

# *Easter Sunday*



## *The Resurrection of Our Lord*

Sunday, April 20, 2025  
10:30 A.M. Eucharist, Rite Two

### **CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

806 THOMPSON ROAD  
RICHMOND, TX 77469  
281.342.2147  
[WWW.CALVARYRICHMOND.ORG](http://WWW.CALVARYRICHMOND.ORG)

THE REV. RALPH B. MORGAN, RECTOR  
THE REV. NANCY WILKES, DEACON

# THE WORD OF GOD

## OPENING HYMN 207 - Jesus Christ is Risen Today

1. *Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!*
2. *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!*
3. *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 heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!*

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

***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 OF THE CROSS

*The flowering of the cross has been traced back to the 6<sup>th</sup> century. It is a beautiful way to symbolize the new life that we are given through Jesus's resurrection.*

### Our God Reigns

*How lovely on the mountains  
are the feet of Him who brings good news,  
good news announcing peace,  
proclaiming news of happiness  
Our God reigns; our God reigns*

#### CHORUS:

*Our God reigns; our God reigns  
Our God reigns; our God reigns*

*It was our sin and guilt that  
bruised and wounded Him;  
it was our sin that brought Him down.  
When we like sheep had gone astray,  
our Shepherd came  
and on His shoulders bore our shame.*

*Out of the tomb He came  
with grace and majesty.  
He is alive! He is alive!  
God loves us so: see here His hands,  
His feet, His side.  
Yes, we know, He is alive.*

## Alleluia Eightfold

*Alleluia (8x)*  
*Jesus is Lord...*  
*My redeemer...*  
*Christ our Savior...*  
*He is risen...*

CHILDREN AGES 5 THRU 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MAY FOLLOW THE CROSS TO CHILDREN'S CHAPEL DURING THE GLORIA

## GLORIA

Hymn # S-280

*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 FOR EASTER SUNDAY

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

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.**

## THE LESSONS

### A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

**Acts 10:34-43**

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.”

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

THE PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
”His mercy endures for ever.”

The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
The right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”

I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

“This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter.”

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN - Alleluia No. 1

REFRAIN:

*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.*

*Spread the good news o'er all the earth:*

*Jesus has died and has risen.*

*We have been crucified with Christ.*

*Now we shall live for ever.*

*Come, let us praise the living God,*

*joyfully sing to our Savior*

THE GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

SERMON - Fr. Ralph

SERMON RESPONSE

#### THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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 the 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.***

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 you in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **EASTER PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!"

That our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection, we pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, Lord of glory.***

That Christ as head of the Church will bless our Bishops and other ministers, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Héctor, and Brian, our bishops; Ralph, our priest; Nancy, our deacon; and the people of Calvary Church, we pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, Lord of glory.***

That the isolated and persecuted may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter, we pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, Lord of glory.***

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, we pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, Lord of glory.***

That God may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter, we pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, Lord of glory.***

That by God's power, wars, and famine may cease throughout all the earth, we pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, Lord of glory.***

That God may reveal the light of his presence to those who are in danger, sorrow, sickness or any kind of trouble, especially \_\_\_\_\_, and those we now name silently or aloud; that they may be comforted and strengthened in the love of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, Lord of glory.***

We remember those who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and those whose memories we celebrate today by giving Easter lilies; and pray for their eternal blessing.

***Hear us, Lord of glory.***

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life; offering our praise and thanksgiving as we pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, Lord of glory.***

That the Lord may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, we pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, Lord of glory.***

**Celebrant:** On this day your blessed Son burst the bonds of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by them: Grant that we may be risen with him and walk from this day forth in newness of life; and bring us at last to the joy of your eternal kingdom. Hear us, O Father, for the sake of him who is the first-born from the dead, and is now alive for evermore, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*It has been a general practice in the Episcopal Church to omit the confession of sin during the season of Easter. The idea behind this practice is that the faithful have had all of Lent to confess their sins, as well as to ponder how they might live a more holy life. When Easter comes the time for confessing has ended, and we enter into a time of extended grace.*

### **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***And also with you.***

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **THE OFFERTORY - Alleluia, He Is Coming**

*I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming.  
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming down the road.  
  
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-weeping.  
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-weeping for my sins.  
  
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-dying.  
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-dying on the cross.  
  
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-rising.  
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-rising from the grave.*

**CHORUS:**  
*Alleluia, He is coming.  
Alleluia, He is here.  
Alleluia, He is coming.  
Alleluia, He is here.*

### **THE DOXOLOGY**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***



The Lord be with you.

