

"Where All Are Welcome . . . No Exceptions!"

Easter Sunday March 31, 2024

The Holy Eucharist The Word of God

Prelude *"Trumpet Tune in G"*

Jeremy Bankson

The Blessing and Lighting of the Easter Candle

The Unfurling of the "Alleluia!" Banner Alleluia Introit – St. John the Baptist Choir

Opening Hymn (*Please stand as able*)

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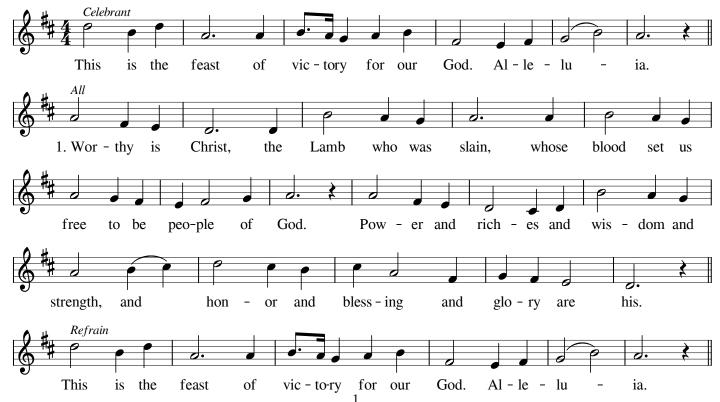
#207 | "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

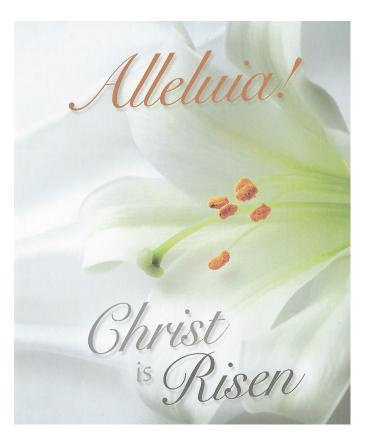
Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

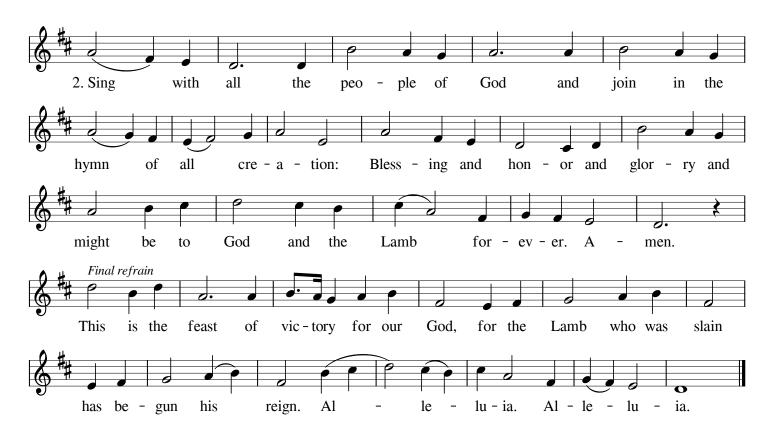
People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant 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.*

Canticle of Praise: This Is the Feast







The Collect of the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect

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. *People* Amen.

First Reading (*Please be seated*)

Reader A Reading from Acts:

Introduction to the First Reading

Peter crosses the immense religious and social divide that separates Jews from Gentiles by proclaiming the good news of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. This good news is for all people.

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."

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day | Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 (St. John the Baptist Choir)

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 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.

Second Reading

Reader A Reading from The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians: *Introduction to the Second Reading*

Paul proclaims in this reading that, because of Christ's resurrection, death is doomed, the destruction of evil assured, and the ultimate establishment of God's victorious rule over all guaranteed.

1 Corinthians 15:19–26

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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (Please stand as able) – Please see page 9

#199 | "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John:

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel (The Gospel is carried into the congregation so that we remember it is our Good News to hear and to share.) John 20:1-18

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.

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

THE SERMON

The Nicene Creed (Please stand as able)

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,

we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lora, the giver of tife, 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.

(Please be seated) Anthem "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

(Please stand as able) **The Prayers of the People** The Leader and People pray responsively. Music: Alleluia No. 1, Donald Fishel & Words: Donald Fishel

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of love, we rejoice with angels, and all the host of heaven, as we celebrate the Resurrection of your Son. Bless today's joyful celebration and turn our hearts to you with new delight and commitment.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

God of mercy, bring your church to new life. Awaken in us a faithfulness that manifests itself in joy, in dedication to work of reconciliation in the world, in care for your creation, in awe of your glory.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

God of wholeness, bring those who suffer to new life. We pray for those who bear the burden of pain and anxiety, whose relationships are shattered, whose lives are full of despair. Lead us to find ways to be present with them and reflect your love for them. *We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!*

God of light, bring those in authority to new life in the ways they lead their nations. Show them the path of integrity and truth that their people may live in peace, that all may have plenty.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

God of eternity, we give thanks for those who have gone before us and have entered into new and everlasting life in your presence. *We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially remembering those on our parish prayer list and those we name in our hearts.

