



EASTER FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

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*Those who wish to watch the kindling of the new Fire may gather with the Altar Party on the steps of the church at 10:20.
Others may sit in the pews and listen to the Prelude. The church will be dark (without lights or candles.)
The incense used today is lighted with natural charcoal that contains no chemicals known to trigger allergies.
If the weather is inclement, please be seated in the pews.*

PRELUDE

Prayer in the Garden

G. Parker

The Presider kindles the fire and after it is censed says:

Presider: O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

(please stand)

*A taper is lighted from the New Fire and all enter the church in the darkness.
The presider traces the cross, the Alpha and Omega; the year 2021 on the Paschal candle saying:*

Presider: Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End. Alpha and Omega. His are the times and ages. To Him be glory and dominion through all ages of eternity. **Amen.**

Presider: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, illuminate our hearts and minds.

The Paschal Candle is lighted from the taper. As the candle is carried down the aisle by the deacon, the following is chanted 3 times.

Presider: The light of Christ,
People: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Paschal Candle reminding us of the pillar of fire leading Israel out of Egypt leads the way to the church
where clouds of incense reminds us of the pillar of smoke.*

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Presider: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

FANFARE

Christ Is Risen
Choir with Melanie Hoffman, trumpet

D. Wagner

HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today
organ

Easter Hymn

The Word of God

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: 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. now and for ever. **Amen.**

(please be seated)

THE LESSON

Lector: A reading from **Isaiah 25:6-9**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 118: 1-2, 14-24

(alternately by verse)

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

**Let Israel now proclaim,
“His mercy endures for ever.”**

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

**There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!

**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.**

The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

"This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter."

**I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.**

The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

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

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A reading from **Acts 10:34-43**

Peter began to speak to the 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."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

THE GOSPEL

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Presider: A reading from **Mark 16:1-8**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell

We stand after a brief silence.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon: We come with anticipation on this first day of the week to become witnesses, sharing in the resurrection life of Jesus, as we pray: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Intercessor: Almighty One, you have filled your Church with new life and empowered us through the conquering love of Jesus: Raise us with your Spirit that we may live in the power of Christ's resurrection to bring life and light to all the world. Alleluia!

People: Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Lector: The right hand of the Most High has triumphed over evil and death, bringing new hope to all the world: Speak your living truth unto everyone who leads and holds authority among the nations, that they may be agents of life and justice. Alleluia!

People: Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Intercessor: The Apostle Peter has taught us, O God, that you show no partiality, but you accept all who live reverently and do right: Let your peace extend to every person, that the power of evil and injustice may be banished, and all people may live as beloved children of the divine. Alleluia!

People: Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Lector: Be with us in this community that we may be glad witnesses of your goodness, O Holy One. Alleluia!

People: Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Intercessor: Christ the wounded healer has overcome all that can threaten us. Let his resurrection power bring healing and hope to those for whom we pray, especially Betty (Montgomery) and Paula (Simosky). Others? _____. Alleluia!

People: Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Lector: Give thanks to God who is good, whose mercy endures for ever. We offer our grateful gladness this Easter Day, especially Matthew (Morel) and Max (Vollkommer) serving in the military; the birthday of *Vicki (Kouzmanoff); the anniversary of *Jim & Nancy (Cook); our outreach partners Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico; the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission and all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors. Others? _____.

Christ has died and is risen, bringing life and immortality to light. We remember those who have died, especially Patricia (Stahl), Frederick (Rickeman), Frederick (Biesman), Eugene (Lombard) and David (McCarthy). May they live in him and share in the joy of Easter. Alleluia!

People: Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Deacon: You have anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, O Eternal One, and raised him from death on the cross into resurrection life: Feed us with his life as we eat and drink with him in this Easter Eucharist, that we may be his witnesses, sharing in the Spirit's work of reconciliation and peace, through the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

WE SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Presider: The Peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase;

bless and guide them wherever they may be.

Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful;

raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace

which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE OFFER OUR LIVES AND GIFTS TO GOD

Priest: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

For those who have received the consecrated wafers and communion items, you may prepare your worship area as the priest prepares the table.

ANTHEM

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

M. Hayes

Grace Choir and Friends,

Robin French & Joe Watts, co-accompanists; Melanie Hoffman, trumpet

PRESENTATION HYMN

Good Christians All

Alington/Vulpinus

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen today! Sing songs of praise along his way;
Let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your Name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, to God the Spirit, always One,
We sing for life in us begun: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

While Headmaster of Eton College, Cyril A. Alington wrote this text. The hymn was published in Songs of Praise (1931). Alington's stanzas were described: "They vibrate with excitement, they utter the encouragement of victory, and they stir the heart to praise and thanksgiving"

A strong text for Easter, "Good Christians All" rings in the victory of Christ's resurrections so that "all the world" will know the news. Each stanza encourages us to tell the good news and praise the "Lord of life," and ends with an exciting three-fold "alleluia."

