



# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

906 South Orleans Avenue ♦ Tampa, Florida 33606-2941

## EASTER SUNDAY



**Holy Eucharist Rite II - 9:30 a.m.**

**April 5, 2026**

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! Not Christ was risen, the reality that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, walked among the people he knew and loved, and continued to minister to old and new friends alike, and then ascended to the right hand of the Father to take his place, and to bring the very flesh of his humanity into the Triune God-Head is an incredible thing to consider! There is a wonderful children's song often sung at VBS celebrations. The lyrics are as follows: "1, 2, 3 Jesus is alive. He died for you and me. But on day 3, Jesus rose again. Yeah, Jesus is alive!"

Did you all get the nuance in the lyrics and my theme for this reflection? Jesus is alive! We do not worship a dead man who was a great moral teacher, nor do we worship the relics of a bygone religion, buildings, or the way things used to be! No, we worship a living God who is constantly pouring out his grace to the world so that we might be saved by accepting his unconditional love!

We have just come through a wonderful Lenten journey. On the First Sunday of Lent, we listened as Jesus faced temptation in the desert. There, He refused every lie that tried to define Him apart from the Father. That story prepared us to hear Easter's truth: resurrection is not only God raising Jesus, but God restoring our identity as beloved children.

From the wilderness, we moved to Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, where he spoke of being born again of the Spirit. On Easter, we see what that new birth looks like. In the Resurrection, God shows us the life he has in store for his people – a life where hope rises even in darkness.

We also heard of the Samaritan woman, burdened by shame, to whom Jesus offered living water. Her life changed through encounter, not judgment. Easter proclaims that same truth: Christ meets us in our dry places and offers water that never runs out.

We saw the man born blind receive his sight, reminding us that Easter opens our eyes to see God at work where we once saw emptiness.

And at Lazarus's tomb we heard Jesus cry, "Come out!" If Christ could call Lazarus from the grave, then his own rising is fulfillment. Easter is God's answer to every longing for hope.

Jesus knows you and me on the most intimate level, and he loves each of us beyond our comprehension. As we all reflect on the empty tomb on Easter Day, we must remember that Jesus is alive, and he lives so that we might have life with him in his eternal glory.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Chris Wood" with a small cross at the end.

The Rev. Christian M. Wood, *Rector*  
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The people stand

Processional Hymn 207

Easter Hymn

Descant

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!

### PROPER ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ri - sen

*People*

The Lord is ri - sen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.

### 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE 210

Ellacombe

*Descant*

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

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 round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

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;

let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

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,

for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

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.

### 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*

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

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."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**GRADUAL:** *Easter Anthems*

G.J. Elvey

*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,*  
*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

Colossians 3:1-4

*Lector* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand*

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 - joice: 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.

## THE GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **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 people sit*

## THE SERMON

Father Christian M. 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*

*Additional petitions may be added here*

*The Celebrant adds this concluding collect*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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. **Amen.**

*All stand*

#### **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*The people sit*

#### **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Offertory Sentence**

## Offertory Anthem

*O Thou, the Central Orb*

Charles Wood

*O Thou the central orb of righteous love, Pure beam of the most high, Eternal light of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, Hope soars above, above. Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, As stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, As thy sight gives measur'd grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, Our nature all shall feel eternal day, In fellowship with Thee, Transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within, now pure within. Amen.*

## Doxology with Alleluias

*Laast uns erfreuen*

*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!*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second for the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant and the fourth for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise."

*Celebrant*

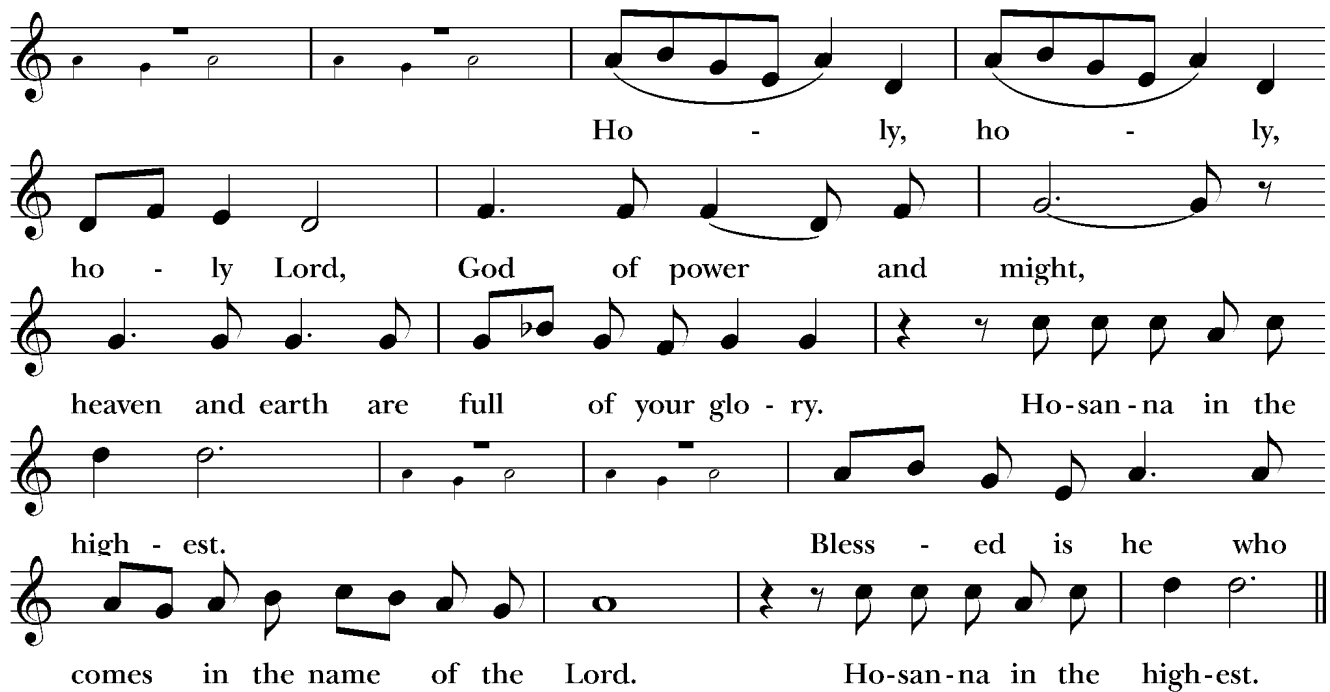
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Preface of Easter*

