



Rejoice!

God raised him
from the dead...

because it was impossible for death
to keep its hold on him. ACTS 2:24 (NIV)

Easter Sunday - 10am

April 5, 2026 10am Easter Day

HOLY COMMUNION ~ RITE II

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PRELUDE

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain Arranged by Margaretha Christina de Jong,
Festival Prelude on Coronation—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Arranged by Elizabeth Krouse
Congregation sings*

PROCESSIONAL

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Hymnal #207

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
- 2 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!
- 3 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!
- 4 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!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Lyra Davidica (1708)

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.**

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Canticle 20

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. 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. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.**

Please be seated

THE FIRST READING 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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

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.”**

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:**

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.**

- 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.**
- 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.**
- 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.**
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE SECOND READING 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.

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

THE GRADUAL*“Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks”***Hymnal #178***Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia!**Give thanks to the risen Lord.**Alleluia, Alleluia!**Give Praise to his Name.***¹ Jesus is Lord of all the earth.****He is the King of creation. *refrain***

Words and Music: Donald Fishel (1950)

*Please rise as you are able***THE GOSPEL****Matthew 28:1-10**

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.” .

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*“Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks”***Hymnal #178***Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia!**Give thanks to the risen Lord.**Alleluia, Alleluia!**Give Praise to his Name.***² Spread the good news o’er all the earth.****Jesus has died and has risen. *refrain***

THE SERMON

Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard

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.

Please stand or kneel as you are able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant On this day made glorious above all others by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us pray for our needs and the needs of people everywhere.

Deacon That all the members of the church, especially those newly initiated, will rejoice in God's surpassing power for good in the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord hear our prayer.

That leaders of nations and communities will rejoice in God's lasting peace in the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord hear our prayer.

That the sick will rejoice in God's abundant healing in the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord hear our prayer.

That we who celebrate the paschal feast will rejoice in God's loving-kindness in the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord hear our prayer.

That those who have died, will rejoice in God's eternal salvation in the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant God of glory, wonderful are your works in your Son, Jesus Christ, whom you have made the cornerstone of our lives. Grant us what we need to live as the people who rejoice in him, this day and every day, both now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you. (We share the Peace of Christ.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

“He is Risen”

Hymnal #180

¹ 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 the victory.

³ 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.

² 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.

⁴ 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.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895) Music: Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Please rise as you are able, as offering is brought forward

DOXOLOGY

All Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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 every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

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

The Holy Eucharist II

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Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Please stand or kneel as you are able

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.

Celebrant 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,

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Holy Eucharist II

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Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

We invite all baptized Christians to receive communion with us. If you would like to receive a Gluten Free Wafer, please let the celebrant know when you come up. Prayer ministers are available in the chapel during communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Risen Indeed!”

Choir Feature
By Victor C. Johnson

“Hail Thee, Festival Day!”

Hymnal #175

- Refrain:* *Hail thee, festival day! blest day that art hallowed forever,
All Sing day whereon Christ arose, breaking the kingdom of death.*
- All Sing* ¹ Lo, the fair beauty of earth, from the death of the winter arising!
Every good gift of the year now with its Master returns: *refrain*
- All Sing* ² He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the ruler of nature;
all things created on earth sing to the glory of God: *refrain*
- Women Sing* ³ Daily the loveliness grows, adorned with the glory of blossom;
heaven her gates unbars, flinging her increase of light: *refrain*
- Men Sing* ⁴ Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art author of life and creation.
Treading the pathway of death, life thou bestowest on all: *refrain*
- All Sing* ⁵ God the Creator, the Lord, who rulest the earth and the heavens,
guard us from harm without; cleanse us from evil within: *refrain*
- Women Sing* ⁶ Jesus the health of the world, enlighten our minds, thou Redeemer,
Son of the Father supreme, only-begotten of God: *refrain*
- Men Sing* ⁷ Spirit of life and of power, now flow in us, fount of our being,
light that dost lighten all, life that in all dost abide: *refrain*
- All Sing* ⁸ Praise to the giver of good! Thou Love who art author of concord,
pour out thy balm on our souls, order our ways in thy peace: *refrain*

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540-600)
Music: Ralh Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant May Almighty God, who hath redeemed us and hath 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 hath raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who hath 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 Ghost, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN *“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”* Hymnal #182

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| <p>¹ Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.</p> | <p>³ Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior with the Father reigns.</p> |
| <p>² Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and conquer every place and time.</p> | <p>⁴ In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.</p> |
| <p>⁵ Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.</p> | |

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936) Music: Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Paraphrase on “Diademata” by James Denton



*Special Thanks to our choir: Nancy Dombeck, Kathy Pearson,
Eden Preston, Lily Scott, Tom Zaborski, Tre Martin,
Gordon Stillings, Wyatt Cruz Lillegard & Dylan Surprenant*

Special Thanks to our Instrumentalists: Sandie Umland (flute) & Landen Hawley (trumpet)

Please join us for Fellowship and Coffee in the Parish Hall.

