

Easter **SUNDAY**



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ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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A Note on Today's Readings

Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church on the Feast of the Lord's Resurrection. Today the Church completes its three great days of celebrating redemption. Since Maundy Thursday, we have been involved in an extended liturgy which will be brought to its conclusion today. This is the celebration of the Passover of Christ from death to life. It is also the celebration of our own Passover in Holy Baptism in which "we were buried with Christ in his death and raised with him."

Throughout the fifty days of Easter, the first reading on Sundays is from the Acts of the Apostles rather than from the Old Testament. These weekly readings from Acts describe the life of the first Christians and their proclamation of Christ's resurrection. Today we hear a portion of the sermon Peter preached to Cornelius, the first Gentile Christian. The second reading is Paul's reflection on the meaning of the resurrection. Jesus has won out over death. Death is to be destroyed.

The women come to the tomb and find it empty. Then two men appear and tell them that Jesus has risen, just as he had told them he would. As we rejoice in our new life in the risen Christ on this day, he comes among us and is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. We, like the women at the tomb and like Peter and the others, are sent forth to tell the world of his resurrection. Please feel free to join us in this celebration of God's victory over death. May you find in this gathering the assurance that God is even now raising you to new life.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Voluntary

Jean Baptiste Loeillet

Largo, From Sonata in F

Announcements

Easter Introit

John Ferguson

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 1982 – 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

Easter Hymn

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Song of Praise

Howard Helvey

Hark, Creation's Alleluia

1 Hark, creation's alleluia risen forth from every shore;

Vibrates sweet as angel voices, loud as many waters roar;

“Blessing, glory, pow’r, salvation to our God upon the throne,

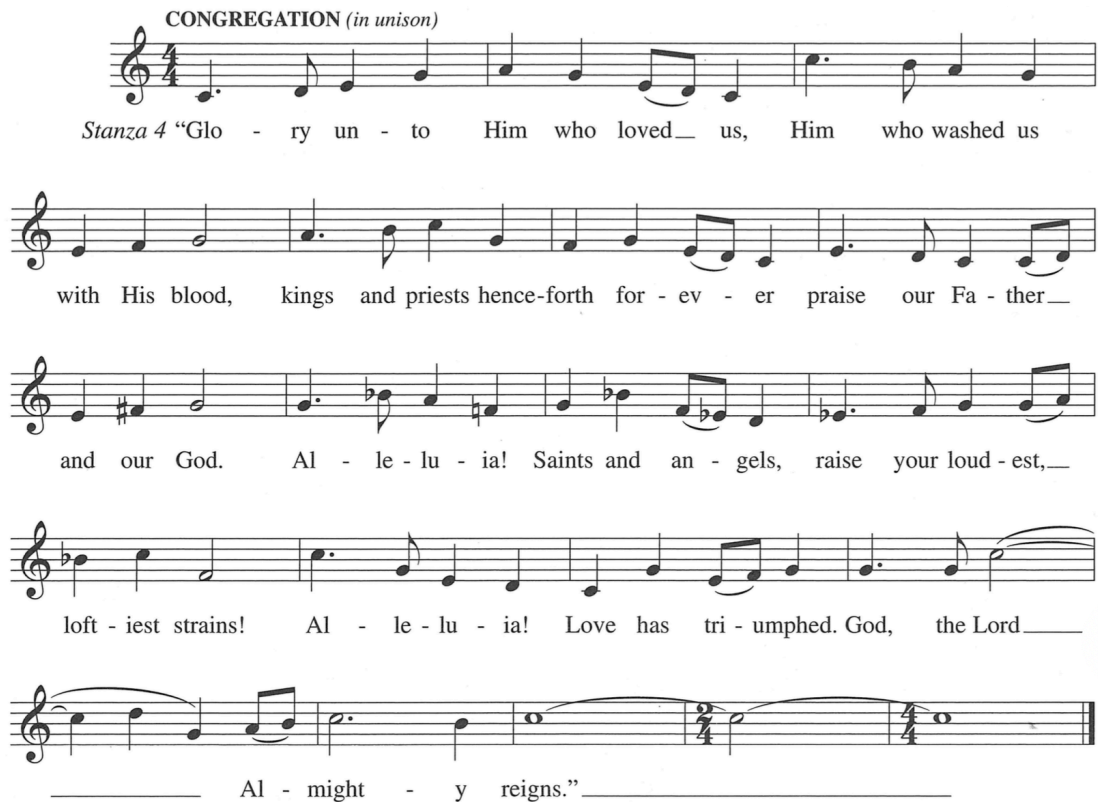
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, infinite, supreme, alone.”

