

Easter Sunday



The Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, March 31, 2024
10:30 A.M. Eucharist, Rite Two

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THE WORD OF GOD

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' resurrection.

As you enter for worship we invite you to celebrate the Risen Lord by placing flowers on the cross.

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.**

CHILDREN AGES 5 THRU 5TH 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.

A READING FROM PAUL’S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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 St. 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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Héctor, 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 his 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 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 Peace is exchanged - please maintain social distance.)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY - I Will Rise

- 1. There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say it is well***
- 2. There's a day that's drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear
And my faith shall be my eyes***

Chorus:

***Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead
(And) I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees and rise
I will rise***

***And I hear the voice of many angels sing
Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart
Worthy is the Lamb***

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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,

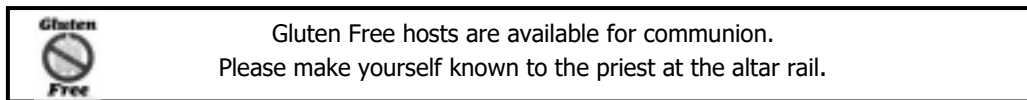
***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory 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

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

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| <p><i>I am the resurrection and the life</i>
<i>He who believes in Me will never die</i>
<i>I am the resurrection and the life</i>
<i>He who believes in Me will live a new life.</i></p> <p>1. I have come to bring the truth
I have come to bring you life
If you believe then you shall live.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
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COMMUNION SONG 3 - Arise

*One thing we ask of You
One thing that we desire
That as we worship You
Lord come and change our lives
Arise arise arise arise*

*Arise take Your place
Be enthroned on our praise
Arise King of kings
Holy God as we sing
Arise arise arise arise*

*We lift You up
We lift You up
We lift You up on our praises*

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.

**Join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee, Donuts, and Cookies
after the 10:30am service**

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The notebook to sign up for flower offerings is in the back of the Parish Hall.
Please stop by and sign up or contact the church office. The cost is \$50, to be paid in advance.

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

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