**Easter Flowers given to glorify and honor
our Risen Lord! Alleluia!**

- and in memory of Fr. Raymond Ryerson, Leverne and Edith Ryerson, Dorthy and William Miottel, Richard and Beverly Ryerson, Janet Ryerson, Harold and Margaret Elder, Adolph and Daisy Eichwald, James and Leona Elder, Fred and Lenoa Bredael, Margaret Mary Elder, and Mary Margaret Elder by Kathie Ryerson
- and in memory of Asher Sheetz from Beth and Lloyd Sheetz
- and in memory of Jason Michael Hert, Walter and Elvera Sopkiw, Norton Ceruli, Barbara Sopkiw, Anna Magritz and Clark Seiblod and in thanksgiving for my health, friends family and church family by Carol Hert
- and in memory Edwin Kuhn, Author and Mary Jessie Canter, Anne Canter, Jane Canter, Sally Fleming and Mary Eager by Nancy Kuhn
- and in memory of Don and Betty Hietpas, Mike Hietpas, Marlys Regan, Mary Frances Bork by Mary Kay Hietpas
- and in memory of Kenneth E Holmes, Anna Holmes, Joan Holmes, Kenneth L Holmes, by Suzanne Holmes and Kenny and Kalen
- and in memory of John Gerritts, Win Gerritts, and Donald Canter by Judy Canter
- and in memory of those we love who are no longer with us by David and Sherry Morton
- and in loving memory of William Barry and Jack Gray by Bill and Barbara Barry



The following anniversaries of members of our Parish Family will be remembered.
Sunday, April 5, 2026 to Saturday, April 11, 2026

Birthdays

- 5 Lila Roberts-Bird
Melanie Lawson
- 6 Andrew Leonard
- 7 Jeanna Werbeckes
Mike Martinson
Carol Ferrin
Vali Kampe
Illyana Gietman
- 8 Peggy Langkau
- 9 Peg Dickson (96)
Meggie Krautsch
Peter Ackell
- 10 Kelly Keating
- 11 Caleb Schultz
Laura Binning

Wedding Anniversaries

- 9 Mike and Jennie Land

Faithful Departed

- 5 Clark Seibold
- 6 Jay Gillingham
Thomas Nebel
- 7 Kathryn Johnston
- 9 Geraldine Hollander
- 10 Harry Hart
- 11 Elizabeth Kimberly
Sharon Wood

Mission Partner

- Double Portion with Calvary Bible Church/
St. Patrick's Church
- Betsy Hake – Honduras
- Mothers' Mercy Home – Kenya

Mission Payer Links

- African Medical Mission
- Boy Scouts Troop 3
- Cub Scouts Pak 3003
- Carmen & Rosa and the San Lucas UCC
– Chicago
- Gideon Bible Distribution Ministry
- Fr. Ian/Polly Montgomery – (SAMS)

Serving in the Military

- Auston Allen – Air Force
- Kyle Cooper – Army National Guard
- James Kopczynski – Army National Guard
- Bruce McRae – Army Reserve
- Andrew Shaffer - Army
- Mark Sopkiw, Jr. - Army
- Matthew Verich – Navy
- KaDee Peterson – Navy Reserves

Deployed

- Humberto Puga – Navy

*In the wider **Anglican Communion** we pray for Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6) Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. In the **Diocesan** Cycle of Prayer we pray for EASTER. In the **St. Thomas** cycle of prayer we pray for Adult Development including Adult Education, Bible studies, Cursillo, Men and Women's Ministry and Welcome/Hospitality including Coffee Hour, Fellowship Camp, Senior Lunch, Welcome Ministers, and St. Martha's Guild.*

Lay Ministry	Today	Next Week
Acolytes:	Wade Lindholm, James Miles Eli Kopczynski	No Acolyte on Schedule
Eucharistic Team:	Sandie Umland Dan Werbeckes	Carol Hert Bill Barry
Prayer Ministry Team:	Val Phillip Fr. John Peterson	Anne Peterson Fr. John Peterson
Reader:	Gordon Stillings	Genevieve Pell
Ushers:	Keith Umland/ Jon Phillip	Dennis Hackbarth/ Jon Phillip
Preacher:	Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard	Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard
Verger:	Martina Mims	Martina Mims
Altar Guild:	Barb Barry, Peggy Langkau, Nancy Dombeck	Joanne Siracusa, Sherry Morton, Kath Peterson
Vestry Announcements:	8am Martina Mims 10am Jeanna Werbeckes	8am Martina Mims 10am Julie Spanbauer

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