

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION:

EASTER DAY

April 20, 2025

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.

We are live-streaming this service, so please be aware that you are being recorded.

Welcome, friends! Alleluia, Christ is risen!

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Prelude

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

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 222

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 65:17-25

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, 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.**

Gospel Hymn: H 210, "The day of resurrection!"

Ellacombe

The Gospel: Luke 24:1-12 [stand]

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Kevin Laskowski

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

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

BCP, p. 301

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor I present Thomas to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce 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 his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Let us join with this person who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP, p. 304

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.**

Prayers for the Candidate

BCP, p. 305

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

BCP, p. 306

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

BCP, p. 307

Thomas, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Thomas, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer over the Candidate

BCP, p. 307

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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 [stand]

BCP, p. 360

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: "With a Voice of Singing"

Martin Shaw

The Presentation of Alms & Oblations: H 380, v. 3, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

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-161, "Lamb of God"

Agnus Dei

The Invitation to Communion

BCP, p. 364

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. To receive the wafer, extend one hand over the other. If you wish to receive the wine, take a sip of the wine by guiding the chalice to your lips. Dipping the wafer into the wine is not permitted. The bishop's customary requires the minister to do it for you. If you wish the minister to intinct, make a dipping motion or point to the minister when you approach. If you would like Communion brought to you, please let an usher know. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than Communion, please cross your arms over your chest as you approach.

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

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Postlude

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Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Staresinich, 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

Lector

George Dewey

Acolyte/Crucifer

Val Tucker

Altar Guild

Marcia Evans, Libby McCullough

Alms Counters

Maric McDermott, Larry Pike, Marcia Evans

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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