

Easter Sunday



The Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, April 5, 2026
10:30 A.M. Eucharist, Rite Two

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THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN 180 - He is risen, he is risen

1. *He is risen, he is risen!*
Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison;
let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.
2. *Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,*
with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed;
Jesus' woes are over now,
and the passion that he bore—
sin and pain can vex no more.
3. *Come, with high and holy hymning,*
hail our Lord's triumphant day;
not one darksome cloud is dimming
yonder glorious morning ray,
breaking o'er the purple east,
symbol of our Easter feast.
4. *He is risen, he is risen!*
He hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.

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 6th century. It is a beautiful way to symbolize the new life that we are given through Jesus's resurrection.

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Light of the World,
you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

REFRAIN:

Here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the Earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.

And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.
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to see my sin upon that cross.

*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.

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS

Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN - Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

REFRAIN:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name.

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.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Come, let us praise the living God,

joyfully sing to our Savior

THE GOSPEL (*Standing as you are able.*)

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 HYMN 494 - Crown Him With Many Crowns

1. **Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**

2. **Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.**

3. **Crown him the Lord of peace;
whose power a scepter sways.
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flower of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

4. **Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never,
never fail throughout eternity.**

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 with 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.

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

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 (Standing as you are able.)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY - The Goodness of God

1. *I love you, Lord, Oh, your mercy never fails me.
And all my days I've been held in your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God.*

CHORUS:

*'Cause all my life you have been faithful
And all my life you have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

2. *I love your voice
You have led me through the fire.
In darkest nights you were close like no other.
I've known you as a Father
I've known you as a Friend
Oh, I have lived in the goodness of God.*

BRIDGE:

*Your goodness is running after,
it's running after me
Your goodness is running after,
it's running after me
With my life laid down,
I'm surrendered now, I give you everything
Cause your goodness is running after,
it's running after me*

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. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Standing as you are able.)

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361

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, of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory (repeat)
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (repeat)
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

(The people may kneel or stand.)

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,

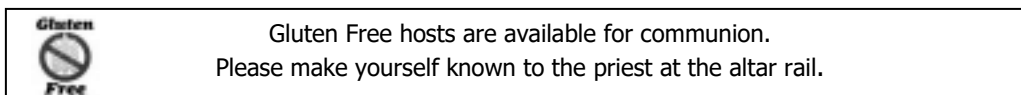
***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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. 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 - In Christ Alone

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| <p><i>1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.</i></p> | <p><i>2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.</i></p> |
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3. *There in the ground his body lay.
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

4. *No guilt in life, no fear in death-
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand.
Til he returns or calls me home—
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

COMMUNION SONG 2 - Seek Ye First

1. *Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia*

3. *Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be
Opened unto you
Allelu alleluia*

2. *Man shall not live by bread alone
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu alleluia*

COMMUNION SONG 3 - How Great Thou Art

1. *O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.*

3. *And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Send him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.*

REFRAIN:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art! (Repeat)*

4. *When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art.*

2. *When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.*

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 HYMN 207 - Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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| <p>1. <i>Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!</i></p> <p>2. <i>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!</i></p> | <p>3. <i>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!</i></p> <p>4. <i>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!</i></p> |
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THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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