2 Gathering strength from every nation,
every kindred, tribe, and tongue.

Hark, that everlasting anthem, hark, that glorious tide of song,
Floods the valleys with its music, echoes from the lasting hills,
Onward, upward, till the temple of the living God it fills.

3 Hark, it mingles with the raptures of the armies of the sky,
Who have passed through tribulation into perfect rest on high;
Clothes in robes of spotless beauty, palms of trim in their hand,
Harping on their hairs hosannas, as before His face they stand.

CONGREGATION (*in unison*)



Stanza 4 “Glo - ry un - to Him who loved us, Him who washed us
with His blood, kings and priests hence-forth for - ev - er praise our Fa - ther
and our God. Al - le - lu - ia! Saints and an - gels, raise your loud - est,
loft - iest strains! Al - le - lu - ia! Love has tri - umphed. God, the Lord
Al - might - y reigns.”

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The Collect of the Day

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.**

The Lessons

The people sit.

The First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Gradual Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 – 204

Now the green blade risers from the buried grain *Noël nouvelet*

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Remain seated.

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly

to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia: Gospel Acclamation

All stand.

Enriching Our Worship

South African

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -

- ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al -

- le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

All remain standing.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to John.

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

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Nancy L.J. Cox

The 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.

The Prayers of the People *All remain standing.*
From Hear Our Prayer, by Jon White & Lisa Graves

Intercessor: Gracious God, whose love defeated even death,
hear and answer our deepest hopes and needs as
you did for the women who discovered the empty
tomb and hear our prayers as we say, “Lord in your
mercy, hear our prayer.”

Your church is the Body of Christ, constituted and
empowered to continue to proclaim Christ’s
resurrection, strengthen and embolden us to be
persistent in our proclamation. *Silence.*

Lord in your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Our world still falls short of the full blossoming of human potential. Open the eyes and hearts of the world's leaders to pursue peace and human thriving for all people. *Silence.*

Lord in your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Help us to see the risen Christ in the world around. Guide us into the work you have given us to do so that the ministries of Jesus might continue, that the world might know his healing and love through our actions. *Silence.*

Lord in your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: You have placed us in a glorious creation and charged us with its creation. Grant us wisdom and a willingness to protect our environment so that future generations might know the fullness of its beauty and abundance. *The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

Lord in your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Bring healing and wholeness to our lives and to all who suffer in any way. Grant that they might feel Christ's caring touch on their hurts. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Christ's resurrection opened for us the way to eternal life. Grant that we all may continue on Christ's pathway and enter into your eternal reign and rise again with all the saints who have gone before.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Glorious Lord, you have promised to be with us always, fulfill now your promises for us and grant our prayers as may be best for us and always in accord with your will. All this we ask through our advocate and redeemer, Christ Jesus, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, eternally one God. **Amen.**

Peace

BCP p. 360

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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

A note about receiving Holy Communion: In the Episcopal Church, we understand that Christ is “really present” in the bread and wine provided from God’s table. All who claim Christ as Lord are always welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in this church. Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of their parents.

Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Receive the consecrated wafer in the palm of your outstretched hand from the first person who comes to you. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please cross your hands palms down. You may drink from the chalice which the next person will offer you. Receive the consecrated wine by guiding the offered cup to your lips and sipping, or by intinction: lightly dip the wafer into the wine. Those who distribute the wine will wipe the chalice with a food safe sanitizer and turn it for the next person after each person receives. You may also decide to take the wafer only. If you choose not to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing as your presence is a blessing to all of us. Once you have been blessed or received communion, you may offer a short prayer and then return to your seat.

If physical limitations make it difficult to come forward, please let an usher know that we may have the honor of bringing communion to you.

Offertory Anthem

arr. Rob Kean

Wondrous Love

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM.
While millions join the theme, I will sing, Yes, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on!

