

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOLY EUCHARIST

Easter Day • April 5, 2026 • 10:30 a.m.

*Welcome to St. John's. We are happy you are joining us in worship today. Our service is printed here, with congregational responses printed in **bold**. Hymns are printed in the hymnals in the pews.*

VOLUNTARY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 207

Easter Hymn

“Jesus Christ is risen today”

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen;

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:

re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-17, 22-23 *Confitemini Domino*

The choir will sing "Alleluia," the congregation will repeat.

The choir will chant the psalm verses, and the congregation will respond with "Alleluia" as indicated.



Give thanks to the Lord, for | he is | good; *
 his | mercy • en|dures for | ever.

Let Israel | now pro|claim, *
 "His | mercy • en|dures for | ever." **R.**

The LORD is my | strength and • my | song, *
 and he has be|**come** | my sal|vation.
 There is a sound of exul|tation • and | victory *
 – | in the | tents of • the | righteous: **R.**

"The right hand of the | LORD has | triumphed! *
 the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
 the right | hand of • the | LORD has | triumphed!"
 I shall not | die, but | live, *
 and de|clare the | works of • the | LORD. **R.**

The same stone which the | builders • re|jected*
 has be|come the | **chief** | cornerstone.
 This is the | **LORD's** | doing, *
 and it is | marvel•ous | in our | eyes. **R.**

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS

3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN • 205

Gelobt sei Gott

“Good Christians all, rejoice and sing”

THE GOSPEL {Please stand as each is able}

John 20:1-18

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John
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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Mark W. Waldon

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 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

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 are in need, especially Anna, Steven C., Philip L. & Robert L., Grady, Linda E., Eric G., Lisa, Debbie, Brian, Linda, Gary, Jeremy, Joan G., Sister Eleanor, and Michelle.
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.

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

Concluding collect

THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY



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THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Glory to the Risen Lord"

St. John's Choir

Mark Patterson

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all people here below,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Praise Holy Spirit evermore, Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. John the Evangelist and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

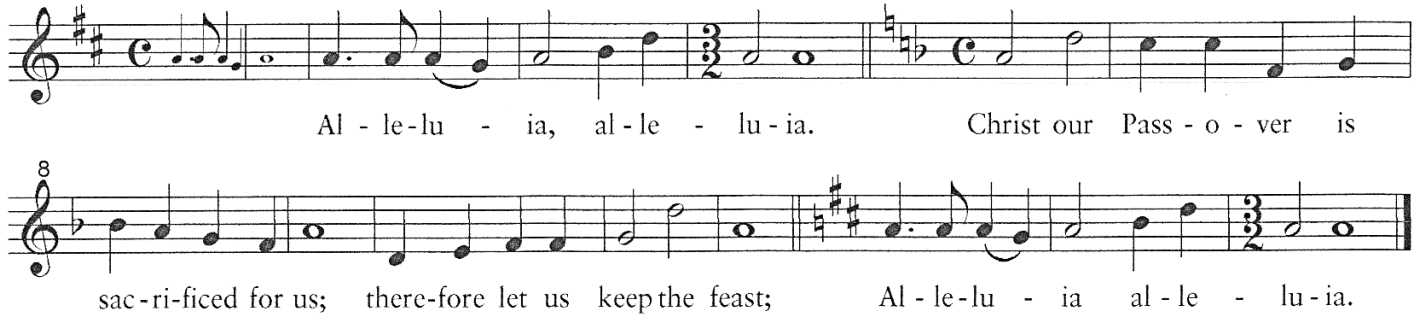
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 & FRACTION ANTHEM • (EOW1, p. 37)

Christ our Passover

Susan Calvin Fletcher (b. 1940)



