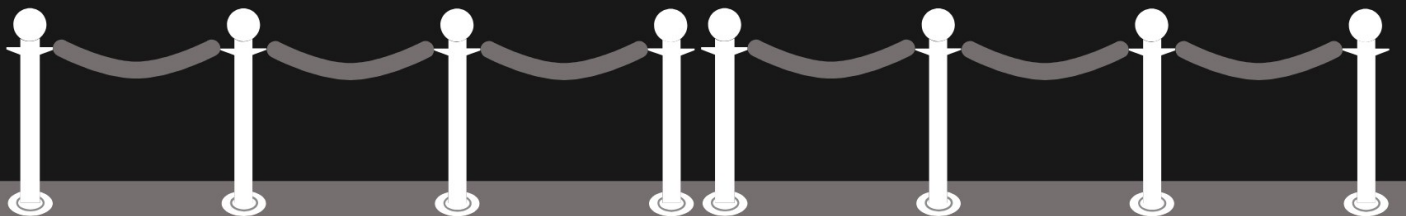
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Saturday, April 26th 7:00-9:30 PM

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WITH SPECIAL GUEST:



8:45 and 11:15 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

In Eastertide, we stand for all prayers in celebration of the Resurrection.

Voluntary

Fantasy, Chorale, and Finale

Robert J. Powell, +2025

Hymn 179

“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say

Fortunatus

“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say:

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hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!

Lo! the dead is living, God for evermore!

Him their true Creator, all his works adore!

“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.

Earth her joy confesses, clothing her for spring,
all fresh gifts returned with her returning King:
bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough,
speak his sorrow ended, hail his triumph now.
“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.

Months in due succession, days of lengthening light,
hours and passing moments praise thee in their flight.
Brightness of the morning, sky and fields and sea,
Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to thee.
“Welcome, happy morning,” age to age shall say.

Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all,
thou from heaven beholding human nature’s fall,
of the Father’s Godhead true and only Son,
mankind to deliver, manhood didst put on.
“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.

Thou, of life the author, death didst undergo,
tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;
come then, true and faithful, now fulfill thy word,
'tis thine own third morning! rise, O buried Lord!
“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.

Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan’s chain;
all that now is fallen raise to life again;
show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!
“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.

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Easter Acclamation and Collect for Purity

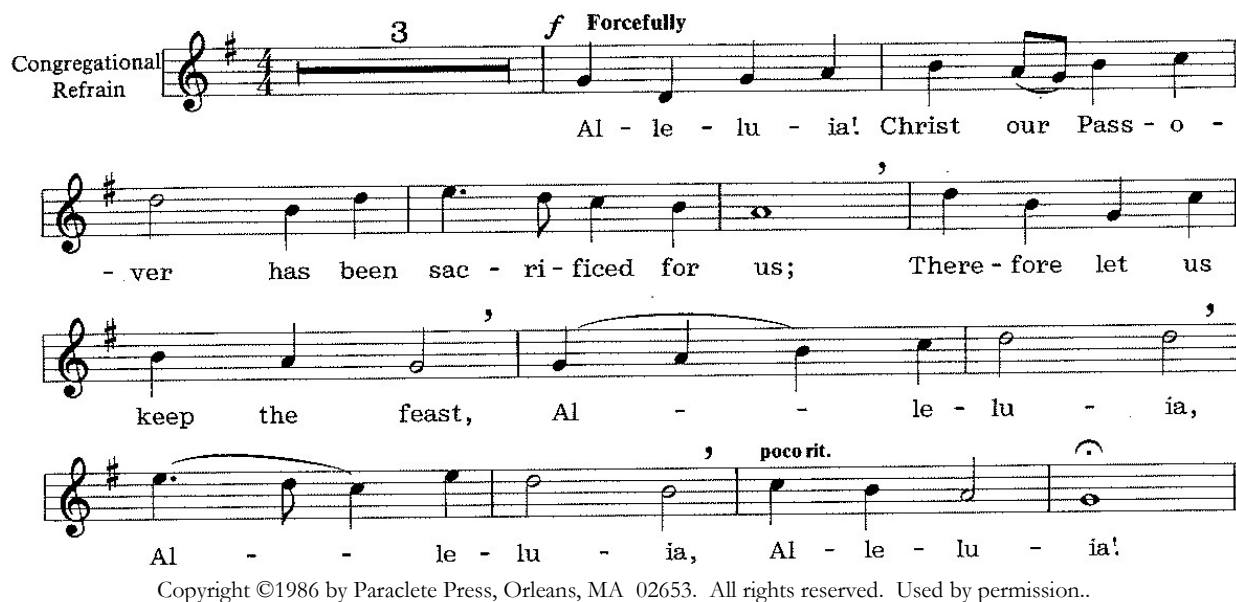
Book of Common Prayer, Page 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant 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.**

