

EASTER SUNDAY
The Sunday Of the Resurrection
Service of Antecommunion
St. John's Episcopal Church
Ithaca, NY 14850
April 4, 2021 Year B
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Hymns can be found at the end of the bulletin.

Prelude Fugue in G Major, BWV 576 - J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Introit "Halleluia, Amen!" from *Judas Maccebens* - G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Hallelujah, Amen: O Judah, rejoice! With cherubim and seraphim harmonious join,
and in songs divine, harmonious join. Hallelujah, Amen!

Hymn Jesus Christ is risen today (Easter Hymn)

Hymnal # 207

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Gloria

Hymnal # S-278

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.*

First Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Epistle

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.

Anthem *Chanticleer's Carol* - Vernon Hoyle, 2015

All this night shrill chanticleer, day's proclaiming trumpeter,
Claps His wings and loudly cries, mortals, mortals, wake and rise!
See a wonder heav'n is under;
From the earth is ris'n a Sun, shines all night though day be done.

Wake, O earth, wake everything! Wake and hear the joy I bring.
Wake and joy; for all this day death's dark pall is cast away,
All amazing, still stand gazing.
Angels, pow'rs and all that be, wake, and joy this Sun to see.

Hail, O Sun, O blessed light, sent into the world aright.
Let thy rays and heav'nly pow'rs shine in these dark souls of ours;
For most duly thou art truly
God and man, we do confess: Hail, O Sun of Righteousness!

[Text by William Austin, 1587-1634]

Gospel

John 20:1-18

The 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 Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Megan Castellan

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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.

Hymn Lift your voice rejoicing (Fisk of Gloucester)

Hymnal # 190

Prayers of the People

Washed in the waters of Christ's death and resurrection, that we might enter the community of faith, let us praise our Lord by offering our prayers and thanksgivings as we respond, "Hear us, O risen Christ."

+ Risen Lord, mold us into your new creation, that we may seek the radiance of your light as found in the lives of the saints, and as revealed through the generosity of our sisters and brothers; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ Eternal Christ, help us journey through this life with compassion and vision, entering into the sufferings of the world, that we might know the depth of your truth and the dwelling place of your love; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ Saving Lord, stretch out the strong arms of your grace and lift up those who are hungry and downtrodden, lonely and forgotten, so that all of humanity may be reconciled to you and to one another; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ Christ our Passover, may the nations of the world seek after peace and thirst anew for the freedom of men and women everywhere; may we pass from domination to mutual trust, from economic intimidation to a responsible use of the world's resources, from thoughts of destruction to a respect for all life; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ Jesus, Bread of Heaven, nourish us in this Holy Sacrament of your unending Presence, that we may become for one another your bread of hope and your cup of joy; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ Jesus, Savior, Risen Lord, we thank you for all the blessings of this life: for family and friends who reveal your love, for those who have died in the faith, for those who have entered our communities through baptism, for all things which enliven our spirits, and especially for the Paschal Flame that outshines every darkness; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Rejoicing in the garments of new life, let us continue our prayers.

For the special needs and concerns of our congregation, and especially for:

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| Theodore | Edith | Kathleen | Jean | Jay |
| Dhara | Lucy | Wes | Laura | John |
| Lorraine | Carol | Susan | Martha | Mary |
| Loraine | Kathryn | Joan | James | Michele |

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:
Robin Steuteville, Gwen Freeman, Beverly Way, Angela Crowley

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Hymn The day of resurrection! (Ellacombe)

Hymnal # 210

Peace

Dismissal

Postlude *Christ lag in Todesbanden* (Christ lay in death's strong bands), BWV 625 - J. S. Bach

Lectors Beverly Way, Susie Backstrom, Pam Talbott

Today's Easter flowers are given in memorial of:

The Rev. W. Aubrey Arlin, Edith N. Arlin, Audrey A. Vault, Betty Kelts, Sarah Richtmyer, Mary N. Nungesser, Margaret N. Godlove, Peter J. Hedrick, Stacey Hyatt.

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Psyanky eggs designed and photographed by Sarah Thoburn Welch.

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love, Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749, alt.; desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950

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Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - - - - - men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

Descant

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

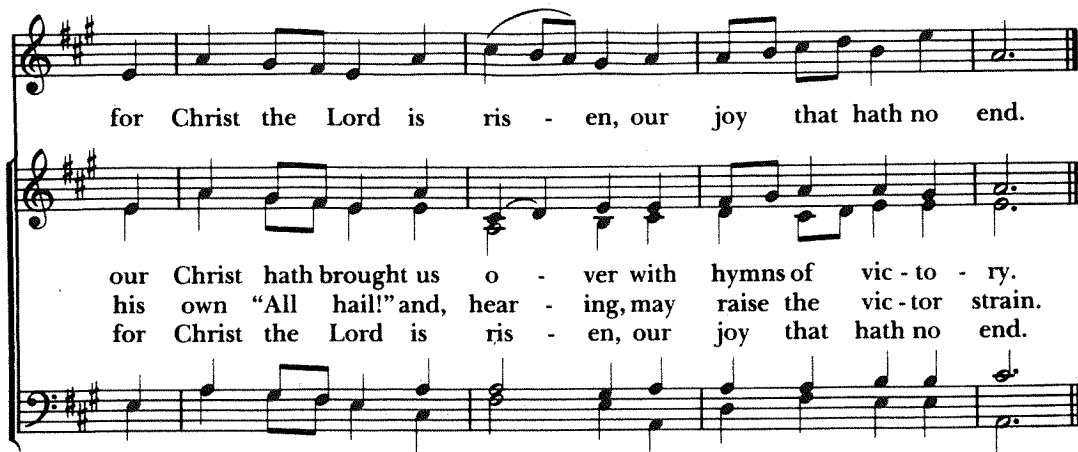
1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,



for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: Ellacombe, from *Gesangbuch . . . der Herzogl. Württembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt.;
 adapt. *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889);
 desc. Cyril Winn (1884-1973)

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