

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

Easter Hymn/arr. Robert A. Hobby

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Announcements

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

Philip W. J. Stopford

He is Risen

He is risen!

Tell it out with joyful voice: he has burst his three days' prison;
let the whole wide earth rejoice: death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won, won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,

with glad smile and radiant brow!
Lent's long shadows have departed; All His woes are over now,
and the passion that he bore – sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning,
chant our Lord's triumphant day;
not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray,
breaking o'er the purple East, brighter far, our Easter feast.

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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.**

Collect During Interim

Ever-present and ever-living God,
throughout this season of change,
weave us ever more closely into the fabric of your love;
grant us wisdom to discern your will,
patience to await your leading,
and steadfast hearts to continue your work.

Teach us to act justly, practice kindness,
and to walk humbly with you.

And, as you once declared through your prophet,
“Behold, I am doing a new thing – now it springs forth.”

Grant us grace to see and join in that new creation,
that in all things your Name may be glorified;
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.**

Gradual Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 – 204

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain

Noël nouvelet

The Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Remain seated.

A reading from the letter to the Colossians.

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.

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: Matthew 28:1-10

All remain standing.

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

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Reverend John Johanssen

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:

**he became incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary, and became truly human.**

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.**

**Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified.**

Who 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 us: 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 care; 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.

You can give online by scanning the QR code with your phone.



Offertory Anthem

Dan Forrest

To the Lamb on the Throne

Worthy the Lamb.

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful name;
the name all victorious of Jesus extol;
His Kingdom is glorious and rules overall.

Worthy the Lamb, “Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!”

Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Worthy the Lamb.

God rules in the height, almighty to save:
Though hid from our sight, His presence we have.
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

“Worthy the Lamb.”

Then let us adore and give Him His right,
All glory and power, all wisdom and might;

All honor and blessing with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

“Worthy, worthy the Lamb!”

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Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

BCP p. 367

The People remain standing.

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 God thanks and praise.**

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:

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.**

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,

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

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

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.

The Great Amen, S 146

See pew card for music.

The Lord's Prayer

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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**

Spiritual Communion Prayer

A prayer for those worshipping 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 – 180

He is risen

Unser Herrscher

Dismissal

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

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

Voluntary

Sondra K. Tucker

Easter Fantasy on Ancient Hymns

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We extend a special welcome and appreciation to this joyful morning's guest musicians: Ken Edmonds, Pete Johnson, Jill Wyse, William Penfield, and Kenny Durbin.

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

Easter Flowers

Given to the Glory of God



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