



The Sunday of the Resurrection

Easter Day

April 5, 2026 | 9:15 AM & 11:15 AM

Saint Luke's Parish

Darien, Connecticut

Welcome!

Whoever you are and wherever you may be on your spiritual journey, we are so glad you have joined us for worship on this Easter Day. May you know the presence of the living God who welcomes you here. Everything you need to participate in today's service is included in this leaflet. Ushers are available to answer any questions or direct you as needed. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete and return a welcome card so we can be in touch. May God bless you now and always.

About Today's Service

Easter is the most significant and joyful holiday of the Christian year—a celebration of the event that defines our Church: the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Like spring itself, the Paschal feast heralds the promise of new life. And it is the ground upon which all our hope rests: because Jesus Christ is risen from the grave, so too shall we be. There is absolutely nothing in all of creation, not even death, that can stand between us and the love of God in Christ Jesus (Romans 8).

After 40 days of Lenten preparation and reflection, more joyful elements return to the liturgy today. The Gloria, a song of praise dating from the fourth century, returns. So too does the word Alleluia ("Praise the Lord"), which has not been spoken throughout the season of Lent. We now proclaim it enthusiastically throughout today's liturgy, and it will remain in acclamations, hymns, and dismissals throughout the 50 days of Eastertide.

Easter Day expresses the very center of our faith: Jesus appears, risen from the dead, and the joy and wonder of his followers is matched by the joy and wonder of our worship this day.

Easter Day: The Sunday of the Resurrection

Festal Eucharist

Opening Voluntary

Rector's Welcome

Hymn 207 *Sung by all, standing.*

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!

Text: 14th Century, tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708. St. 4. Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749, alt.;
organ and brass setting, John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Word of God

The First Lesson | 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 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."

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

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-17, 22-24 *Sung by the Choir.*

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 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.

Setting: Robert W. Lehman (b. 1962)

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.

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

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

Text: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Ellacombe*, from *Gesangbuch . . . der Herzogle. Württembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt.;
 adapt. *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Cyril Winn (1884-1973)

The Gospel | John 20:1-18

Deacon
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor

The Nicene Creed

Said by all, standing.

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

Deacon In joy and hope let us pray to the Lord.

The Intercessor continues

Lord Jesus, you are the Light of the world, evermore risen and never going down: Fill us with the joy of your glorious and life-giving resurrection.

People Jesus, Lord of Life,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Lord Jesus, you are the True Vine and we are the branches: Help us to be mindful of the connections we have with all the peoples of the earth, that as we abide in your love, your peace and justice may be known on earth as they are enjoyed in heaven.

People Jesus, Lord of life,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Lord Jesus, you are the Bread of Life come down from heaven: Give bread to those who hunger, and a hunger for justice to those who have bread, and make us all hunger and thirst after righteousness.

People Jesus, Lord of life,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep: Recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick, and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.

People Jesus, Lord of life,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Lord Jesus, you are the Resurrection and the Life: We commend to your never-failing care all those who have died, and pray that they may be raised on the last day.

People Jesus, Lord of life,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Lord Jesus, you are the Way, the Truth, the Life: Be with us and all who follow you in the Way of Love. Give us the gift of your Spirit that we may embody your grace, mercy and peace in all we say and do as witnesses of your resurrection.

People Jesus, Lord of life,
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes by saying

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Clergy and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Today's Easter Offering supports Saint Luke's mission and outreach partners, here and around the world. Your gift helps feed, clothe, shelter, educate, refresh, and restore the minds, bodies, and spirits of those in need within our parish, in our community, and beyond.

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Offertory Sentence

Celebrant

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

-Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Anthem

Sung by the Choir.

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn
In strains of holy joy.

For Judah's Lion bursts his chains,
Crushing the serpent's head;
And cries aloud through death's domains
To wake the imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey
At his command restore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way
Where Jesus goes before.

Triumphant in his glory now
To him all power is given;
To him in one communion bow
All saints in earth and heaven.

While we his soldiers praise our King,
His mercy we implore,
Within his palace bright to bring
And keep us evermore.

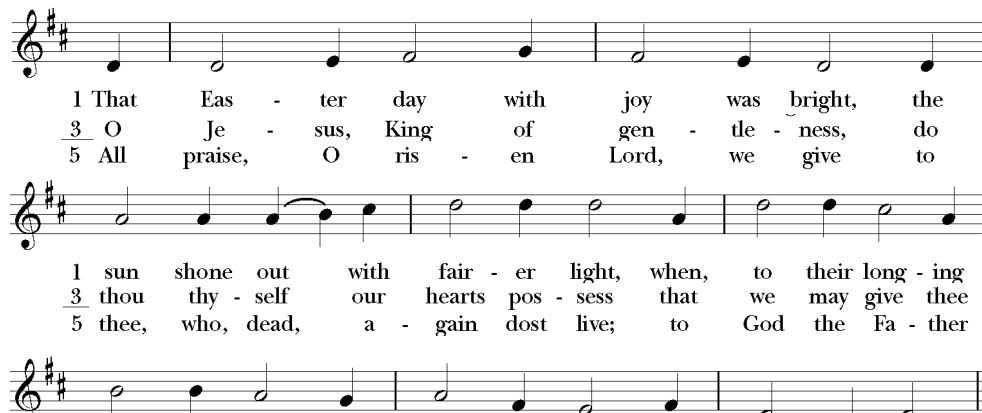
All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
While endless ages run.
Alleluia! Amen.

Text: St. Fulbert of Chartres (960-1028), trans. Robert Campbell (1814-1868)

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Presentation Hymn 193

Sung by all, standing.



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther

1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

Text: Latin, 5th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*

Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

The people remain standing as the Celebrant continues

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 Father,

All

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

Celebrant

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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, and 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.

All

AMEN.

Celebrant

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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 *Sung by all*



The Choir sings the verse "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us" after which all repeat the refrain.

Setting: Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion, regardless of age or denomination.

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please request one. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

Easter Brass

The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **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 Easter Blessing

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 180

Sung by all.

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 *3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - dian't brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - jice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.
 Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

The Dismissal

Deacon
People

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Closing Voluntary

Participants in Today's Service

Celebrant

& Preacher

The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor

Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Hannah G. Pommersheim, The Rev. Ansley E. Walker, The Rev. Susan C. Wyper,
The Rev. G. Hartwell Hylton, Misty Krasawski

Musicians

The Saint Luke's Parish Choir

David Pulliam, Huw Jones

The Easter Brass and Hans Broecking, timpani

Thank you to those serving today as acolytes, readers, ushers, and members of the Altar and Flower Guilds.

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The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor

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Saint Luke's Parish

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Our Vision

A world transformed by the love of Jesus Christ
for all people.

Our Mission

Living together as disciples of Christ, we seek to:

Grow personally in faith,
acknowledging our imperfection and need of grace;

Build an accepting & transforming community,
extending God's unconditional welcome to all;

Work alongside our neighbors,
forming partnerships to serve the world.

Let it begin with me.

Our Invitation

Grow in love of God.

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Serve the world in Christ's name.