

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Easter Sunday
with Baptism

April 5, 2026
9:30 AM



Welcome! Everything you need to participate in today's service can be found in this bulletin. Please add your voice to the hymns we sing and the prayers we say together. Congregational responses are in bold print. As you are able, please stand where indicated with an asterisk.

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

All stand, as able.

OPENING HYMN *

Easter Voluntary

E. L. Ashford

Alleluia!

Hymn 208

Antiphon (at the beginning)

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

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions bath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

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

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OPENING ACCLAMATION *

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.**

GLORIA

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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.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *

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.**

All are seated for the lessons.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Reader A reading from the book of Jeremiah

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Reader Let us read from Psalm 118 responsively by half verse.

- 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Reader A reading from the book of Acts.

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."

All stand, as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN *

Jesus is Lord of all the earth

Hymn 178

Verse 2 only before and after Gospel

Refrain
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
 ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give
 Praise to his Name. Name.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Repeat Refrain

THE GOSPEL*

Matthew 28:1-10

Celebrant 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.**

SERMON

The Rev Stacy Salles

HYMN

Baptized in Water

LEVAS 121

1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, Cleansed by the
 2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, Dead in the
 3. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, Marked with the

1. blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion,
 2. tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing,
 3. sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther,

1. trust - ing his prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 2. freed and for - giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 3. we are his child - ren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

Celebrant: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Adults: I present (*Full Name*) to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Adults: I will, with God's help

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Adults: I will, with God's help

The Celebrant will ask the following questions.

Question: Do you reject any spiritual forces of bad intentions that rebel against God's goodness?

Answer: I reject them

Question: Do you reject the powers of this world that corrupt and destroy God's creation and all that dwell herein?

Answer: I reject them

Question: Do you reject anything that might pull you away from the love of God?

Answer: I reject them

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do

Question: Do you put your whole trust in the grace and love of Jesus?

Answer: I do

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him?

Answer: I do

Celebrant addresses the Congregation:

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Sloane and Amelia in their life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ on this day of Easter, here and elsewhere, and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Turn to page 304-308 in the Book of Common Prayer for our Baptismal Covenant and the Baptism of Amelia and Sloane.

ANOINTING ELEANOR'S HANDS

Celebrant: Eleanor, you were baptized as Christ's own forever. Do you believe in the commitment to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?

Eleanor: I do.

Celebrant: Eleanor, I thank you for the commitment you make here today. In our baptism we believe that we are the body of Christ, moving in the world, bringing comfort as Christ brought comfort to those in need. Please allow me to anoint the palms of your hands.

I anoint your hands as gifts to God's service. But not just your hands, but your whole being. May God's Spirit be with you always and may you serve your neighbors with the same love that God has for you. Amen.

Celebrant to the Congregation:

Let us welcome the newly baptized, Amelia and Sloan and give thanks for Eleanor's commitment to God.

After a moment to celebrate, the congregation responds:

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE *

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Ephesians 5:2

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

Risen Indeed!

Allen Pote

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, alleluia! Sing alleluia, Sing alleluia, he is risen. Lift up your voices sing alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen indeed, he is risen from the dead. He is alive, he is alive, alleluia!	Christ is risen, Christ is risen, alleluia! Sing alleluia, Sing alleluia, he is risen. Lift up your voices sing alleluia, alleluia! He died for us, out sinful souls to save. Now he is risen, risen from the grave.	The tomb stands empty, the stone was rolled away. Darkness has vanished, the night has turned to day. Jesus will meet us when our death is near. He gives us hope eternal. We need not fear!
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All stand or kneel, as able.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B * *From the Book of Common Prayer.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

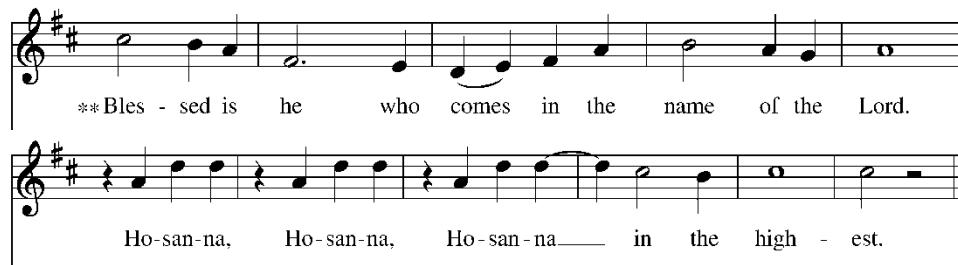
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry.
 Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.



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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 God,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

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 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. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
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.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All Though we are many, we are one body because we all share in one bread.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD* *A period of silence is kept*

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would like a blessing, place your arms across your chest as you approach the priest. You may receive both bread and wine or elect to receive the bread alone.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the people with these words:
 The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**
 The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Now the green

Hymn 204

1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain,
 thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Refrain
 Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *

All stand, as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us 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 for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING *

CLOSING HYMN *

Jesus Christ is Risen

Hymn 207



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

THE DISMISSAL*

Celebrant Life is short. We do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. Go in peace to love and serve God and the World.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

G. Handel

*This concludes today's service. Please join us downstairs for coffee hour.
An elevator is available near the office stairway.*

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