

St. John's Episcopal Church
Hear the Spirit ~ See God's Beauty ~ Act in Love

The Sunday of the Resurrection
EASTER SUNDAY
March 31, 2024 10am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Preludes *Canon in D*

I know that my Redeemer liveth
Julianne Gearheart, soloist

Johann Pachelbel (1653 – 1706)

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn #207 *Jesus Christ is risen today*

EASTER HYMN

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Collect for Purity

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.

The Gloria S-280

Service music is found at the beginning of the hymnal, listed in numerical order before the hymns

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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 First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

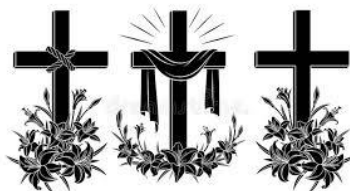
On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:14-24 *sung to the tune* DIADEMATA *found in the hymnal #494*

1. God is my strength and song,
The Savior I have found;
Now from the tents of all the just
Comes the triumphant sound:
"The right hand of the Lord
Has gained the victory!
The right hand of the Lord has won,
Has triumphed gloriously!"
2. I shall not die, but live,
And make the Lord's works known,
The stone the builders cast aside,
Is now the cornerstone.
This is the Lord's own work
And marvelous to see;
The Lord has acted on this day,
We praise his victory.



The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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.**

Sequence Hymn #204 *Now the green blade riseth*

NOEL NOUVELET

*Verses 1 and 2 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.
Verse 3 and 4 will be sung after the reading.*

The Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

Presider The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

Following the Gospel

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rector

The Nicene Creed

**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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially the people of Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, and Russia; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those in whose memory our Easter flowers have been given, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are invited to exchange greetings of peace.

Welcome and Announcements of our Ministries

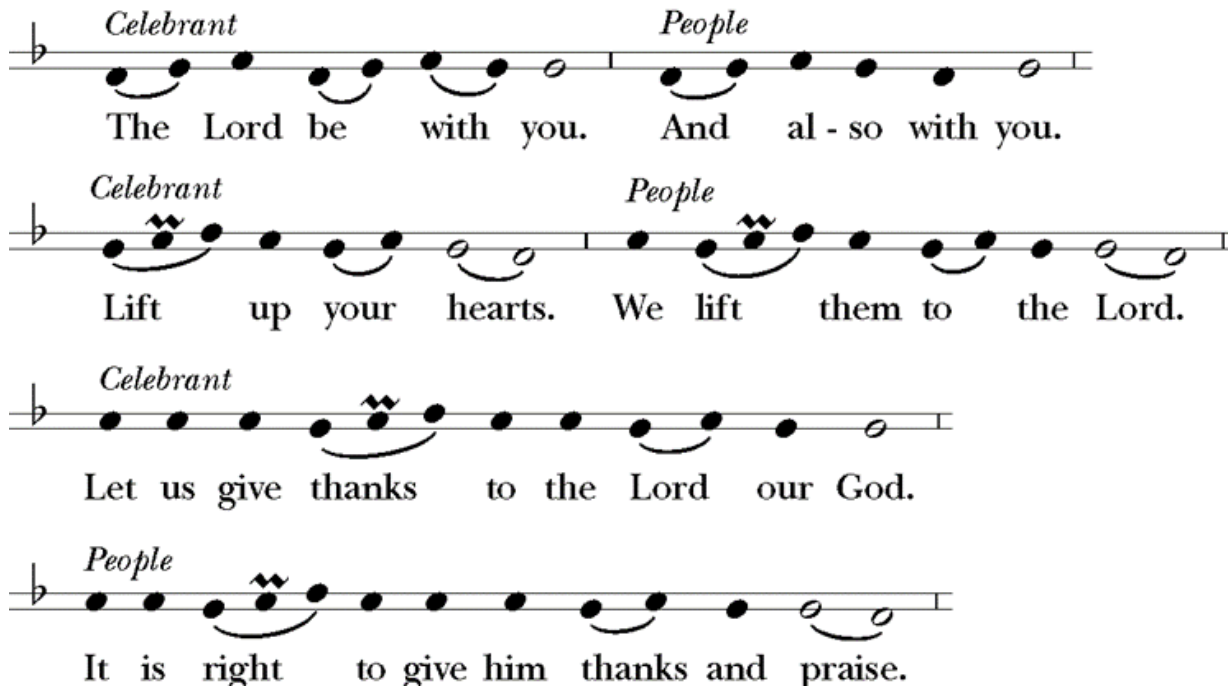
The Rector

Offertory Hymn #191 *Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise*

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving



The musical notation is arranged in four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and accidentals.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

The Presider gives thanks to God, continuing until the words

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

The Sanctus *Hymnal S-125*

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.