Congregational Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o -

- ver has been sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us

keep the feast, Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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2. Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Refrain, sung by ALL

3. Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.
4. The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
5. So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Refrain, sung by ALL

6. Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
7. For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
8. For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Refrain, sung by ALL

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43

NRSV

Peter began to speak to the crowd: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on

a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

Gradual: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino*

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Refrain



On this day the LORD has act-ed; we— will re-joice and be glad in it.

The refrain is sung once by the cantor, repeated by ALL before Psalm 118 and after verses 2, 15, 17, 19, 21, and 23.

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.” **Refrain**
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous: **Refrain**
- 16 “The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD. **Refrain**
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD. **Refrain**
- 20 “This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation. **Refrain**
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD’S doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes. **Refrain**

New Testament Lesson: I Corinthians 15:19-26

NRSV

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

Hymn 208
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done

Victory
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**The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!**

**The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shout of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!**

**The three sad days are quickly sped, he rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!**

**He closed the yawning gates of hell, the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell! Alleluia!**

**Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

—*Latin, 1695; translated by Francis Pott, +1909, altered. Public domain.*

The Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18

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Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

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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.

The Prayers of the People: Form III

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom. *Silence*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence*

The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect. . . . Amen.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 . . . Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All gathered may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Now glad of heart

K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

Now glad of heart be everyone! The fight is fought, the day is won, the Christ is set upon his throne; who on the Rood* was crucified, who arose again as at this tide, in glory to his Father's side; who baffled death and harrowed hell and led the souls that loved him well all in the light of lights to dwell. Then rise, all Christian folk, with me, and carol forth the One in Three that was and is and is to be. Alleluia! —*Christlichs Gesangbüchlein*, 1568; translated by Arthur Henry Fox Strangways, +1948.

*(“Rood” is the Old English word for cross.)

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Hymn 180

He is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice

Unser Herrscher

He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:

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he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice:

death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow!

Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now,

and the passion that he bore—sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day;

not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray,

breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate:

we are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state;

and a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.

—*Cecil Frances Alexander*, +1895, altered. Public domain.

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A *The people stand.*

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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.

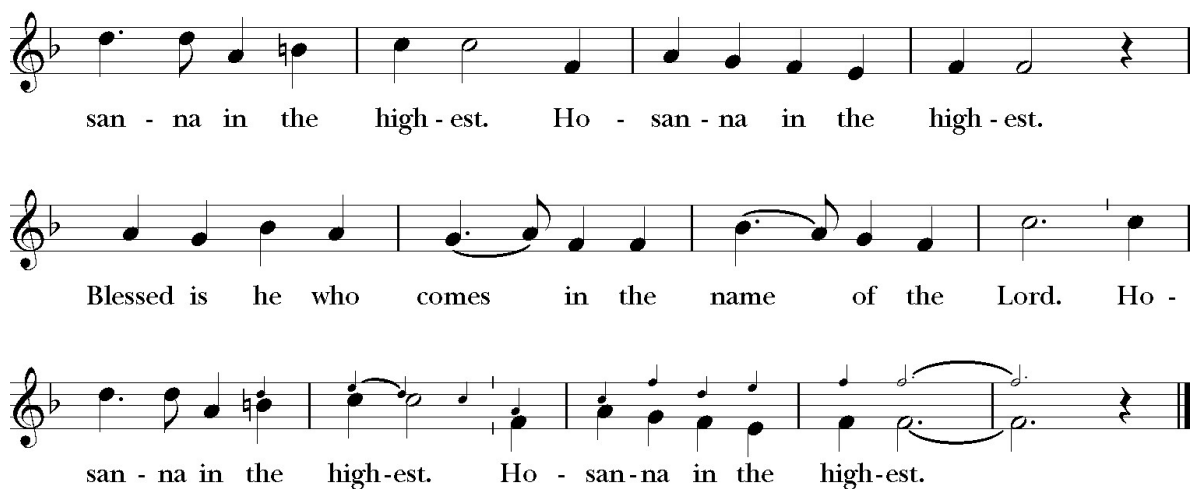
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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 sins of the world. By his death he 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:



