

Sunday, April 5, 2026 10:00 A.M.

THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

EASTER DAY

We're so pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. After the service please join us downstairs for coffee, tea and Easter goodies.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

The Service of Light

The service begins in silence, and in darkness.
Please stand
The ministers begin at the entrance, one of them carrying the unlit Easter Candle.

Acclamation:
Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega, To whom belong all time and all ages;
To whom belong all glory and power,
through every age and for ever. Amen.

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Today we celebrate the awesome love and grace of God together with Christians around the world. As we hear God's word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share Christ's victory over death and live with him for ever.

A minister lights the Easter Candle, saying
May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

As the New Light is brought forward, we sing:
The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Chant: Sing A New song to the Lord
All You People
Sing a new song to the Lord all you peoples!
Alleluia, Alleluia
Sing out to God and rejoice, all nations. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The light is carried to the congregation, and all other candles are now lit.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HYMN # 203 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

The Gospel Reading: (*standing*)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 28: 1-10
Reader: Deacon Elinor Smith
The Gospel of Christ
Thanks be to God

Sermon – *The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

Prayers of the People – *Spencer Stevens*

The Baptism

Presentation of Siena

The Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God?
I believe in God,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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 God.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbours as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?
I will, with God's help.

The Baptism of Siena

The Giving of the Light

Receive the light of Christ.
Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify the one God of heaven and earth.

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.

We Share the Peace

Offertory Hymn: Christ Has Arisen *(See Insert)*

Prayer over the Gifts
Eucharistic Prayer (sung)
May God be with You
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God
Let us give thanks to our loving God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Blessed are you gracious God
… join in their unending hymn.

Sanctus:
Holy, holy, holy are You,
God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

Celebrant: On the night he was handed over
... mystery of faith:

Choir: Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.
All: Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

Celebrant: Recalling his death,…
... now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Chant # 146 The Kingdom of God is Justice and Peace

THE COMMUNION

Choir Anthem: O Love *by Elaine Hagenburg*

HYMN # 229 Who is There on This Easter Morning

The Prayer after Communion

Glory to God,
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing
Alleluia. Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

May the God of resurrection open to you the gates of abundant life, give you joy as you share the Easter faith, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Creator, the redeemer, and the comforter,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

HYMN # 231 That Eastertide With Joy Was Bright

Dismissal

Go in peace and gladness. Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!