

St. John's Episcopal Church
Hear the Spirit ~ See God's Beauty ~ Act in Love

The Sunday of the Resurrection
EASTER SUNDAY
April 20, 2025 10am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Preludes *Fugue in F*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn #207 *Jesus Christ is risen today*

EASTER HYMN

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gloria S-280

Service music is found at the beginning of the hymnal, listed in numerical order before the hymns

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

Presider The Lord 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. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent— its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:14-24 *sung to the tune* DIADEMATA *found in the hymnal #494*

1. God is my strength and song,
The Savior I have found;
Now from the tents of all the just
Comes the triumphant sound:
“The right hand of the Lord
Has gained the victory!
The right hand of the Lord has won,
Has triumphed gloriously!”
2. I shall not die, but live,
And make the Lord's works known,
The stone the builders cast aside,

The Nicene Creed

**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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially the people of **Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, and Russia**; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those in whose memory our Easter flowers have been given, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are invited to exchange greetings of peace.

Welcome and Announcements of our Ministries

The Rector

Offertory Hymn #191 *Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise*

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

The Presider gives thanks to God, continuing until the words

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

The Sanctus *Hymnal S-125*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words

...and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Presider 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.

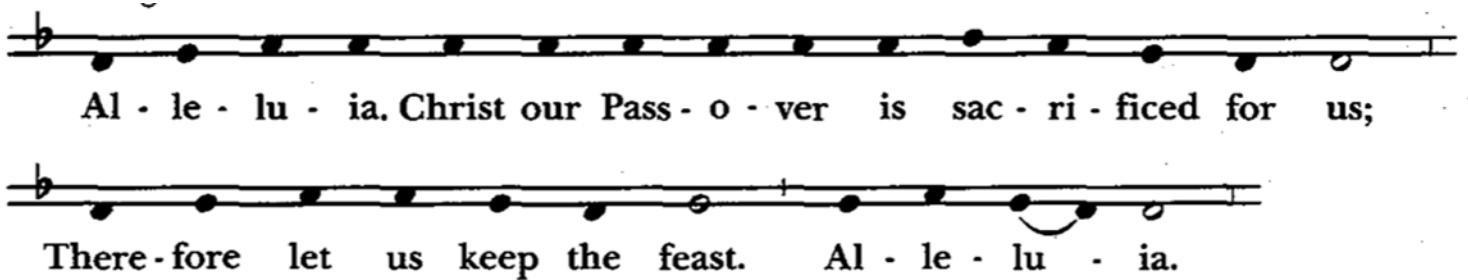
**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



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.

Communion Anthems

O sons and daughters let us sing!

*From *Airs sur les hymnes sacres, odes et noels* 1623*

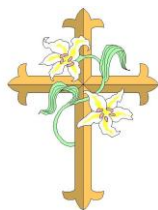
Alleluia! Hearts to heaven

Thurlow Weed (b.1966)

This joyful Eastertide Dutch Easter Carol harm. Charles B. Wood (1866-1926)

Thou hallowed chosen morn of praise Johann Hermann Schein (1586-1630)

All who seek to receive Christ in the sacrament of this meal are welcome to partake of the bread and wine. Please come to the altar up the center aisle and return to your pew down the side aisles. You are welcome to receive both the bread and the wine, bread only, or a blessing. To receive the bread, stand or kneel at the altar rail and the priest will place the host in your hands. The wine is available either from the common cup, or in individually pre-packaged containers on small tables at either end of the altar rail. To receive the wine from the pre-packaged cup, open the foil seal at the top of the container, drink the wine, and place the empty cup into the basket.



The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand as able.*

Presider Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Easter Blessing

Closing Hymn #208 *Alleluia! The strife is o'er*

VICTORY

The Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Postlude *Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag* Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

*All are invited to join us following the service for a festive reception
and our annual Easter Egg Hunt.*

*We are grateful for the Herlihy Family and Coffee Hour Hosts
for providing this special time together!*

We appreciate the efforts of Nancy Armstrong and Joanne Graziano
who ordered and placed the beautiful Easter lilies throughout the church.