# All Angels Episcopal Church Easter Sunday



April 20, 2025



Lead on O King Eternal Tom Stanfield, Trumpet



People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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**.

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 Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

O God, who made this holy morning to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen** 

#### **The Lessons** *Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.*

Introduction: Happy Easter! Today's lesson is St. Peter's speech that features what he himself witnessed about the death and resurrection of Jesus.

A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles 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 honors and respects 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."

Ps 118:1-2, 13-16

The Word of the Lord.

# Thanks be to God

The psalm reading for this morning is from Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,

"His mercy endures for ever."

I was pressed so hard that I almost fell, **but the LORD came to my help.** 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! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the Lord.

Introduction: The Apostle Paul wrote this letter in Greek which, at times, is difficult to translate into English – particularly with the verb "to raise" which is expressed here as "is risen". Paul wrote this section of the letter because there were believers who were losing hope. They believed that Jesus is risen but that maybe their loved ones who have died would not be risen. Paul connects the risen Jesus with their loved ones who because of Jesus are also risen.

A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

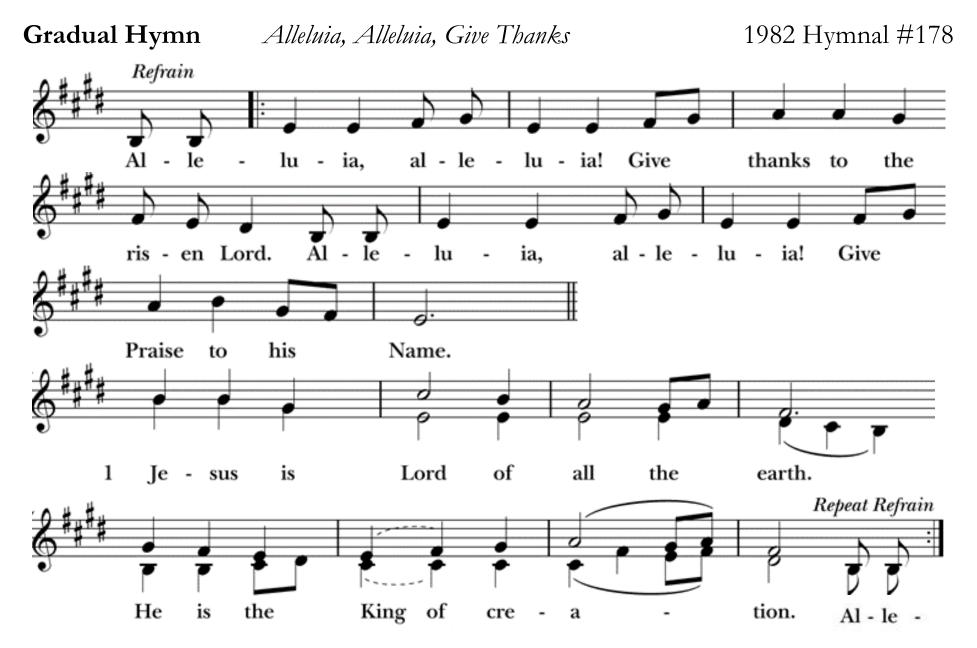
#### 1 Cor. 15:12-26

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen; and if Christ is not risen, then our proclamation has been in vain, and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we said that God raised Christ! If it is true that the dead are not raised then it also would be true that Christ is not risen. And, if Christ has not risen, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have died. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact, from the dead, Christ is risen; the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God



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

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Gradual Hymn** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks 1982 Hymnal #178 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

