

# EASTER SUNDAY



# Holy Eucharist Rite II – 10:00 a.m. April 20, 2025

SUNDAY SERVICES

# 8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God. Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you; after the service speak to one another.

# The Rector's Welcome

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! The Easter Season is my favorite time to be in church. There are no better hymns than the celebratory Easter hymns in our hymnal. This fifty-day celebration of the resurrection of Jesus is meant to fill our hearts with joy and our eyes with tears of happiness. This season is all about reminding us of what Jesus accomplished for us, that he has defeated death and is freely offering all people eternal life with our creator and Father in Heaven.

I invite you all to take the fifty days of Easter as seriously as you took the forty days of Lent. That means celebrating for the entire season of Easter. Celebrate your life, family, church, friends, and most importantly, your relationship with Jesus Christ, your redeemer. Invite Jesus into all that you do, and remember to be joyful. When I was young, I asked a priest what he thought heaven was like. He told me, "Heaven is perfect joy!"

This season of Easter is a time for all of us to practice being joyful. Make a plan every day to find joy in your life. In finding joy, we will also see God acting in our lives. Let's all live joyfully, and in doing so, discover how beautiful the Kingdom of God is and give thanks for the redemption offered to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Faithfully,

Fr. Chr. Word+

The Rev. Christian M. Wood *Rector* 

#### The people stand as the ministers enter

# Processional Hymn 207

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, our triumphant holy day, who did once upon the cross, suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, unto Christ, our heavenly King, who endured the cross and grave, sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

# Easter Hymn

3. But the pains which he endured, our salvation have procured; now above the sky he's King, where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4. Sing we to our God above praise eternal as his love; praise him, all ye heavenly host, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

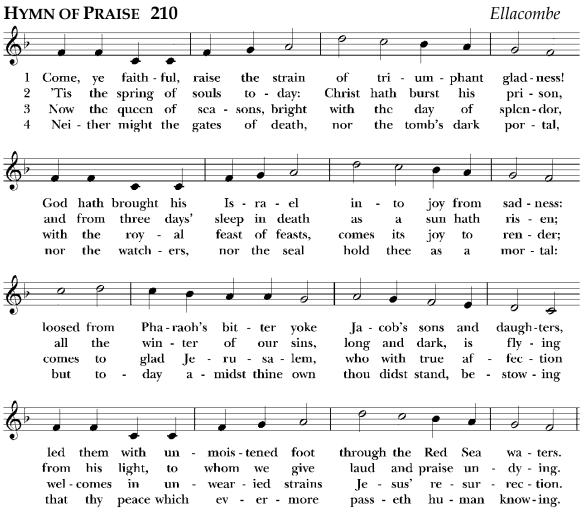
#### **PROPER ACCLAMATION**



# THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

#### Celebrant

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.** 



# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

# The people sit

# THE LESSON

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the word which he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses to all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and made him manifest; not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.** 

# **GRADUAL:** Easter Anthems *Pascha nostrum Sung by the choir*

- 1 Christ our passover is sacrificed for us, \* therefore let us keep the feast;
- 2 Not with the old leaven, \* nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness,

Acts 10:34-43

G.J. Elvey

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

- 3 Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more, \* death hath no more dominion over him.
- 4 For in that he died he died unto sin once; \* but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
- 5 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin; \* but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 6 Christ is risen from the dead; \* and become the first-fruits of them that slept.
- 7 For since by man came death, \* by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
- 8 For as in Adam all die; \* even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

*Lector* A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 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 delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.** 

The people stand

SEQUENCE HYMN 180

**Unser Herrscher** 



# *Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on the first day of the week Mary Mag'dalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away 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." Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths 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 know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?" 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, "Rab-bo'ni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Mag'dalene went and said 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 people sit* 

THE SERMON

Father Wood

# THE NICENE CREED (standing)

Celebrant and people

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 (Form III)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.** 

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.** 

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight.** 

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **That they may be delivered from their distress.** 

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**  Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

We pray for \_\_\_\_\_\_, for those in the hospital \_\_\_\_\_, those in hospice \_\_\_\_\_, for the recent faithful departed, especially \_\_\_\_\_\_ [and for \_\_\_\_\_\_ in whose memory the altar flowers are given today].