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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

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

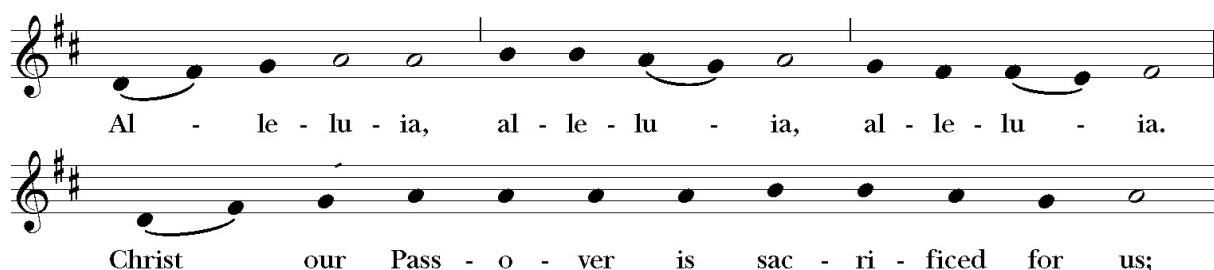
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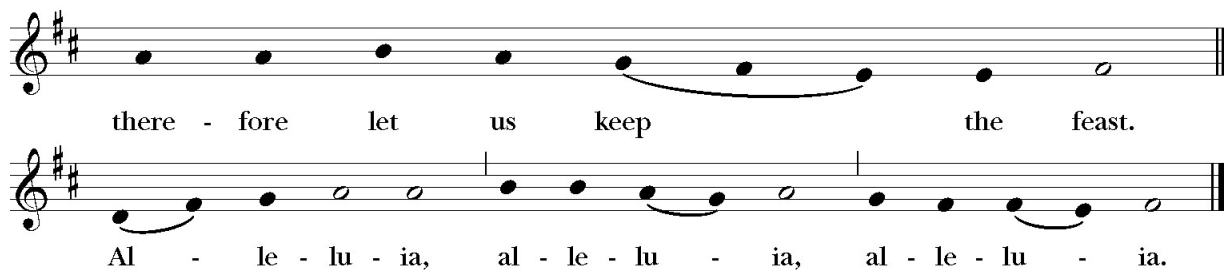
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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Fraction anthem: Christ our Passover (David Hurd, b. 1950, Hymnal S-154)





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Invitation to Communion

All baptized Christians, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Please stand to receive Communion. The bread will be placed on your palm. Then you may depart or wait to receive the cup, grasping the base to guide it to your lips. If you want the minister to dip the wafer in the wine, please keep the bread in your hand, and s/he will dip the wafer and place it between your fingers or on your tongue. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you would like to receive gluten free bread, please tell the priest. If you need Communion brought to your seat, please tell an usher.

Solo

Alleluia (from ***Exsultate Jubilate***)
Madeline Seconi, soprano

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, +1791

Hymn 187

Through the Red Sea brought at last

Straf mich nicht

Through the Red Sea brought at last, alleluia! Egypt's chains behind we cast, alleluia!

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Deep and wide flows the tide severing us from bondage past, Alleluia!

Like the cloud that overhead, alleluia! through the billows Israel led, alleluia!
by his tomb Christ makes room, souls restoring from the dead, Alleluia!

In that cloud and in that sea, alleluia! buried and baptized were we, alleluia!
Earthly night brought us light which is ours eternally, Alleluia!

—Robert Knox, +1957. *Public domain.*

Hymn 174

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Salzburg

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide flowing from his piercèd 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.

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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.

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.

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.

—Latin, 1632; translated by Robert Campbell, +1868, altered. *Public domain.*

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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Hymn 178 *Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord*
Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.

Alleluia No. 1
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Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. *Refrain*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live for ever. *Refrain*

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*

—*Donald Fishel*, b. 1950. Copyright © 1973, The Word of God. All Rights Reserved. P. O. Box 8617, Ann Arbor, MI 48107. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-711238.

Hymn 213 *Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise*
Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise and rejoice in the day thou wast born;
on this festival day, come exulting away, and with singing to Zion return.