"Wondrous love" words: American Folk Hymn; music: arr. by Ron Kean

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Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

*Please turn to BCP page 367 for Eucharist Prayer B, as led by the Celebrant.
Service music can be found on the pew card.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus

See pew card for music.

BCP p. 367

S 128 Holy, holy, holy

Matthias

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Memorial Acclamation *See pew card for music.* BCP p. 368

The Great Amen, S 146 *See pew card for music.*

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 363

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem, S 169

See pew card for music.

Choir: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed,
says the Lord.

**All: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink
indeed, says the Lord.**

Choir: Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me
and I in them.

**All: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink
indeed, says the Lord**

Invitation

BCP p. 364

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

A prayer for those worshiping virtually to be unified in Communion with Christ.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and

let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

Hymns at Communion

Hymnal 1982 – 178

Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Alleluia No. 1

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Hymnal 1982 – 174

Salzburg

Lay Eucharistic Minister Prayer *(as needed)*

Celebrant: In order that all may receive Holy Eucharist,
_____ will take the Eucharist to _____ today.

All: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

The Post-Communion Prayer Enriching Our Worship, p. 69

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**God of abundance,
you have fed with the bread of life and cup of salvation;**

**you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

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 holy 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 Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

Procession into the World

Hymnal 1982 – 210

The day of resurrection

Lancashire

Dismissal

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

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

Voluntary

Richard Shepherd

Festival March

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We extend a special welcome and appreciation to this joyful morning's guest musicians: Ken Edmonds and Gregg Peele.

Everyone is invited to Easter Revels in the Welcome Center following this morning's service!

A poster for the Second Sunday of Easter. The background is a mix of white, blue, and pink with a torn paper effect. On the left, there is a crown icon at the top, a vertical line in the middle, and a black circle at the bottom. The text is as follows:

Second Sunday of Easter
APRIL 27

9 AM WORSHIP

10 AM EASTER EGG HUNT & PARISH BREAKFAST

11:10 AM WORSHIP

All are invited!

A poster for a Newcomers Meet & Greet event. The background is a gradient of yellow, orange, and blue. At the top center is the All Saints' Episcopal Church logo, which features a stylized cross with a flame above it. The text is as follows:

ALL SAINTS'
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Newcomers Meet & Greet
Sunday, May 4, 2025
10 AM ~ Church Parlor

You are invited to come learn more about All Saints' on Sunday, May 4 at 10 AM. Come meet clergy, ministry leaders, and other newcomers!

RSVP to Karen Robinson
Text or call 980-721-1053 with your response



Easter Flowers

Given to the Glory of God

In celebration of

Our sweet children: Grace & Eliza Morrison and Miles & Mack Morgan.

We love you dearly!

Birth of the Trott's Great-Granddaughter, Rylee Rooker

God's goodness, All Saints' Family

In thanksgiving for

My children,
grandchildren and great-
grandchildren
Scott and Karen, David
and Jill Trott
The Trott
Grandchildren
The anniversary of the
baptism of Jazzmine
Elizabeth Cox
The clergy, staff &
people of All Saints'
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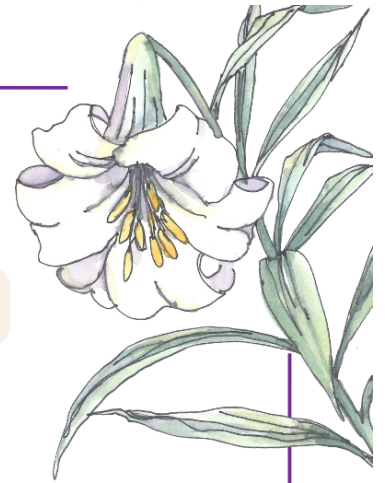
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and Lauren Ritchie
Megan R. Windisch

Bahn/Erickson children
& grandchildren
Kelly, Tracy, Oliver,
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Robinson
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Hilary Smith & Kaleb
Davis
Trish Harkins
Tyler & Vima
For the love & blessings
of my children



Easter Flowers

Given to the Glory of God



In memory of

Richard Gardner
Linda Barnett
My grandmother, my
inspiration, Mrs.
Elizabeth Gillespie. I
love you and miss you.
Gladys Johnson &
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