# The Celebrant adds this concluding collect

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**.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

Deacon	Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.				
All	Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.				
Celebrant	Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. <b>Amen.</b>				

All stand

# THE PEACE

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

All greet one another with the sign of peace then sit for any necessary announcements.

#### **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Offertory Sentence**

## Offertory Hymn 194

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St. Albinus

#### Laast uns erfreuen

# Doxology with Alleluias

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

# All stand

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

## Here a proper preface is sung or said

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# Sanctus and Benedictus S128

William Mathias

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.Hosanna in the highest.Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people remain standing as they are able

## Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

## Celebrant and people

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

# Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **AMEN**.

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

Celebrant and People

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, forever and ever. Amen.

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread after which the following is sung

# Fraction Anthem S155

Gerald Near

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.



All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest).
If you have not been baptized, and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let one of our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about the possibility of being baptized, or any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.** The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.** 

or with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.** 

#### **Communion Motets**

Christ the Lord is risen

arr. Geoffrey Shaw

Christ the Lord is risen! Now is the hour of darkness past; Christ hath assumed his reigning power. Behold the great accuser cast down from the skies, to rise no more: Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ the Lord is risen! 'twas by thy blood, immortal Lamb, Thine armies trod the tempter down; 'twas by thy word and powerful name they gained the battle and renown: Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ the Lord is risen! rejoice, ye heavens! Let ev'ry star shine with new glories round the sky! Saints, while ye sing the heav'nly war, raise your redeemer's name on high! Alleluia, alleluia.

#### This joyful Eastertide

#### arr. Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen. Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river: Lord of all life, from ill my passing life deliver.

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber, till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

## Communion Hymn 193

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#### All stand

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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 SOLEMN 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.** 

# THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon gives the Dismissal

# *People* **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand

# Processional Hymn 191

 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Hearts and voices heavenward raise: sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
 He, who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

2. Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born, glorious life, and life immortal, on his resurrection morn. Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by his mighty enterprise: we with him to life eternal by his resurrection rise.

3. Christ is risen, Christ, the first-fruits of the holy harvest-field, which with all its full abundance at his second coming yield: then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave, ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.

# 4. Christ is risen, we are risen!

4. Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heavenly grace, rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face; that, with hearts in heaven dwelling, we on earth may fruitful be, and by angel hands be gathered, and be ever, Lord, with thee.

5. Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be toGod on high;Alleluia! to the Savior who haswon the victory;Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of loveand sanctity:Alleluia, alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.



# EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

This year's Easter Flowers are given to the greater glory of God and in memory of:

**Cleveland Butler** *Gone from our sight, alive in our hearts* by Ronald, Julett and Maxine.

**Richard Lee Casey, Jr., Alvin Casey, Charles Martin and Wilma Martin** by The Casey Family.

Paul A. Graham by Betsy and Drew.

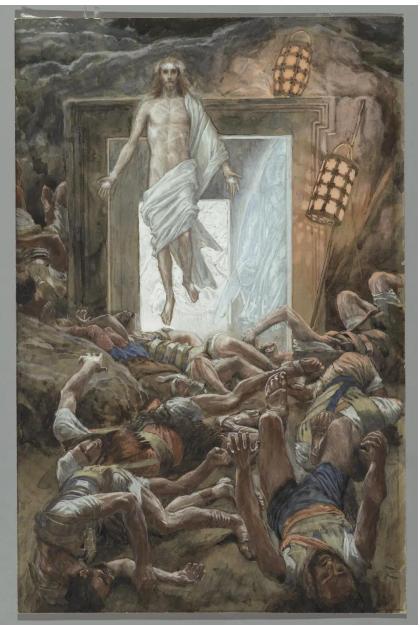
Marion and William Boyd by their daughter, Susan Boyd.

**The Reverend Robert J. Elliott** by Janis Elliott *in thanksgiving for the life and memories of her husband.* 

And by Pam Scruggs in memory of and thanksgiving for the life of **Charles** and for the Blessed gift of **Shailee**.

# A SPECIAL THANKS TO

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James Tissot, *La Résurrection* (The Resurrection), watercolor on paper, 1886-1894, the Brooklyn Museum.



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