

The RESURRECTION *of* OUR LORD
EASTER
DAY



SUNDAY, *the* FIFTH *of* APRIL, *in the* YEAR *of* OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX
at a QUARTER PAST TEN O'CLOCK *in the* MORNING

The people stand as they are able at the sound of the bell.

The liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer.

The peoples' responses are in bold.

PRELUDE • *Trumpet Tune* • GUISEPPE TORELLI • BRASS, ORGAN, TIMPANI

HYMN 207 • *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* • EASTER HYMN

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!

EASTER ACCLAMATION

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.**

GLORIA • S278 WILLIAM MATHIAS

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:

re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the
 Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, 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.

The COLLECT

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.**

The WORD of GOD

The FIRST LESSON • JEREMIAH 31:1-6

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword
 found grace in the wilderness;
 when Israel sought for rest,
 the LORD appeared to him from far away.
 I have loved you with an everlasting love;
 therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
 Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
 O virgin Israel!
 Again you shall take your tambourines,
 and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.
 Again you shall plant vineyards
 on the mountains of Samaria;
 the planters shall plant,
 and shall enjoy the fruit.
 For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
 in the hill country of Ephraim:
 "Come, let us go up to Zion,
 to the LORD our God."

*The people
 are seated.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Antiphon

1x choir,
2x all;
thereafter, all

PSALM 114 • CARL P. DAW & KEVIN HACKETT



Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel his dominion.

Antiphon

The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back.
The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.

Antiphon

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, that you turned back?
You mountains, that you skipped like rams?
you little hills like young sheep?

Antiphon

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Antiphon

The **SECOND LESSON** • 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 people
stand as able.*

ANTHEM • *Easter Fanfare* • E. FERGUSON

Children are invited to follow the small cross to attend Children's Chapel for a story and prayers during the procession and will return during the Peace. We stand to hear the Gospel, as sign of our call to carry the good news into the world. Some may trace the sign of the cross on their forehead, lips, and heart, praying that the Gospel may shape our thoughts, words, and lives.

The **GOSPEL** • MATTHEW 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus

who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The SERMON • *The Reverend T. Stewart Lucas* • VICAR

The NICENE CREED

**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.**

The PRAYERS of *the* PEOPLE

On this most holy day, let us pray to God for the church, the earth, and all in need, that the whole world may know the resurrection that God promises to give.

O God of life, pour the life of your Son's resurrection into all churches. Make visible the unity we have in you. Show to each denomination the strengths of the others.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Give to the lands and seas the life of your continuing creation. Water the flowers of springtime and nurture the growing crops. Bless all who protect your plants and animals.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*The people
are seated.*

*The people
stand as able.*

*We omit the general
confession because in
the Easter season we
pointedly remember the
great act of Christ's life,
death and resurrection
for our forgiveness.*

Grant to all nations your life of peace. Lead us into justice. Turn enemies into friends. Protect those who defend us. We pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Haiti, Sudan and our own streets. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Visit the needy with your compassionate life. Feed the hungry. Nurse the sick. Protect the weak. Comfort the sorrowful. Attend the dying. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Raise up this gathering with the life of your Spirit. Reveal in our community the signs of Christ's resurrection.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God of life, we praise you for the faithful who have met you in death. Bring us all into the life of your resurrection.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God, we praise your life. We bless your mercy. We honor your power. Transform all that is dying with the joy of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The people are seated.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The HOLY COMMUNION

The OFFERTORY



At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. Our Easter offering directly supports our various outreach ministries in Sandy Springs and beyond. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed or with the QR code. We are grateful for your generosity.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM • The Day of Resurrection • T. MATTHEWS

The people stand as able.

