

THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION:

# Easter Day

Sunday morning at 9 o'clock April 20, 2025

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Welcome to St. Peter's Church

We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship today. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We are a church rooted in Christian tradition, and open to new ideas, committed to service in community and world as part of the world-wide Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. The work of worship is shared by all, and we invite you to participate in the spoken and sung responses and hymns as you are able. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by everyone.

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# HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude Duke Ellington

Come Sunday, O come Sunday, that's the day! Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty, God of love, Please look down and see my people through.

I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky. I don't mind the gray skies 'cause they're just clouds passing by.

Heaven is a goodness time. A brighter light on high. Do unto others as you would have them do to you. And have a brighter by and by.

I believe God is now, was then and always will be.

With God's blessing we can make it through eternity.

—From 'Black, Brown And Beige'

Please stand and sing
Entrance Hymn

Hymnal 1982, 207 Text: Latin 14th cent., tr. Lyrica Davidica, 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1756 Tune: Lyrica Davidica, alt.

- Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!Wwho did once upon the cross, Alleluia!Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
- But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured, Alleluia! Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
  Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
  Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
  Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

EASTER ACCLAMATION
Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Presider **People** 

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you. People

And also with you.

Presider

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.

People

Amen.

Please be seated

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON Acts 10:34-43

Reader

A reading from Acts of the Apostles. Then Peter began to speak to them: "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."

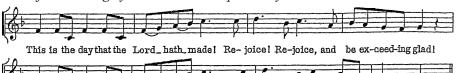
Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The refrain is sung by a Cantor then repeated by all



This is the day that the Lord\_ hath\_ made! Re- joice! Re-joice! Hal-le- lu - jah

Cantor Shout with joy unto the Lord,

Sing to God throughout the Land,

Oh lift up your voices high,

All rejoice and sing to God. Refrain

Cantor Let the rivers clap their hands,

Let the hills ring out with joy,

Raise your voice before the Lord, When he comes to judge the Earth. Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Tone VIII

Reader

A reading from First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 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.

Please stand for the Gospel Procession

ALLELUIA

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Cantor Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast. Refrain

Gospel Reading Luke 24:1-12

Deacon **People** 

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[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.

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Please stand

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Presider

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Presider

Do reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People

I do.

Presider

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People 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 the Father. He will come again to judge the

living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of

saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

everlasting.

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of

bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent

and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as

yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity

of every human being?

*People* I will, with God's help.

Presider May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given

us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our

Lord.

People Amen.

Prayers of the People from 'Liturgy for the Whole Church'

Leader Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death,

ALL And Christ will give you life!

Leader Bring newness and change to your church, O God, that we might serve you with courage and grace. We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Carlye our Bishop, and all the clergy and people. Awake, O Church, and rise from death,

ALL And Christ will give you life!

Leader Bring newness and change to your world, O God, that all might know the goodness of your love. We pray for all whose lives are torn by war and violence throughout the world. We pray also for all who serve in the military or in harm's way here and abroad. Awake, O World, and rise from death,

ALL And Christ will give you life!

Leader Bring newness and change to our nation, O God, that each person might share and honor the other. We pray for the leaders of this and every nation, and all in authority throughout the world. Awake, O People, and rise from death,

ALL And Christ will give you life!

Leader Bring newness and change for the suffering, O God, that they might know your saving help. We pray especially for the sick and the suffering, the homeless and the unemployed, and all others whom we now name, especially . Awake, O Sorrowful, and rise from death,

ALL And Christ will give you life!

Leader Bring newness and change to all who experience the love and joy of the resurrection. We give thanks for \_\_\_\_ and all who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week. Give us the joy of your rising to new life as we await the coming of your Holy Spirit. Awake, O Thankful, and rise from death,

ALL And Christ will give you life!

Leader Bring newness and change to even the departed, O God, especially \_\_\_\_\_, that they might forever grow in your likeness. Awake, O Saints, and rise from death,

ALL And Christ will give you life!

Leader Bring newness and change to our hearts, O God, that we might grow larger in faith and hope. Awake, O Soul, and rise from death,

ALL And Christ will give you life!

Presider Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, for Christ has burst forth from the tomb, making all things new. Rise, and live, says the Lord. This day God has made for life and all joy! Amen, alleluia!

ALL Alleluia, amen!

THE PEACE

Presider People The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

#### Welcome & Announcements

During the offering, please feel free to make a gift and offering in thanksgiving to God. To take advantage of our electronic giving options, please follow the QR code with your electronic device.



#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### Offertory Anthem

Barry Rose
Sung by the Church School

Risen Lord, Risen Lord,
Give us a heart for simple things.
Love, laughter, bread, wine, and dreams.
Fill us with green growing hope:
Risen Lord, Risen Lord,
Make us a people whose song is Alleluia.
Whose sign is peace, and whose name is love;
Risen Lord, Risen Lord,
Give us a heart for simple things
And to sing Alleluia.

—John Hencher

Please stand and sing

Нуми

Hymnal 1982, 178

John Macleod Campbell Crum, 1928, alt.; Tune: French Carol

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

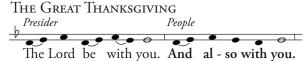
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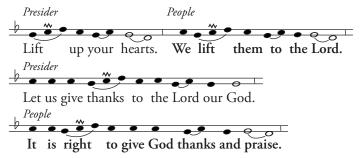
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Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior.

