

# EASTER SUNDAY

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
APRIL 5, 2026

10:00AM



Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. We're so glad you have joined us this morning. Just a few notes to help you navigate the service today.

Our entire service is printed in the bulletin to make it easy to follow, but feel free to use the Book of Common Prayer in the pew. You'll notice some directions in italics, *Sit*, *Stand*, *Kneel*. Please feel free to follow these instructions as you are able.

We have busy bags for little hands at both entrances. Ask an usher if you need help finding one.

The closest restrooms are in the Parish Lounge. Go through the hallway behind the organ, through the door, left through the double doors into the lounge, then left down the first hallway.

Please join us after service in the lounge for coffee & conversation.

**PRELUDE: Christ The Lord Is Risen Today** for Bb Clarinet (Rochelle Gracilla) and Piano.  
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*All Standing.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing (Gelobt sei Gott) (H 205)***

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
 \*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)**

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.**

**OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 278 *Glory to God (Canticle 20)***

*(Mathias)* (BCP p. 356)



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the

Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of

God the Fa-ther. A-men.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.**

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and the other Gentiles]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism

that John announced: <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>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.**

**PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

**"Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name." (H178)**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
“His mercy endures for ever.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:

<sup>16</sup>“The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”

**"Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name."**

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup>I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.

**"Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name."**

<sup>22</sup>The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD’s doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**"Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name."**

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Colossus.

<sup>1</sup>[Since] you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.<sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,<sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL: John 20:1-18**

*All stand.*

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

*People*           **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>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.'" <sup>18</sup>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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*           **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All sit.*

**THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)**

**THE CREED (BCP p. 358)**

*All stand.*

**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**

With all our heart, mind, soul and strength, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord have mercy.”

For the church and all its ministers, especially Sara, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, our diocesan bishop search, Adam our priest, Erin our deacon, our parish staff, and for our mission and ministry here at St. John's, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Donald our president, Joshua our governor, our legislators, courts, and school boards, and for all those in authority throughout our nation and the world, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace, especially in Iran, the Middle East, Israel and Ukraine, and an end to all terrorism and violence, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those in our armed forces at home and abroad, especially those from our families and community, and for all first responders, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, the unemployed and the destitute, for refugees, prisoners and captives, and for victims of natural disasters, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and the suffering and all those who care for them, especially health care professionals and other front line-workers, and for all who have asked for our prayers, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the right use and proper stewardship of the wonders of creation, and for all creatures of earth, sea, and sky, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Good and gracious God, you invite us to recognize and reverence your divine image and likeness in our neighbor. We have promised that with your help we will strive for justice and peace among all people and will respect the dignity of every human being. Enable us to see the reality of racism and free us to challenge and uproot discrimination from our church, our society, our world and ourselves, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy**

For those who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

### **THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)**

*All stand.*

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

*People*               **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.



Wor - ship God, Care for Peo - ple, Grow as Christ-ians



Grow as Christ - ians in God's love!

*All sit.*

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices 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.*

*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 we, with our hearts in heaven, here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel hands be gathered, and be ever, Lord, with thee.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia! to the Savior who has gained the victory.*

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*(Stand)*

### **DOXOLOGY: H-618**

**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!**

### **SURSUM CORDA S 120 Lift up your hearts (BCP p. 361)**

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant* *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

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:

**SANCTUS S 128 Holy, holy, holy (Mathias) (BCP p. 362)**

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 stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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."

*Celebrant*

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)**

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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**

**FRACTION ANTHEM - (H 335)**

**I am the bread of life;  
they who come to me shall not hunger;  
they who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father draw them.  
And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up on the last day.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION (BCP p. 364).**

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION (BCP p. 365)**

**COMMUNION HYMN *He is risen, he is risen (Unser Herrscher)* (H 180)**

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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

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.**

**BLESSING**

**DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Jesus Christ is risen today (Easter Hymn) (H 207)***

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

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

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

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

**POSTLUDE:** Toccata in G Major by William Hieronymous Pachelbel  
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