

EASTER SUNDAY

YEAR C ✕ APRIL 20, 2025

“Nimrod” from *Enigma Variations*
Organ and Brass Quartet

VOLUNTARY

Edward Elgar

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Jesus Christ is risen today”

Hymnal 207

COLLECT

BCP 222

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.”

THE PSALM

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Music: Jerome Webster Meachen

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is / good; *
his mercy endures for / ever.
- 2 Let Israel now pro-/ claim, *
“His mercy endures for / ever.”
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my / song, *
and he has become my sal-/ vation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and / victory *
in the tents of the / righteous:
- 16 “The right hand of the Lord has / triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has / triumphed!”
- 17 I shall not die, but / live, *
and declare the works of the / Lord.



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18 The Lord has punished me / sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to / death.

19 Open for me the gates of / righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the / Lord.

20 “This is the gate of the / Lord; *
he who is righteous may / enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you, for you / answered me *
and have become my sal- / vation.

22 The same stone which the builders re- / jected *
has become the chief / cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord’s / doing, *
and it is marvelous in our / eyes.

2nd half of chant

24 On this day the Lord has / acted; *
we will rejoice and be / glad in it.

THE SECOND LESSON

I 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.

During the hymn, children three years old to fifth grade are invited to follow the banner-bearer to Children’s Church. They will return at the Peace.

SEQUENCE HYMN

“Alleluia! Jesus is risen!”

see insert

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they 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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

Philip W.J. Stopford (2004)

Christ the Lord is risen again, Christ hath broken every chain.
Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia!
He who gave for us life, who for us endured the strife,
is our Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy, and say, Alleluia!
He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross,
lives in glory now on high, pleads for us and hears our cry, Alleluia!
He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings, Alleluia!
Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people feed;
take our sins and guilt away: let us sing by night and day, Alleluia!

(Michael Weisse, tr. Winkworth)

PRESENTATION HYMN

The Doxology

worship booklet p. 6, and Hymnal 380 v.3

All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, tell the priest at the communion rail.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Hymn	“Come away to the skies”	Hymnal 213
Hymn	“I am the bread of life”	Hymnal 335
Motet	<i>Thine Be the Glory</i>	G.F. Handel, arr. Milford

PRAYER FOR LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: **We send you forth to those of Christ’s body who are unable to be with us in this place today, to share with them the body and blood of our Savior; the blessing cup which we share and the bread we break as one. May it be to those to whom you minister this day a sign of our love and unity with them as one body of which Jesus Christ is Head. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Come ye faithful, raise the strain”

Hymnal 199

VOLUNTARY

Te Deum

Marc-Antoine Charpentier, arr. Couturier



Guest Musicians: Alex Rodiek / Jason Smith, *trumpets*; Drew Robertson, *trombone*; Amy Black, *horn*; Paul Kelley, *organ*. Assisting Clergy: Rev. Clare Nesmith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Vacation Bible School will be June 9 – 13, from 9 to noon each day. Join us through the VBS tab at our church website, stjamesmarietta.com
- For safety's sake, cars parked in our circle lot may not be moved until the Egg Hunt has completed.
- Our nursery is open today and every Sunday, 9:30-12:30
- Please stay away from the church building and grounds tomorrow through Wednesday, as the film crew returns to film another episode of *The Murdaugh Murders* for Hulu.
- Evening Prayer Services coming up: The Lay Worship Leaders will conduct services for the **Feast of St. Mark on Monday April 28** and the feast of **Saints Philip and James on Thursday May 1**. At a typical evening service, 10-25 worshipers gather for prayers, scripture readings, and lessons about the saints. Evening services begin at **6:30**.
- TODAY is Mother Pat's final service with us.
- Next Sunday, April 27, the Lay Worship Leaders will conduct the service of morning prayer at 8 and 10:30. The 10:30 service will include organ, choir, and hymns.
- May 4 will be Mother Mariclaire's first Sunday with us. We'll recognize our high school and college graduates. Graduates, please send bios and photos to Riley. In the afternoon, Bishop Wright will be here for a service to honor graduates from throughout the Diocese. Graduates, RSVP to the Diocesan website by April 30.

Notice of live-streaming broadcast: Our worship services are live-streamed and posted to social media. If you have concerns about being on camera, please ask one of the ushers to show you seating with limited exposure.

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