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 S-128

William Mathias



Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The people kneel*

*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 S-155**

Gerald Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*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). Please follow the direction of the ushers, and inform them if you need communion brought to you. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. 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.*

*Communion is offered in both kinds (bread and wine). You may receive the host and then sip from the chalice, receive the host only, or receive by intinction. For intinction, a member of the clergy or a chalice bearer will dip the host into the chalice and place it directly on your tongue. Even if receiving in one kind, please remain at the altar rail until the chalice has passed.*

**Please fill in the kneelers at the altar during Communion from the center aisle out, towards the side aisles.**

*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.*

*Death's flood hath lost its chill,  
since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lord of all life, from ill  
my passing life deliver.*

*Had Christ, that once was slain,  
ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain;  
but now is Christ arisen.*

*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

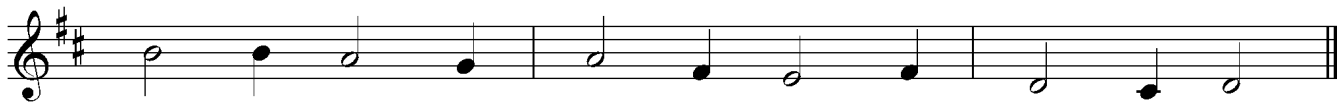
*Puer nobis*



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the  
 2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his  
 3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do  
 4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in  
 5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing  
 2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn  
 3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee  
 4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon  
 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.  
 2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.  
 3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.  
 4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.  
 5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

**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

*Lux eoi*

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:  
2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,  
3 Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest - field,  
4 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heaven - ly grace,  
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

1 sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
2 glor - ious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.  
3 which with all its full a - bun - dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:  
4 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of thy face;  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;

1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,  
2 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:  
3 then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,  
4 that, with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing, we on earth may fruit - ful be,  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;

1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.  
2 we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.  
3 ri - pened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.  
4 and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with thee.  
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

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# EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

2026

*EASTER FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD*

by Bette & Bob Crowder in memory of Dorothy and Henry Taylor, Edna and Bob Reynolds,  
Daryn & Gaither Crowder.

by the Devitt Family in thanksgiving for the Ministry of Mother Caroline Devitt.

by Pamela Shives in memory of Maurine Von Stroh, Gerald Von Stroh; Burgess Von Stroh  
& Jamie Holley and in thanksgiving for my children; grandchildren and great grandchildren.

by Drew and Betsy Graham in memory of Paul and Adaire Graham.

by Susan Boyd in memory of Marion & William Boyd and Arthur Thompson  
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become a public servant.  
by David & Barbara Pitts in memory of Shirley Osborn and Diane Williamson.  
by the Clarke Hobby family in memory of Clyde Hobby and Lynda Vawter.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

*Your prayers are bid today and throughout the week for:*

**All bishops and other ministers:** Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; and the clergy and staff of our Parish

**Those who govern:** Donald, our President; Ronald, our Governor; and Jane, our Mayor

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Church of the Ascension, Clearwater; Church of the Good Samaritan, Clearwater; Holy Trinity, Clearwater; St. John's, Clearwater; Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin; St. Martin's, Hudson, and Calvary, Indian Rocks Beach

**Our Companion Dioceses:** Dominican Republic, Georgia, South Carolina, and Western Louisiana

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

**Also remembering in prayer:** Our Parish Day School, our Pastoral Care Team, healthcare workers, first responders, and all who serve the common good, peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land

**Members of our armed forces deployed abroad and their families:** Rich, Mike, Jake, Matthew, David, Tyler (Libya) and Brandon

**Those celebrating the anniversary of their birth:**

April 5: Steve Cheeseman, Tim Andreu, Kim Osborne, Joceli Hicks, Andy Gustafson, Stacy Dunlap

April 6: John Robbins, George Robbins, Jackson Hoskins, Pam Divers, Amanda Crosby, Matthew Valdes

April 7: Will Jennewein, Samuel Kelley, Christopher Smith

April 8: Ann Brown

April 9: Blake White, Robert Frick

April 10: Vicki Malizia, Caroline Deitzer, Brooks Fulford, Melissa Mercer

**The sick and others for whom our prayers have been especially requested:**

Maureen and Ken Johnston; Jackie Faircloth and family; Jeff, Pam, Shailee, and Courtney; Anna, her family and her medical team; Jayce Hicks, Richard, Michael Wood, Tor, Collin, Sam, Lee, David, Absley, Jim B., Katy, Carey, Scott, Jack, Miriam, Suzanne, Minnie, Will, Armando, Berta, Mary, Susan, Ellie, Patrick, Ann, Gwen, Helen, David W. Reffue, Melinda, Sunny, Davis, Damian, Dave, Charlotte, Alexis, Amy, Cole, Sue, Peyton, Lee, Holly, Stephanie, the Dickerson family, Brandon, Halley, Lisa, Nancy, Andy, Michael and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

**For all the faithful departed**

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*



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