Middlebury
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Now with singing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our heavenly Father bestowed,
while his grace we receive from his bounty, and live to the honor and glory of God.

For the glory we were first created to share, both the nature and kingdom divine!
Now created again that our lives may remain, throughout time and eternity thine.

We with thanks do approve the design of that love which hath joined us to Jesus' Name;
so united in heart, let us nevermore part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.

Hallelujah we sing, to our Father and King, and his rapturous praises, repeat:
to the Lamb that was slain, hallelujah again, sing, all heaven, and fall at his feet.

—*Charles Wesley*, +1788. *Public domain*.

Commissioning of Home Communion Visitors

When Communion is to be taken to homebound parishioners, Eucharistic ministers will be sent forth from our gathering with the consecrated bread and wine using these words:

Deacon In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go
may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, and one cup.

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.

The Celebrant may bless the people.

Hymn 207 *Jesus Christ is risen today* (Note the brass interludes between stanzas) Easter Hymn
 Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia! our triumphant holy day, alleluia! 77. 77 with Alleluias
 who did once upon the cross, alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, alleluia!
 who endured the cross and grave, alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, alleluia! our salvation have procured, alleluia!
 now above the sky he's King, alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, alleluia! praise eternal as his love, alleluia!;
 praise him, all ye heavenly host, alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!
 —Latin, 14th century; translated in *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, altered. St. 4, Charles Wesley, +1788. Public domain.

The Easter Dismissal: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary *Now thank we all our God* (Hymn 397) Sigfrid Karg-Elert, arr. Wesley A. Day

Looking ahead to the Second Sunday of Easter, April 27

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, Psalm 150, Revelation to John 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

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Their parents, Annie & Foster Parker and Mary & Lester Royalty by Rick & Anne Parker

Joyce Newton by John Newton

Stacy Thompson by Gretchen & David Beard

Their parents, Henry & Rowena Conway and Mel Aston by Hank & Melissa Conway

John Chittick by Janet, Jenna, and James Chittick

Charlie Dickinson by Annie Dickinson

Lynn Patrick Ketner and Ellis S. Joubert by John & Nicette Patrick

Bruce McBratney, Douglas Bittner, and Audrey & Lee Carroll by Audrey Bittner

Her parents, Anna & Nick Coiro, by Lorraine Coiro

Her brother, Byrd N. Sexton, III, by Faith Sexton

Barry Armstrong by the Armstrong family

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The glorious choir on Palm Sunday by the Kohl family

Their granddaughter, Millie Tomblin, by Judy & Peter DiGregorio

by David & Mary Ellen Watson

by Sam Orr & Margaret Errington

*The flowers at the Altar are given by **Pat & Cabell Cummins** to the Glory of God
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PARISH LIFE at St. John's

News and Announcements

Priceless!



This week St. John's thanks all those who make our observance of Holy Week and our celebration of Easter Day possible! We thank the members of our Altar Guild for setting up the Altar and all of our decorations, as well as washing all the holy vessels and linens. We thank our choir and our musicians for the music of our worship. We thank the office staff for all of the organization, planning, and printing of bulletins. We thank our kitchen staff for Saturday's chocolate and champagne reception. Holy Week and Easter Day "take a village" to become a reality. Thanks to all who work so hard to make them happen!

Welcome to worship! We pray that our time of worship will express praise and thanks to God for the gift of Christ, and help you live a more faithful and abundant life.

If you are a visitor, please know that we are delighted that you are here. We know that following the beautiful and ancient worship of the Episcopal Church is not always easy for those unfamiliar with the Anglican tradition. Please do not feel obligated to do anything but to enjoy the service reverently and expectantly.

We invite newcomers to fill out a visitor's card, found on the table in the back, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our ushers or clergy.

If you have young children, please know they are more than welcome at St. John's. Changing stations are available in the bathrooms. A nursery for children ages 3 and younger is available in Room 208 on Sundays from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Please see an usher to help you locate the nursery. **The nursery is closed today, but returns next Sunday, April 27.**

Please be advised that the 10:15 Sunday service usually is live-streamed to St. John's web site, Facebook and YouTube accounts—today the 8:45 service will be.

The office is closed tomorrow for Easter Monday.

Breakfast returns Sunday, May 4 from 8:45-9:45 a.m. Christian Education for all ages is offered at 9:15 a.m.

Youth Sunday will be May 18.