***And also 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.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(Priest adds a proper preface)*

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:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;***

HYMN # S-125

***Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

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

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

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:

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

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 forever. **Amen.**

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

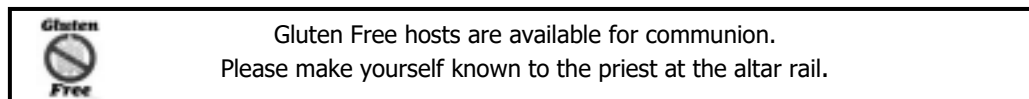
***Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done  
On earth as in Heaven  
Give us today our daily bread  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil  
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are Yours  
now, and forever. Amen.***

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

These are 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.



*All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, and all who seek God and a deeper relationship with Christ are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church. If, for any reason, you don't want to receive Communion, you are still invited to come forward and cross your arms over your chest. The priest will say a prayer of blessing over you.*

#### **COMMUNION SONG 1 - Wait on the Lord**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <p><b>1. Wait on the Lord</b><br/><b><i>Embrace His holy word<br/>Be in one accord<br/>And you will rise, and you will rise<br/>Above the lies, you will fly</i></b></p> <p><b>2. Listen to His voice</b><br/><b><i>Daily make the choice<br/>To seek and follow Him<br/>And you will rise, and you will rise<br/>Above the lies, you will fly</i></b></p> | <p><b>3. With the King now dance and sing</b><br/><b><i>Give Him thanks in everything<br/>Mount up with eagle's wings<br/>And you will rise, and you will rise<br/>Above the lies, you will fly</i></b></p> |
|--|---|

## COMMUNION SONG 2 - I am the Resurrection

*I am the resurrection and the life  
He who believes in Me will never die  
I am the resurrection and the life  
He who believes in Me will live a new life.*

*1. I have come to bring the truth  
I have come to bring you life  
If you believe then you shall live.*

*2. In My word all men will come to know  
It is love which makes the spirit grow  
If you believe then you shall live.*

*3. Keep in mind the things that I have said  
Remember Me in the breaking of the bread  
If you believe then you shall live.*

## COMMUNION SONG 3 - I am the Bread of Life

*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 him.*

**REFRAIN:**

*And I will raise them up,  
and I will raise him up,  
And I will raise them up on the last day.*

*The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life  
of the world, and they who eat of this bread, they  
shall live forever, they shall live forever. (Refrain)*

*Unless you eat of the flesh  
of the Son of Man  
And drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you.*

*I am the resurrection, I am the life.  
He who believes in me  
Even if he die, he shall live forever. (Refrain)*

*Lord, we believe that you are the Christ,  
The Son of God  
Who has come into the world. (Refrain)*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.*

## EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his love. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG - Hallelujah - Your Love is Amazing**

*Your love is amazing, Steady and unchanging  
Your love is a mountain firm beneath my feet  
Your love is a myst'ry, how You gently lift me  
When I am surrounded your love carries me*

*Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising  
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me  
Ev'ry time I see You all Your goodness  
shines through. I can feel this God song  
Rising up in me*

**CHORUS:**

*Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah  
Your love makes me sing  
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah  
Your love makes me sing*

*Yes You make me sing  
Lord You make me sing sing sing  
How You make me sing*

**THE DISMISSAL**

Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

**Calvary Worship Service Times**

**8:00 AM Sunday – Traditional Service**

**10:30 AM Sunday – Contemporary Service**

**5:00 PM Sunday – Sunday Night Alive Informal Service**

**Please Sign Up To Donate Altar Flowers in 2025**

**Enhance Our Worship + Thank God for a Blessing + Remember a Loved One**  
Flower offerings may be done online at [calvaryrichmond.org](http://calvaryrichmond.org) under [giving/altar flowers](#).  
The cost is \$50, to be paid in advance. Please contact the church office with questions.

**IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY AND NEED TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE, PLEASE CONTACT:**

<b>The Rev. Nancy Wilkes</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>The Rev. Ralph Morgan</b>
<b>713-818-6323</b>		<b>281-797-5246</b>
<b><a href="mailto:nwilkes@ces-richmond.org">nwilkes@ces-richmond.org</a></b>		<b><a href="mailto:rmorgan@ces-richmond.org">rmorgan@ces-richmond.org</a></b>

**CALVARY STEWARDSHIP CORNER for 2025:**

**Pledged: \$561,310**

**Given: \$174,746**