

The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day



**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MARCH 31, 2024 11:00 AM**

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are very happy and thankful that you have chosen to celebrate Easter with us here at St. John's. Our service is called **Holy Communion**, also known as the **Lord's Supper** or the **Mass**. In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians from any church or faith community are invited to share in Holy Communion.

We invite all of our visitors to fill out a visitor card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

The mission of St. John's Episcopal Church is to be a community of God's people who heal brokenness, build bridges, and exemplify borderless kindness.

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This service is broadcast online and recorded on YouTube.

An Easter Sermon by St. Chrysostom

*"...Let no one fear death, for the Death of our
Savior has set us free.
He has destroyed it by enduring it.*

*Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and
encountered Heaven. O death, where is thy sting?
O Hades, where is thy victory?*

Christ is Risen, and you, o death, are annihilated!

Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down!

Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice!

Christ is Risen, and life is liberated!

*Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead;
for Christ having risen from the dead,*

*Is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
To Him be Glory and Power forever and
ever. Amen!"*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

Prelude

Hymn 207: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly 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!

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

Opening Prayer

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

Flowering the Cross

All are welcome to participate in the flowering of the Cross during the singing of the following hymn.

Hymn S280: “Gloria in Excelsis” —Powell

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God
and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from Isaiah:

On this mountain,

the LORD of heavenly forces will prepare for all peoples
a rich feast, a feast of choice wines,
of select foods rich in flavor,
of choice wines well refined.

He will swallow up on this mountain the veil that is veiling all peoples,
the shroud enshrouding all nations.

He will swallow up death forever.

The LORD God will wipe tears from every face;

he will remove his people's disgrace from off the whole earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

They will say on that day,

“Look! This is our God,
for whom we have waited—
and he has saved us!

This is the LORD, for whom we have waited;
let's be glad and rejoice in his salvation!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

*The Psalm will be sung by the Cantor and the Choir and the Congregation will sing the refrain: **On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.***

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from 1st Corinthians:

Brothers and sisters, I want to call your attention to the good news that I preached to you, which you also received and in which you stand. You are being saved through it if you hold on to the message I preached to you, unless somehow you believed it for nothing. I passed on to you as most important what I also received: Christ died for our sins in line with the scriptures, he was buried, and he rose on the third day in line with the scriptures. He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve, and then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at once—most of them are still alive to this day, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me, as if I were born at the wrong time. I'm the least important of the apostles. I don't deserve to be called an apostle, because I harassed God's church. I am what I am by God's grace, and God's grace hasn't been for nothing. In fact, I have worked harder than all the others—that is, it wasn't me but the grace of God that is with me. So then, whether you heard the message from me or them, this is what we preach and this is what you have believed.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Before the Gospel Hymn 210: “The Day of Resurrection”

- 1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

- 2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful,
let earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes together blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.

The Gospel: John 20:1-8

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

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they’ve put him.” Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn’t go in. Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there.

He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.

Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means *Teacher*).

Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon - The Reverend Minerva Camarena Skeith

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant 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, 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.

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

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

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

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

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

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

Celebrant 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.***

Celebrant 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 our sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***Amen.***

Hymn WLP 817: "Christ is Risen from the Dead"

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life.

The Celebrant blesses the People while Hymn WLP 817 is sung.

The Prayers of the People

Let us give thanks for the victory that Jesus Christ has won by his death and resurrection. It is for us that he triumphed. We offer our prayers in the joy of Christ's resurrection, saying: *Alleluia, Christ is risen.*

Risen Lord, we offer prayers for all members of your holy Church, as we seek to fulfill your mission of hope and reconciliation. May we truly serve you in our vocations and ministry in the world.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

We pray for your guidance to all nations in the way of justice, peace, and truth. Inspire those who hold authority to be mindful of those who live with violence, oppression, war, and generational trauma. May their leadership lead to reconciliation and everlasting peace.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

We pray for compassion for those who suffer from sickness, grief, or turmoil. May they find strength in your presence and your healing power and be restored to health and joy through your gracious light.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

We pray for your compassion and grace to strengthen this community in Christ's self-giving love; give us the grace to live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

The clergy offer special intercessions for those listed on the prayer list. A brief period of silence is provided for the congregation to offer their own petitions.

Concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. ***Amen.***

The Peace

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

Announcements

Offertory

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At the Offertory, Anthem: “Come, ye Faithful” - R.S Tatcher

Hymn 380, Verse 3: “The Doxology”

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

*** *Words of consecration . . .*

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:

S 124: "Sanctus" *-Hurd*

The people stand or kneel

*** *Words of consecration . . .*

... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

Then the Celebrant continues

*** *Words of consecration . . .*

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.

S 146 "Great Amen" *-Robinson*

AMEN (sung and repeated)

The Lord's Prayer

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

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, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Fraction Hymn 204, Verse 1 and 3: "Now the green blade riseth"

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.

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.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died
for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

During Communion Hymn 178:

“ Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord”

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to His name!

- 1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
He is the King of Creation.
Refrain
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth,
Jesus has died and has risen.
Refrain
- 3 We have been crucified with Christ;
Now we shall live forever.
Refrain
- 4 Come, let us praise the living God;
Joyfully sing to our Savior.
Refrain

During Communion Hymn 187: “Through the Red Sea brought at last”

- 1 Through the Red Sea brought at last,
Egypt's chains behind we cast.
Deep and wide flows the tide
severing us from bondage past, Alleluia!
- 2 Like the cloud that overhead,
through the billows Israel led,
by his tomb Christ makes room,
souls restoring from the dead, Alleluia!
- 3 In that cloud and in that sea
buried and baptized were we.
Earthly night
brought us light
which is ours eternally, Alleluia!

Post-Communion Prayer (BCP 365)

Celebrant 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.*

Blessing

The Priest may bless the people.

Dismissal

The Clergy dismisses the people

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

Final Hymn 199: “ Come ye faithful, raise the strain”

- 1 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
 of triumphant gladness!
 God hath brought his Israel
 into joy from sadness:
 loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
 Jacob's sons and daughters,
 led them with unmoistened foot
 through the Red Sea waters.

- 2 'Tis the spring of souls today:
 Christ hath burst his prison,
 and from three days' sleep in death
 as a sun hath risen;
 all the winter of our sins,
 long and dark, is flying
 from his light, to whom we give
 laud and praise undying.

- 3 Now the queen of seasons, bright
 with the day of splendor,
 with the royal feast of feasts,
 comes its joy to render;
 comes to glad Jerusalem,
 who with true affection
 welcomes in unwearied strains
 Jesus' resurrection.

- 4 Neither might the gates of death,
 nor the tomb's dark portal,
 nor the watchers, nor the seal
 hold thee as a mortal:
 but today amidst thine own
 thou didst stand, bestowing
 that thy peace which evermore
 passeth human knowing.

*After the service, you are invited to enjoy coffee and fellowship in the Narthex.
Join us for a Easter Egg Hunt after the Service.*

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