Children (age 3 to first grade) are invited to meet in the Children's Chapel. **Explorers** (grades 1-5) meet in Room 208. Both groups meet at

10:10 a.m. and join the service during the Peace each Sunday. **These options are not offered today but return next Sunday, April 27.**

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) does not meet tonight.

Wednesday Night Supper—April 23. baby back ribs, potato salad, salad, dessert. Supper is served from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Plan now for Party with a Purpose, next Saturday, April 26, 7:00-9:30 p.m. Fellowship, light bites, an open bar, and a silent auction. Theme: "Lights, Camera, Auction!" Tickets \$25 per person on-line today, \$30 at the door. Enjoy the music of *Smashing Briefcases!* All proceeds go to the July Mission trip to Belize.

The Way Forward Presents Forward Facts: Environmental Justice does not have a single definition but is broadly understood as "the principle that all people and communities have a right to equal protection and equal enforcement of environmental laws and regulations." The principle is clear, but history shows it hasn't always been embraced in practice. In fact, decades of research has shown that more than any other factor, race determines which people and which communities are subjected to environmental hazards. The environmental justice movement fights back against these patterns of systemic environmental racism and helps those most affected. Communities have been fighting for environmental justice for centuries. In 1982 residents of Warren County, NC, a predominantly Black community, organized protests to oppose the dumping of toxic material that would leak into their water supply, kickstarting the modern environmental

justice movement. Join us Wednesday, April 30, 6:00-8:00 pm in Room 309 to watch Richard Rohr's take on *The Universal Christ* and discuss *Seeing Christ in Ourselves.*

Wednesday Night Book Club meets April 23, 6:00 p.m. in Room 315 to discuss *The Demon of Unrest* by Erik Larson and other books members are enjoying. The club is open to all, so come and join the conversation and camaraderie!

All women are invited to gather in the St. John's garden, Sunday, May 4, 4:30-6:00 p.m. for fellowship among the flowers, learning about flowers of the Bible and in St. John's garden. RSVP at tinyurl.com/yj6w94r3

Golf Fellowship Tournament, Monday, May 12. Register on Realm: tinyurl.com/ypdpw3ux Contact Peter DiGregorio.

Handbells concert Wednesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.

Hagar's Basket served 272 families March 15. Please help by giving \$money\$ or donating personal hygiene items or cleaning products. Collection bins are near the door with the blue awning. Stocking day is Thursday, May 8; distribution day is Saturday, May 17. Contact Erin Richardson.

Lost and Found is located near where you received your bulletin today.

Lectio Divina Bible study meets via Zoom each Thursday, 9:00-10:00 a.m. For details contact Fr. Brad. The Zoom link is in the weekly announcements.

Nourish Up (Loaves & Fishes at Galilee Center) needs canned goods and volunteers. Contact Louise Palmer to join.

How to Receive Communion

To receive the bread alone.



To drink from the chalice, please help guide it to your lips.



To receive a blessing only (no bread or wine) or decline the chalice.



For Intinction

Please leave the bread in your hands. The chalice bearer will take it from you dip it in the wine, and return it to you. Do not attempt to dip the bread in the chalice yourself.



To receive gluten free bread, just ask the priest.



Clerics

The Rev. Peter M. Floyd, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Senior Associate Rector
The Rev. Wendy Merrill, Deacon

Musicians

Mr. Alan C. Reed, Organist/Choirmaster
Ms. Angela Swicegood, Assisting Organist
Ms. Tracy Reed, Assistant for Children's Choirs
Mr. Greg McAbee, Master of the Choirs of Bell and Chime
Mr. Jamey Graves, Parish Administrator & Music Associate
Ms. Maddie Seconi, Soprano section leader

Brass Quartet: Anirudh Dhawan, Anthony Navarro-Hurtado, trumpets; Casey Stauffer, trombone; Josh Jones, euphonium

If you would like to contribute digitally to the general offering, just scan the QR code below with your smart phone.



You may also pay from our web site or mail a check to the church office.

Vestry

Fred Alexander (Sr. Warden), Brian Emigh, Mary Jane Gommel, Bill Grant (Treasurer), Kathleen Harrington, Grant Hawgood, John Horn (Jr. Warden), Suzy Johnson (Clerk), Greg McAbee (Endowment), Steve Nason, John Newton, Cindy Winslow (Pre-school board)



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