(The congregation may add their own petitions either silently or aloud after the prayer list is read.)

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant

You have anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, O Eternal One, and raised him from death on the cross into resurrection life: Feed us with his life as we eat and drink with him in this Easter Eucharist, that we may be his witnesses, sharing in the Spirit's work of reconciliation and peace, through the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

(The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect.)

The Confession of Sin (Please kneel as able or be seated)

Reader Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence may be kept)*

People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace (Please stand as able)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

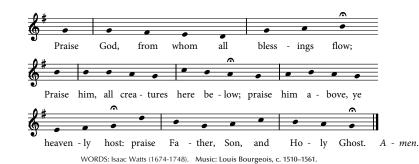
The Holy Communion

Being seated, we begin with a time of offering, giving money as a sign that our life serves God's purposes and showing our gratitude for God's many blessings.

Your faithful tithes and offerings are much needed and can be sent to: The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, PO Box 441, Milton, DE 19968 OR Securely online through our website - <u>https://www.stjohnthebaptistmilton.org/give.html</u>

Offertory Sentence

Doxology (The offering is presented as the Doxology is sung. Please stand as able)

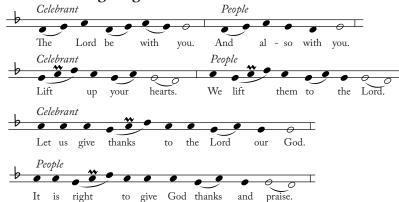


Offertory Hymn

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#174 | "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

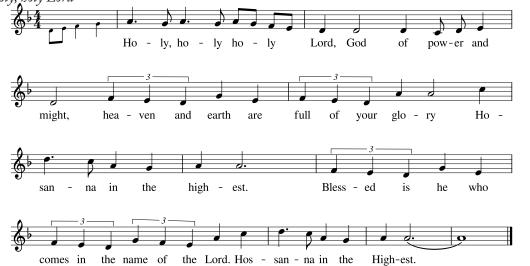
Eucharistic Prayer A



The Great Thanksgiving

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim we praise your name and join their unending hymn: Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord Hymnal S129



The people may kneel as able, or be seated. The Celebrant continues.

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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.

The Celebrant continues.

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 for ever. Amen.

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

People 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.

The Breaking of the 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.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia! You can commune host only, dip the host in the intinction chalice, or drink from the common cup. Gluten free hosts available, please ask the priest.

Post Communion Prayer (*Please kneel or be seated*)

Celebrant	Let us pray.
People	We give you thanks, generous God,
1	for in this bread and cup
	we have tasted the new heaven and earth
	where hunger and thirst are no more.
	Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
	that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
	Amen.

Benediction

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. Amen.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. Amen.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almight, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" **Closing Hymn** (*Please stand as able*) Please see page 11

The Dismissal

Celebrant	Let us go forth in the Name of the Risen Christ
People	Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Postlude	<i>"Little Prelude in C"</i>

J. S. Bach

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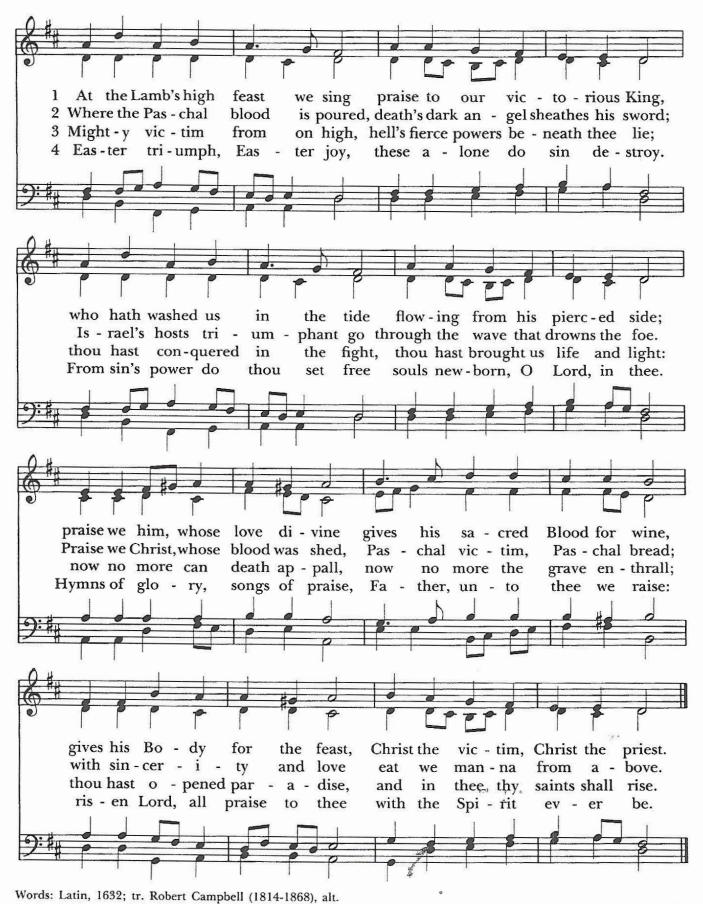


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Offertory Hymn

Easter

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Recessional Hymn



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