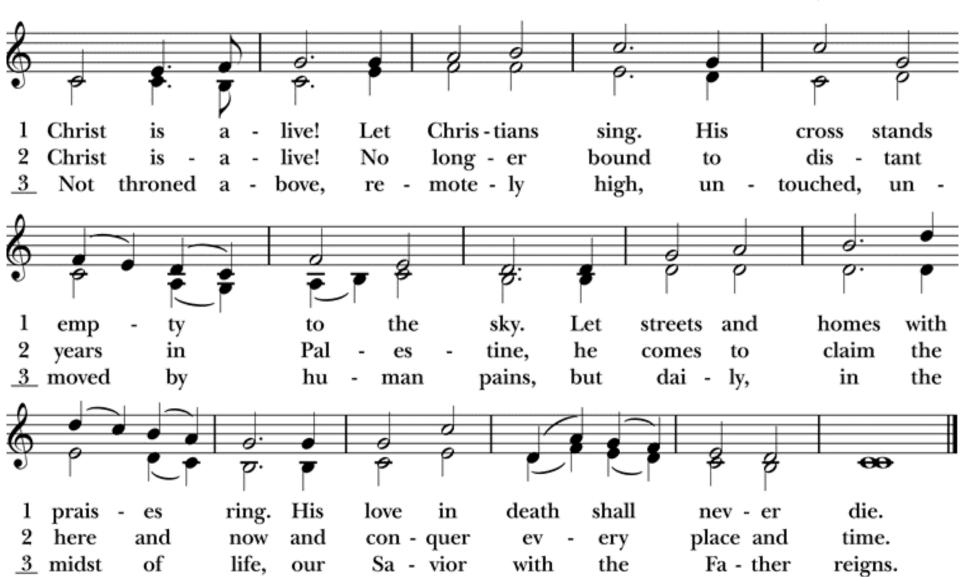
#### The Sermon

**Reflection Hymn** 

Christ is Alive!

1982 Hymnal #182

The Very Rev. David J. Marshall



#### 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 (Please stand or kneel or sit as you are able)

Lord, we give you thanks and praise for rolling away the stone of death so that all might follow your path of resurrection. We pray for the Church, for All Angels, for all the churches on our island, and for Temple Beth Israel.

Roll away the stone of isolation and doubt so that all who seek you will find you. Silence

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for our elected and appointed leaders that they will work with a spirit of unity in our communities and nation. We pray for peace in Gaza, Israel and Ukraine. Roll away the stone of willful disobedience and bring us your peace. *Silence* 

## Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who serve our community especially those who protect us at home and abroad. We pray for those who receive the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara and Kim. We pray for those in Hospice, especially Jeanne, Joyce and Regina. *Silence* 

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer chronic medical conditions, especially Downs IV, Holden, Kim, Barbara, Maria Christine, Caitlin, Dennis, Angie, Amy Jo, Carling, Michael, Ian, Joan, Diana, Anne, Alyssa, Joe, Denise and Zachary.

We pray for those going through cancer treatments and those in remission, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, TJ, Cara, Valerie, Violet, Joan, Nancy, Julie, George, Denise and Mark.

Roll away the stone of fatigue and bring your healing and peace to all who suffer. Silence

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those whom we love but see no longer. Silence

We pray for all who grieve. And, we pray for all the saints who have rolled away the stone of disbelief and carried the light of Christ from generation to generation. **To the glory of God the Father. Amen.** 

*Celebrant:* Lord Jesus Christ, you gave your life for the life of all, we commit our lives to following you. Guide us to live into your Beloved Community; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### The Confession is omitted during the season of Easter

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

#### Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory Anthem	Concerto on "Hyfrydol"	arr. Hal Hopson
	Carol Erker and Pam Elder, Handbells	

## The Doxology

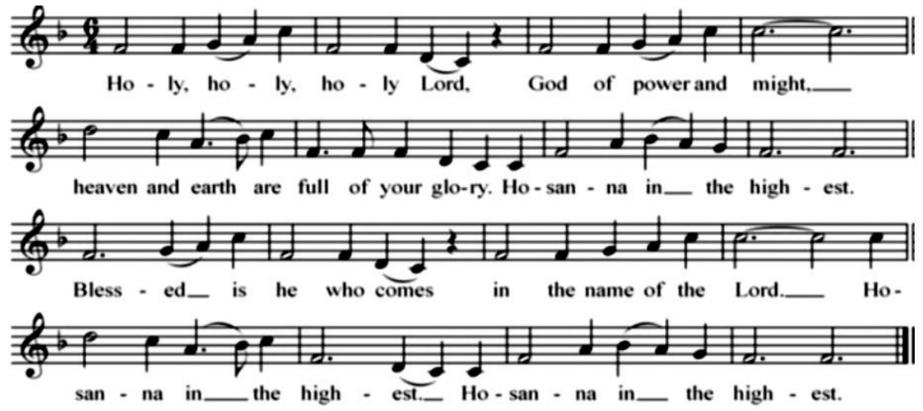
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,praise him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia.Praise him above ye heavenly host:Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia.

