

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION:

EASTER DAY

March 31, 2024

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. Whoever you are, and wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here, just as you are, this Easter Day to share in the glory and the joy of our Lord's Resurrection.

St. John's is a compassionate community of healing, hope, and hospitality at the heart of Centreville's Historic District. We stand upon an original foundation first consecrated on July 14, 1854. To learn more about us, talk to your neighbor or to one of our clergy, join us after the service, and visit us at stjohnscentreville.org.

Today's services are according to the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer. All prayers are printed here with people's responses in bold. All our music can be found in the Hymnal 1982, the blue books in the pew. Service music, noted with an "S," can be found in the front of the book, and our hymns, noted by an "H" and their number, after that.

For those attending the 10:30 AM service, we are live-streaming this service on the internet, so please be aware that you are being recorded. Welcome, friends! Alleluia, Christ is risen!

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Trumpet Prelude

Morning Has Broken
Welcome, Happy Morning

Katharine Lavery

The Processional: Hymnal (H) #207 "Jesus Christ is risen today"

Easter Hymn

The Word of God

The Opening Acclamation [stand]

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

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.**

Song of Praise: H 417 "This is the feast of victory for our God"

Festival Canticle

(All sing vv. 1,3,5; Men v. 2; Women v. 4)

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 222

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

Children's Story

Our youngest parishioners are invited to come forward for today's story. They'll adjourn to children's chapel, returning in time for Communion.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Response: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Confitemini Domino

BCP, p. 760

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! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"**

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.**

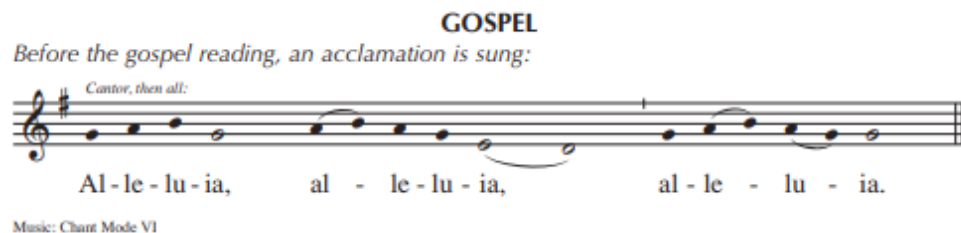
The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



The Gospel: Mark 16:1-8 [stand]

Celebrant: 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.

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Kevin Laskowski

After the sermon, a moment of silence is observed. Please remain seated.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP, pp. 292-294

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: **I do.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People: Form VI

BCP, p. 392

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence [sit]

At this time, the gifts of God in bread and wine and the gifts of the people are collected and brought forward in thanksgiving. Thanks to all who have pledged a portion of their time, talent, and treasure to God's mission here at St. John's.

As the Spirit moves you, please give generously by cash or check, use the QR code at right to donate online, or text STJOHNSCENTREVILLE to 73256 to give using your mobile device. Donations of food and other items for Western Fairfax Christian Ministries and the Katharine K. Hanley Family Shelter can be given to the usher or to the church office.



The Offertory Anthem: “O Sing Unto the Lord”

H. L. Hassler

The Presentation of Alms & Oblations: H 400, v. 7 “Let all things their creator bless”

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP, p. 372

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.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

The Sanctus: S-125 “Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Sanctus

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

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

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, St. John and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**



The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

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 Fraction Anthem: S-154 "Christ our Passover"

The Invitation to Communion

BCP, p. 364

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion in one or both kinds. If, for some reason, you would not like to receive today, please come forward for a blessing. Please signal the usher if you would prefer to have Communion or that blessing brought to you.

The Communion Hymn: H 174, "At the Lamb's high feast"

Salzburg

The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing

The Recessional Hymn: H 180 "He is risen, he is risen"

Unser Herrscher

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Trumpet Postlude

Katharine Lavery

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Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charlotte Anne Ridley, by Craig Staresinich and Nita Amar.

Join us after the service in front of the historic church for the Easter Egg Hunt!

Today's Ministers

Celebrant

The Rev. Kevin Laskowski

Deacon

The Rev. Steve Busch

Lectors

Susan Davis (8:00)

Walt Cooner (10:30)

Crucifers

Valerie Tucker (8:00)

Monti Zimmerman (10:30)

Ushers:

Elise Crawford (8:00)

Dick Griffith, Tom Jones (10:30)

Altar Guild:

Meg Crossett, Susan Davis, Durinda Smith (8:00)

Marie McDermott, Marcia Evans (10:30)

Alms Counters:

Marie McDermott, Tom McDermott, Penny Parker

Thank you to all those who made these Holy Week and Easter services possible:

- Mandy Hull and the St. John's choir for the beautiful music;
- Katharine Lavery, our trumpet player;
- Marcia Evans and the Altar Guild for the gorgeous flowers and altar set-up;
- Terri Katon for the bulletins;
- David Weir and John Tucker for recording and livestreaming the services;
- our Passion reading participants on Palm Sunday;
- our ushers, crucifers, and readers; and
- all our many volunteers who made palm crosses, stuffed and hid Easter eggs, and gave God glory in ways large and small this blessed Holy Week.

God bless you! Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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