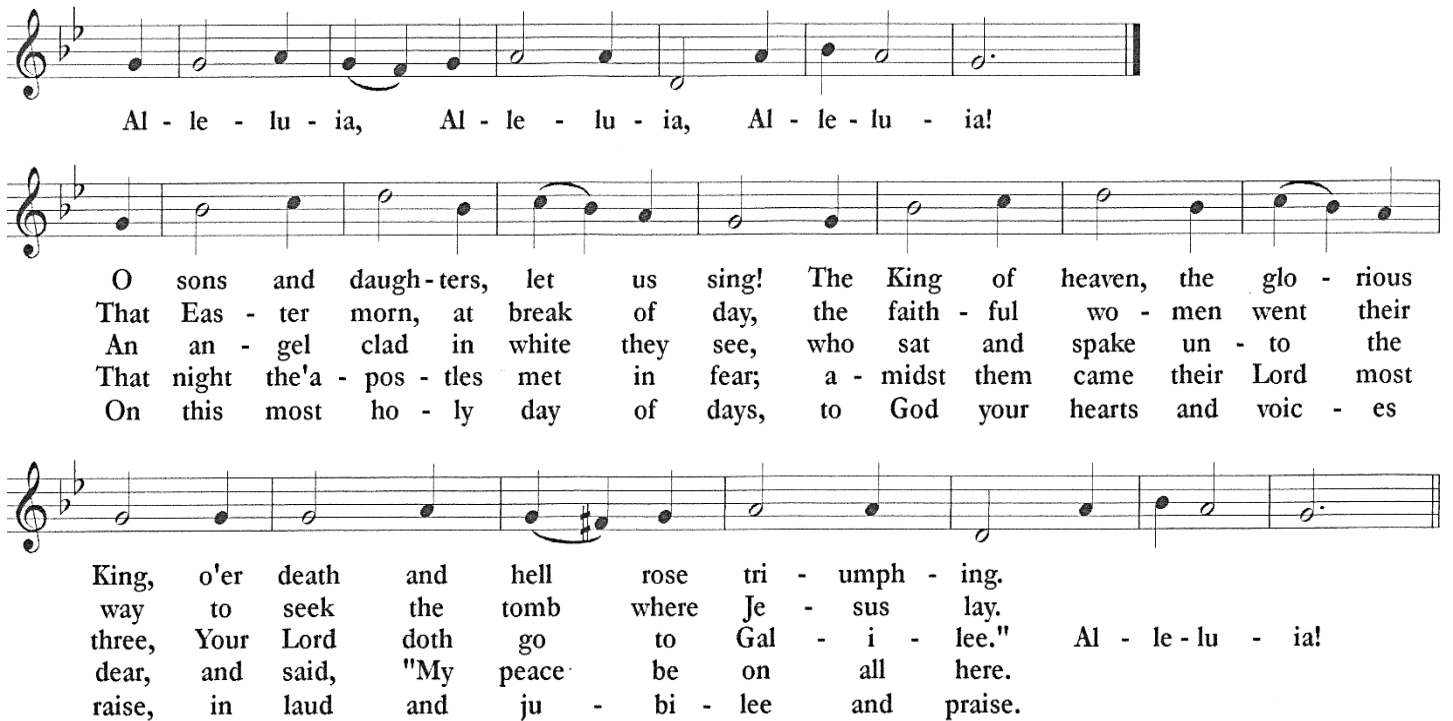
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast; Al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION HYMN

“O Sons and Daughters”

O filii et filiae (arr. RHG Jr.)

Antiphon (sung at the beginning and after each verse)



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

O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the glo - rious
That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the faith - ful wo - men went their
An an - gel clad in white they see, who sat and spake un - to the
That night the'a - pos - tles met in fear; a - midst them came their Lord most
On this most ho - ly day of days, to God your hearts and voic - es

King, o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing.
way to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
three, Your Lord doth go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
dear, and said, "My peace be on all here.
raise, in laud and ju - bi - lee and praise.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE EASTER 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. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you hale and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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

THE CLOSING HYMN • 180

Unser Herscher

“He is risen, he is risen”

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY

LEADING AND SUPPORTING OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

The Rev. Mark W. Waldon *Celebrant and preacher*
The Rev. John H. Van Dine Sr. *Deacon*
Mr. Kevin Bidwell *Server*
Ms. Kathy Cascone *Lector*
Mr. Robert H. Gangewere, Jr. *Organist*

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