PRESENTATION HYMN • LABT UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a -bove ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa -ther, Son, and Ho -ly
Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The GREAT THANKSGIVING • EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

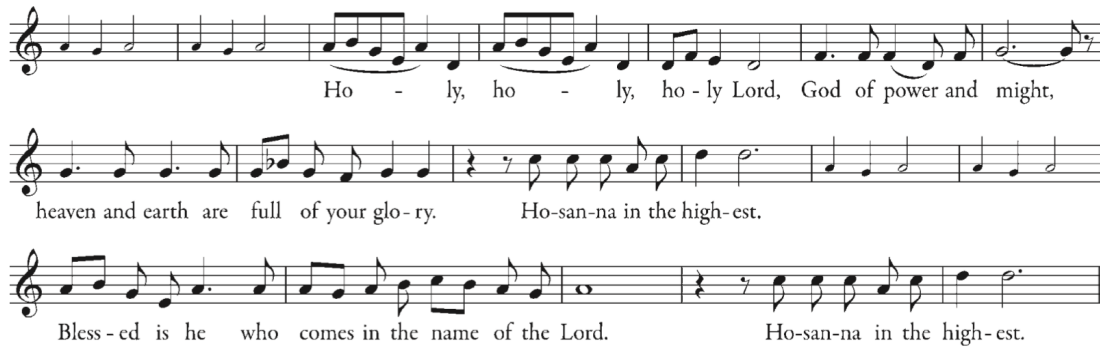
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

SANCTUS • S128 • WILLIAM MATHIAS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Communion. Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please notify a minister. Receiving the bread is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, rather than the Eucharist, indicate this by placing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

COMMUNION MUSIC • *Allegretto* • ARCANGELO CORELLI • BRASS, ORGAN, TIMPANI

COMMUNION HYMN 199 • *Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* • ST. KEVIN

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

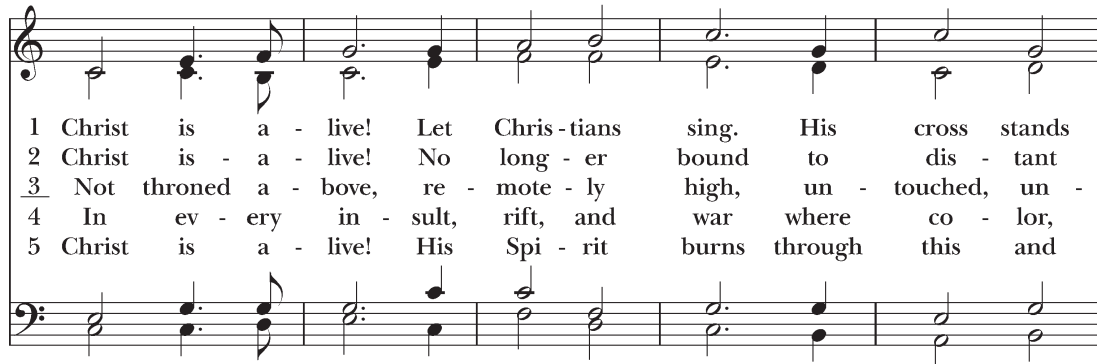
The POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. **Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

The people
stand as able.

The BLESSING

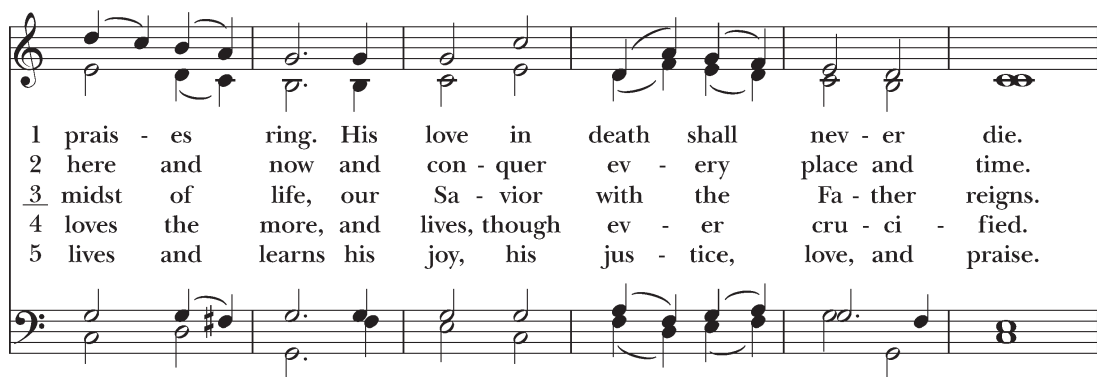
HYMN 182 • *Christ is Alive* • TRURO



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and



1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion



1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

The DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE • *Rigaudon* • ANDRE CAMBRA • BRASS, ORGAN, TIMPANI

Welcome

If this is your first time with us, scan the QR code to learn more about our community.