The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words

....and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words

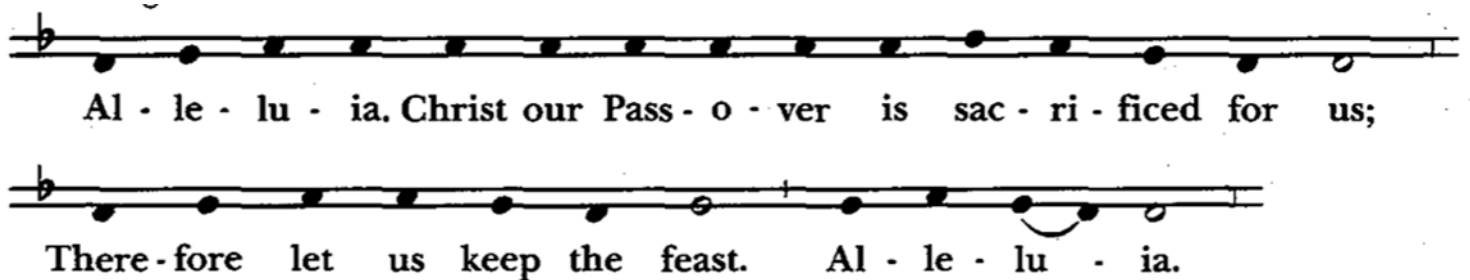
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



Communion Anthems

Haec Dies

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

tr: This is the day which the Lord hath made:
 let us be glad and rejoice therein.
 Give praise to the Lord, for he is good:
 for his mercy endureth for ever.

This joyful Eastertide Dutch Easter Carol harm. Charles B. Wood (1866-1926)

Thou hallowed chosen morn of praise Johann Hermann Schein (1586-1630)

Christ is risen John Goss (1800-1880)

All who seek to receive Christ in the sacrament of this meal are welcome to partake of the bread and wine. Please come to the altar up the center aisle and return to your pew down the side aisles. You are welcome to receive both the bread and the wine, bread only, or a blessing. To receive the bread, stand or kneel at the altar rail and the priest will place the host in your hands. The wine is available either from the common cup, or in individually pre-packaged containers on small tables at either end of the altar rail. To receive the wine from the pre-packaged cup, open the foil seal at the top of the container, drink the wine, and place the empty cup into the basket.



The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand as able.*

Presider Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Easter Blessing

Closing Hymn #208 *Alleluia! The strife is o'er*

VICTORY

The Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Postlude *Toccata in F*

Vincent Lübeck (1654-1740)

*All are invited to join us following the service for a festive reception
and our annual Easter Egg Hunt.*

*We are grateful for the Herlihy Family and Coffee Hour Hosts
for providing this special time together!*

We appreciate the efforts of Nancy Armstrong and Joanne Graziano
who ordered and placed the beautiful Easter lilies throughout the church.

THE LILIES HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN THANKSGIVING FOR

a gift from Gloria Rice
by Joanne Graziano

My Loving Family
by Maureen Lavelly

My children Lindalee, Gerald and Jayard Quirk
by Gloria Rice

AND GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**Robert and Beulah Armstrong
Charles and Shirley Finch
William Finch**

by Nancy Armstrong and Steve Finch

Jeffrey Bush

by Barbara Bush

**Priscilla Kenyon, Marie Mitchell, Marlene Cunningham
and Kenneth Gallant**

by Roger and Gloria Chesebrough

Teresa Febres

Maria De Luca

Joan Henson

Mildred Miller

by the De Luca and Miller Families

Catherine DiManno and Cecilia McLaughlin

by Jen DiManno

Evie Scoville

by Greg Johnston

The Kverek, the Lewis and the Gupton Families

by Rosemary Kverek with thanksgiving for their lives

Ernestine, Joseph, Abby and Edward Locke

Philip and Helen Kressler

Ruth Brooks Heath

by Sarge Locke

Cleta Wheeler, Virginia Pierce, and Bill Moody

by the Moody Family

Jackson L. Blanton

by Carl Outen and Ken White

Edward E. Gall

Norval B. Stephens

by Ellie Stephens



Ministers Serving Today:

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Rector
Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director
Michael Fenn, Seminarian
Pia Bertelli, Deacon-in-Formation
Jane Struss, Vestry Person of the Day
Augusta Fry and Nate Gunsch, Readers
Tommy Bresler, Intercessor
Augusta Fry, Iggy Gunsch, Nate Bresler and Abby Bresler, Acolytes
D. Lawrence Ross, Altar Guild
Matt Hast, Robin Moody and Paul Newell, Ushers

Choir

Maggie Tompros, Barbara Bush, Louise Ambler-Osborn, Alice Krapf,
Nora Watson, Julianne Gearhart, John Quinn, Pell Osborn, Jake Sterling

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