Educated at Trinity College, Oxford, England, Alington was ordained a priest in the Church of England in 1901. He had a teaching career that included being headmaster at Shrewsbury School and Eton College. He was dean of Durham from 1933-1951 as well as chaplain to the king of England. (Hymnary.org)

We share the Holy Communion

Enriching Our Worship Prayer 3

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, who is the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the depths: You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

(stand or kneel as able)

Presider and People: **Holy, holy, holy, 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.**

Presider:

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People: **Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Presider:

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People: **Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider: And our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People: **Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider: “I am the bread of life,” says the Lord. “Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

People: **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

FRACTION

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All are welcome at the communion table to receive a blessing or the wafer. Please approach the steps to the chancel by the center aisle, as guided by the Vestry Coordinator. Hold your hands crossed, palms up, to receive the wafer.

And, if you do not wish to receive the wafer, but desire a blessing, simply approach the priest with your arms crossed across your chest. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest. Please return to your seat by the side aisles and wait until you are seated before removing your mask to consume the wafer.

COMMUNION MUSIC

(Please Stand)

THE EASTER BLESSING

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us God’s own through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People: **Amen.**

Presider: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into ever.

People: **Amen.**

Presider: May God who has brought us out of the bondage of sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People: **Amen.**

Presider: And the blessing of the Holy and undivided Trinity, God who created us, Christ who redeemed us, and the Holy Spirit who sustains our common life together be with you forever.

People: **Amen.**

Please ring your bells with joy.

Deacon: Alleluia, Alleluia, go forth on this Easter morn to love and serve the Lord.

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

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah

G.F. Handel



The Easter Flowers today were given by the Altar Guild.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers are Requested: *Please include the following concerns during worship today and throughout the week:*

Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Rev. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury and for our companion Parishes: Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Paula, our Bishop-Elect and all members of Grace Church.

We pray for those who are sick or in need:

Adele (Barg), *Bob (Burton), Mark (Buttall), *Bill (Calvert), Julia & TJ (Cellery), *Kathy (Doig), Matthew (Dowe), *Renee (Dowe), *Al (Elsbree), Keith (Ferguson), *Jennie (Fjelde), *Jae (Hezlep), *Barb (Hooper), Bishop Joseph, Ginger (Komiskey), Alden (Kuntz), Verity (Liljedahl), *Alice Maffit, *Diann & *Robert (Marsh), Betty (Montgomery), *Mary (Nelson), Ruth (Niendorf), Sarah (Newton), *Bill (Norton), Lisa (Prindle), Bob (Rafter), Lois (Rafter), Melody (Serwich), *Kathy (Shannon), Paula (Simosky), Gary (Smith), *Pat (Terry), Marlys (Thompson), *Tom (V.), Joe (Watts), Mina, Breckin, Marilyn, Dawn H. and Katie L.

We give thanks for the many blessings we have received:

Max (Vollkommer) and Matthew (Morel) serving in the military; our Outreach partners: the birthday of *Vicki (Kouzmanoff); the anniversary of *Jim and *Nancy (Cook); the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission and all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors.

We pray for those who have died, and remember the anniversary of the deaths of:

Patricia (Stahl), Frederick (Rickeman), Frederick (Biesman), Eugene (Lombard) and David (McCarthy).

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week of April 4th, 2021

Zoom Poetry Meeting

A Zoom Poetry group is meeting at Grace Church on Mondays at 2:00pm. If you are interested, write Carol Poston at poston@sxu.edu or call her at 815-777-0220 to receive the link to the meeting.

EfM Meeting is Monday, April 5th, at 6:30pm online.

Mid-Week Eucharist is this Wednesday, April 7th, at 7:30am in the church and online.

Wednesday Morning Study Group is Wednesday, April 7th, at 10:30am online.

Meditative Prayer meets Friday, April 9th, at 9:00am online. You are welcome to join, and gentle guidance will be provided for those unfamiliar with this practice.

Ministers of the Service

* Members and Guests, *Celebrants*
* Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell, *Presider*
* Rev. Linda Packard, *Assisting Priest*
* Diane Luther, *Deacon*
* Terri Jackman, *Lector*
* Deb Pausz, *Intercessor*

* Robin French, *Music Director*
* Nancy Cook, *Erben Organist*
* Eric Kallback, *Vestry Coordinator*
* Ann Berry & Amy Hardwicke, *Altar Guild*
* Charlotte Stryker, *Greeter*

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Scripture Readings for April 11, 2021 *Second Sunday of Easter*

Acts 4:32-35
1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31
Psalm 133



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