Easter Offering

Our Easter offering directly supports our various outreach ministries in Sandy Springs and beyond. We are grateful for your generosity.



GROUPS

Prayer Shawl

APRIL 7, 7:00-8:30 PM

Join us in the Parlor as we knit and crochet shawls for those in need; but bring any project—needlepoint, cross-stitch, even mending, and enjoy the fellowship.

Contact: Cammie Ives (cammieives@gmail.com)

Men's Third Friday Breakfast

APRIL 17, 7:30-8:30 AM

Enjoy warm hospitality, engaging discussions, and a fresh breakfast in the Frost Youth Center. Come for the conversation and stay for the fellowship.

Contact: Charles Crosby (charles@corepm.net)

Women of HI: Spring Dinner

APRIL 23, 6:00 PM

We are honored to welcome Peggy Whitlow Ratcliffe, Founder and Executive Director of Live Thrive, as our guest speaker. Peggy's story is an entrepreneurial journey—she saw a need in our community and quite literally filled it in tons. She founded Live Thrive and launched CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials), which has since diverted millions of pounds of waste from landfills and waterways. Her work beautifully connects with the spirit of Earth Day, reminding us of our shared calling to care for and steward our environment. Register online.

BOOK CLUBS

Bucket List Book Club

APRIL 7, 1:00 PM • PARLOR

The group will meet to discuss Part 1 of *The Master and Margarita* by Mikhail Bulgakova and on June 2 to discuss Part II. All are welcome to attend.

Contact: Audrey Sumner (audreysum4833@gmail.com)

Reading Connections

APRIL 13, 6:00 PM • INGLETT HALL C

This month's book is *March* by Geraldine Brooks. The meeting begins with light refreshments and the book discussion begins at 6:30 PM.

Contact: Michelle Driscoll (dris1296@yahoo.com)

Men's Dinner and a Book

MARCH 10, 6:30 PM

The book is *Mattering: The Secret to a Life of Deep Connection and Purpose* by Jennifer Wallace.

Kevin Nuffer is hosting.

Contact: Jeremy Webber (jhwwebber@gmail.com)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Youth Group

APRIL 12, 4:00-6:00 PM

All 6th–12th graders are invited to Paint War Night on April 12 from 4:00-6:00 PM. We'll head outside for an epic battle full of color, chaos, and fun you won't forget. Wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on, and bring a friend! Let's make it a night to remember!

Contact: Megan Atkinson (matkinson@holynnocents.org)

GLOW

MAY 6, 6:00-7:00 PM

We will celebrate Easter with a fun scavenger hunt, sweet treats and a special craft. This is our last meeting before summer break so mark your calendars and join us for a fun evening! For kids ages PreK–5th grade.

All ages are invited to gather for dinner at 5:30 PM.

After dinner, kids will head to GLOW while parents are welcome to stay for wine and conversation. Friends are always welcome!

Contact: Renee Stephens (rstephens@holynnocents.org)

VBS 2026: Knights of the North Castle

JUNE 1–5, 9:00 AM–12:15 PM

Children will step into a world of courage, faith, and fun as they learn what it means to "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power" (Ephesians 6:10). Optional aftercare is available until 3:30 PM for families who need a longer day of fun and supervision. The week will conclude with campers sharing their VBS song during the 10:15 AM service on Sunday, June 7, with a picnic lunch for everyone. Cost: \$85 per camper, \$85 additional for aftercare.

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