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Eucharistic Prayer B

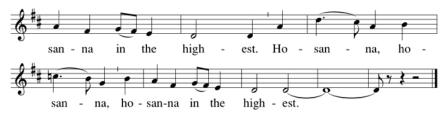




Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:





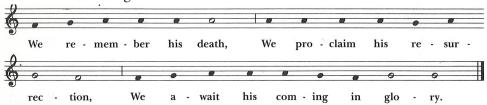
Presider

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,



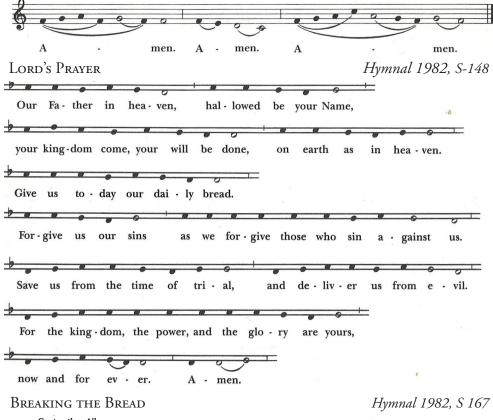
Presider

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 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.



Cantor; then All



The dis-ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. Refrain One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. Refrain

#### Invitation

Presider

Cantor

Cantor

The gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Bread and Cup to be in communion with God and each other. You may receive only the bread by placing your hands together flat in front of you (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request). Afterwards you may drink wine from the chalice. If you would rather have the bread intincted (dipped) in the wine, you may hand the bread to the person administering the chalice and they will intinct and hand it back to you. If you (or your child) would rather not receive the Sacrament, you may come to the altar rail during Communion and cross your arms on your chest for a blessing. The Bread and Cup are given with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Amen.

Мотет

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, Ita desiderat anima me ad te, Deus. [As the deer longs for the water-brooks, So longs my soul for you, O God.]

—Psalm 42:1

Please join and sing during Communion

Hymn

Hymnal 1982, 204

John Macleod Campbell Crum, 1928, alt.; Tune: French Carol

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;

Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Hymn

LEVAS II Hymnal, 42 Alfred H. Ackley, 1933

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever others say;
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him He's always near.

He lives, He lives!

Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives?

He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care, And though my heart grows weary I never will despair; I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast, The day of His appearing will come at last.

He lives, He lives!

Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives?

He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing: Eternal Alleluias to Jesus Christ, the King! The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find, None other is so loving, so good and kind.

He lives, He lives!

Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives?

He lives within my heart.

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand

Presider

ALL

Let us pray.

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.

Please remain standing and sing



Blessing and Dismissal

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through

the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his

blessing.

People Amen.

Presider May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into

newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

People Amen.

Presider May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting

freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People Amen.

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

At the Dismissal, all respond



Please remain in your pew until the Procession has left the nave

VOLUNTARY Prelude in C, BWV 545

J.S. Bach

An Easter Egg Hunt for children through grade 5 will follow this service.

#### EASTER FLOWERS

In memory of Hartley D. Bingham by Brenda Bingham In thanksgiving for the teens in St. Peter's Youth Group by the Carr Family In memory of loved ones by Dick & Nancy Connor In thanksgiving for our many blessings by Jill & Richard Hanifan In memory of Marjorie Marciano-Vere by Eloise Monzillo Hiris In honor of Fred Jenkins and Walt Valentine by Bunny Jenkins In memory of Gloria Kelley by Colin and Glenn Kelley In thanksgiving for St. Peter's Church by Joan Loiacano In memory of Agnes Hill and Michael Mazur by Suzanne Mazur In thanksgiving for Brittany and Gregory by Suzanne Mazur In memory of John and Elizabeth Kapchus by Kathleen McLaughlin In thanksgiving for Theo and Ty McLaughlin by Kathleen McLaughlin In thanksgiving for Looker-Mosher loved ones by Karen Mosher and Laurence B. Looker In memory of Lee Wescott and in thanksgiving for family and friends by Caroly P. Wescott In memory of Clem and Susan Boyers by Sheila Valenti In memory of Jacqueline Kaufield, Dorrance Kelly, E.D. Kelly, and Amy Kelly by Cynthia Ziegler

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#### EASTER MUSIC

In memory of Marge Vere by the Carr Family
In memory of loved ones by Dick & Nancy Connor
In thanksgiving for our many blessings by Jill and Richard Hanifan
In memory of Marjorie Marciano-Vere by Eloise Monzillo Hiris
In memory of Gregory Counce, Oliver Counce, Ted Irwin, Jonathan Pope by Liz & Jim Irwin
In memory of Betty and Gwilym Richards by Diane Kazimir
In thanksgiving for St. Peter's Church by Joan Loiacano
In memory of John and Elizabeth Kapchus by Kathleen McLaughlin
In thanksgiving for Theo and Ty McLaughlin by Kathleen McLaughlin
In thanksgiving for Looker-Mosher loved ones by Karen Mosher and Laurence B. Looker
In memory of loved ones by Brenda Restivo
In memory of Priscilla Hannen Kleinman by Mark Trautman and Ben. Sifuentes
In memory of Clem and Susan Boyers by Sheila Valenti

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