#### The Holy Eucharist Prayer B

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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:



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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.

# 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 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 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, f or ever and ever. Amen.

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

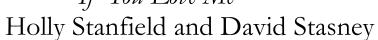
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Jesus invites everyone to meet him here. If you would like to receive the bread or a blessing, please come forward. If you would prefer to have communion brought to you, please let one of the ushers know and we will bring it to you.

**Communion Music** 

If You Love Me

Joel Raney





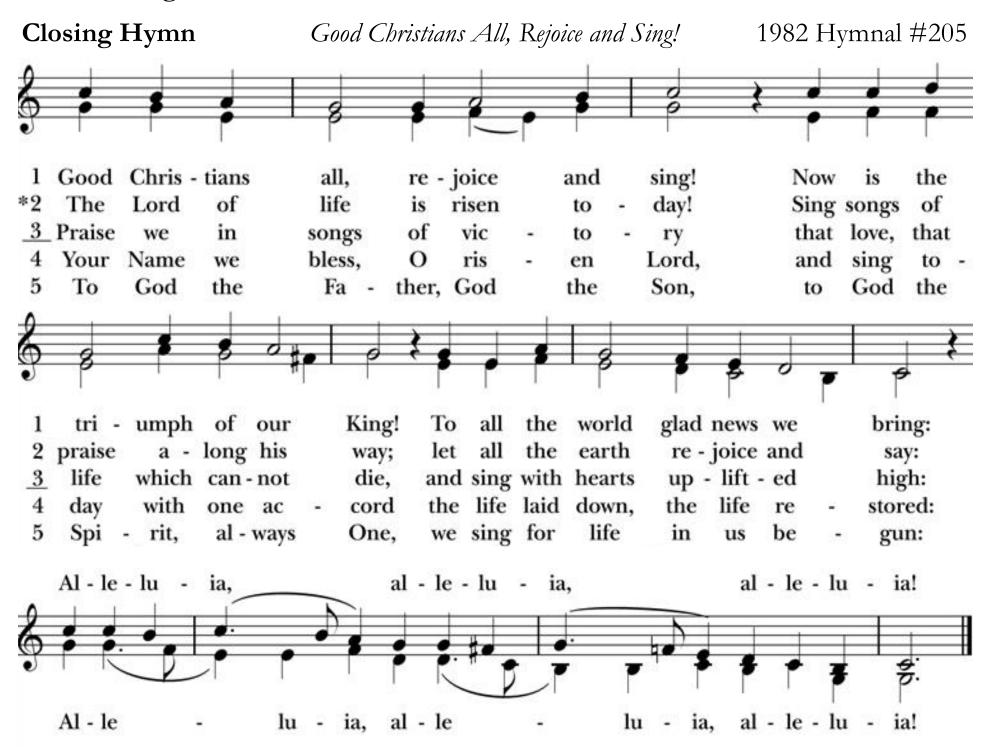
#### **Prayer After Communion**

Let us pray.

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.

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The Blessing



#### The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Postlude

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds Tom Stanfield, Trumpet

arr. John Purifoy

New to All Angels? Welcome! Be sure to sign the guest registry in the lobby.

**Today's presenters:** 

8:00 am

10:00 am

BJ Bishop — Chalice Ed Bob Dixon — Lector Barbara Pickrell — Prayers Dave Bishop — Usher Philip Guest Musicians Tom Stanfield Holly Stanfield La

Ed Upshaw, Larry Elder — Chalice Terry Cobb — Lector John Gill — Prayers Philip Deming, Reuben Fernandez — Ushers Ethan Marshall — Acolyte Elijah Marshall — A/V tech Scott Wuesthoff — Zoom host Nancy Boyd— Altar Guild Laurel Vaughn — Offering Counters

#### The Easter Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God and for the Following Intentions

Given by Fan Oleson in thanksgiving for my bounteous family

Given by Daphne Dodge Walker in loving memory of my parents, Donald and Dorothy Dodge

Given by Pamela, Cynthia and Jenifer in thanksgiving for our amazing parents, Ed and Elyse Rogers

Given by Judy Reed in memory of Caren (Jeff)

Given by Elaine and William Smith in memory of Iva and Ernest Tetreault and Helen and Oral Smith

Given by Melinda and Bob Morrissey in memory of Audrey Grace Walker

Given by Ginny and Ed Upshaw in memory of Bill Freeland

Given by Hank and Jinx Kochan in memory of Henry and Mary Kochan, Sr.; Haig and Mary Bediguian; Joseph Durna, Jr.; Michael Simonini; Joseph and Fareeda Durna

Given by Cade and Whit Sibley in memory of Jack and Teasley Denison

Given by Trudé Smith in memory of my departed family

Given by the Rev. Canon Nancy James Deming and Philip Schuyler Deming in memory of Helen B. James, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Deming, Jr., Betty-Schuyler "Schuy" Deming Wood, David Stanhope Deming and Lynn Franklin Deming

Given by Bob and Carol Erker in memory of our All Angels friends we have lost

Given by David Stasney in memory of Phyllis Stasney, Catherine Stratten, and Lena and Andrew Coccia, and in thanksgiving for the All Angels musicians

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Given by Jerry & Marti Dowling in memory of Sue Dowling, Kay and Sean Savio

Given by Dave and BJ Bishop in memory of Joy Bishop and Bob Twigg and in thanksgiving for our family and our All Angels family

Given by Diana and Frederick. Emrich in memory of Penelope Lee and our parents

Given by Linda D. Fletcher in thanksgiving for All Angels-by-the-Sea – a Gilgal for many

Given by Beverly Joutras in memory of Dick. Joutras

Given by Anne Kerry in memory of Olga Liberto and Steel Leskiw

Given by Nancy Boyd in thanksgiving for the Very Rev. Father Dave for the love, joy and guidance he shares with is all

> Given by Katzy Nager in loving memory of C.J. and in thanksgiving for my family and friends

Given by Virgina M. Spitler (Ginny) and family in loving memory of the Rev. Downs C. Spitler, Jr.

Given by Cris and Sharon Elliot in thanksgiving for All Angels Episcopal Church

Given by Cathy Iden Becker and Cindy Todd in memory of their parents,

Delma and Marvin "Jake" Iden

Don and Judy LeWin in memory of dear ones who have died and in thanksgiving for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchild, who give us hope.

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#### Confirmation Eucharist this Wednesday at 4 pm.

Please welcome our six confirmands who will be confirmed by Bishop Doug Scharf.

#### Spring Fling! 5 pm

After the Confirmation Eucharist, you are welcome to enjoy fellowship and a tasty meal provided by **Mission BBQ**. \$30 suggested donation at the door.

**Men's and Women's Discussion Group** Men's Discussion group, 10:00 on Tuesdays; Women's Discussion Group, 10:00 on Wednesdays. Both groups in-person and via Zoom.

> Chancel Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 10 am. Handbell Choir rehearsals on Thursdays 11:15 am. New members are always welcome!

**Visit our Website** Video of Today's Service, Discussion Group Articles, Gallery Artist, and our weekly Tidings can all be found on our website: **www.allangelslbk.org.** 

#### Vestry

# Reflection Risen

Cade Sibley Carol Erker Allen McGee David Bishop Donna Henkel Hank Kochan Larry Elder Brian Davis *Junior Warden* Reuben Fernandez *Senior Warden* 

David Stasney *Music Director* Fr. Fred Emrich *Retired Associate* The Rev. David J. Marshall, *Rector*  I made a card for you to keep as a reminder of Easter Sunday 2025. The message for today is that some of the hardest times in life produce the most transforming, rewarding, and uplifting experiences. The hard times are represented in the bulb of the amaryllis and Easter lily. The bulb is unattractive and hides underground. When the time is right, the bulb sends a shoot upward and makes a beautiful flower that everyone can see. Often we suffer in silence. Most people are unaware,

or could care less, about what is troubling you. But God cares. In creation, God takes something ugly, like the bulb, and makes something wonderful, like the lily. If God cares that much about a bulb and flower, imagine how much more God cares about you! In the past five years, we have suffered through Covid, polarizing political cycles, and, for us on Longboat, the worst hurricane season in recorded history. Yet, we are still here. We have deepened our faith. We are living examples of hope and neighborly love. In the end, it all comes down to faith, hope and love. The greatest of these is love. God is the source of all love because God is love. No matter what bulbs you have hidden deep in the earth of your disappointments and doubts, God is creating new life in you. You are risen. Amen and alleluia!

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- Fr. Dave