

MESSIAH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter
April 19th, 2026 8:30 and 11 am
Holy Communion, Rite 2

Easter Worship Notes.

Our preaching theme for Easter Sunday, and Eastertide, is *Raised with Christ*, from Paul's letter to the Colossians: *If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (Col. 3:1)* Where before Paul speaks of mortifying or putting to death our old way of life, he calls the Colossian Christians—and the Church ever since—to raise one's glance. To see above the world, the flesh and the devil, and see our life from Jesus' risen and exalted perspective. He goes on to say: *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. (Col. 3:12)*. In Eastertide we will read the Epistle, Psalm and Gospel, but the bulletin will also note the First Lesson from Acts. The preacher is free to use any and all texts.

A Note for Visitors.

Resisting the urge to project our music and liturgy on screens, as Anglican Christians in the Episcopal Church we pray from the Book of Common Prayer, and sing from our Hymnal. Other music is found in your worship bulletin. Our clergy will do our best to guide you, as will Messiah members.

Liturgy Changes.

Liturgically, we have also returned to the contemporary Rite II language and are using Eucharistic Prayer B and Prayer Form VI. Please also note, that it is customary during Eastertide to return all the Alleluias that were silenced during Lent, and to stand during the Eucharistic Prayer, where we had knelt during Lent. There is also no General Confession, nor Absolution during this season.

With every blessing of the risen one,

Rev. Dave+



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THE WORD OF GOD

All stand.

OPENING HYMN

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Hymnal #494

Please turn in the hymnal to our opening Hymn, Hymn #494, Crown Him With Many Crowns

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #355.

Leader Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

All The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Leader Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known... and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Living Waters

Verses

1. Are you thirst - y?	Are you empt - y?
2. Christ is call - ing,	find re - fresh - ing
3. Spi - rit mov - ing,	mer - cy wash - ing,
4. Are you thirst - y?	Are you emp - ty?

Come and drink these liv - ing wat - ers.	Tired and bro - ken,
at the cross of liv - ing wat - ers.	Lay your life down,
heal - ing in these liv - ing wat - ers.	Lead your chil - dren
Come and drink these liv - ing wat - ers.	Love, for - give - ness,

peace un - spo - ken,	rest be - side these liv - ing wat - ers.	To V.2
all the old gone,	rise up in these liv - ing wat - ers.	} To Chorus
to the shore - line,	life is in these liv - ing wat - ers.	
vast and bound - less,	Christ, He is our liv - ing wat - ers.	

2. 3. 4 Chorus

There's a riv - er that flows with mer - cy and love, bring - ing joy to the ci - ty of our

God; There our hope is se - cure, do not fear an - y - more,

praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers.

Bridge

Ooh.. Ooh. Ooh.

Ooh.. Ooh. Ooh.

Jesus Is Alive

1. There is now a hope that lasts beyond our days
For the One that once was buried lives a - gain
Now the tomb is bare and empty, and the stone is rolled a - way
Praise the risen One who overcame the grave

2. All you brokenhearted, all you worn and weak
Come find living water, everlasting streams
To the wand'ring spirit, lost and searching, wanting something more
Find the risen King who overcomes the world

Chorus Let there be dancing in the darkness
And let our song break through the night
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King
For Jesus is alive

3. No more condemnation, no more doubt and fear
For our sin and shame, they have no power here
In His resurrection, perfect love has set the captives free
Praise the risen King who stands in victory

Bridge
Hallelujah, death is undone
Hallelujah, Jesus has won
Hallelujah, we overcome
Oh, in Jesus, oh, in Jesus

Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King
For Jesus is alive

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 224

Leader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Leader Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known...

...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE LESSONS

BCP p. 357

(FIRST LESSON

(Acts 2:14a, 36-41)

Bible NT p. 119-120)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

(1 Peter 1:17-23)

Bible NT p. 232-233

Please turn in your pew Bible to NT p. # 232.

After the reading:

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALTER: Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 (read responsively by whole verse) **BCP p. 759-760**

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #759.

All stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Love's Redeeming Work Is Done

Antiphon

Al - le - lu - - - ia, Christ is ris - - en, al - le - lu - - - ia, he's a - live. *1. Repeat 2. To Verse*

Verse

Love's re-deem-ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat-tle won. Death in vain for - bids him rise; Christ has o - pened par-a - dise. *To Antiphon*

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

(Luke 24:13-35)

Bible NT p. 90

Please turn in your pew Bible to NT p. # 90.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ,,,

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading:

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All sit.

THE SERMON

the Rev. Dave Langille

COMMISSIONING MESSIAH'S PERMANENT MUSIC DIRECTOR

Celebrant

Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Rachel Lonetti has been so called to ministry in this Church as its Music Director.

People

Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.

Search Team

When in our music God is glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia.

So has the Church, in liturgy and song,
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Alleluia.

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to praise always:
Alleluia.

Celebrant

Rachel, may the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in your calling as Messiah's Music Director, you may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of his Christ. *Amen.*

In the name of Messiah Episcopal Church, I commend you to this ministry, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support.

People **Almighty God, look with favor upon Rachel who has faithfully served as our Interim Music Director and has reaffirmed her commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name as our Music Director. Give her courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Look with favor upon those whom you have called to serve your Church, O God, and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in their chosen task with joy and steadfast devotion, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Celebrant In the Name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we recognize you Rachel as our Music Director.

Please kneel as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM V I

BCP p. 392-393

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader In peace, let us pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life....

All For our families...

All stand.

THE PEACE

BCP p. 360

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Maw Ywa, ata ghu ta poe, oh taw thu da kay.

All And also with you.

Maw oh taw, na thar da kay.

Please take a moment to share the sign of peace with those around you.

All sit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A greeting from our clergy to Messiah members and our guests; we'll also share news for the Messiah community.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Leader Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The bread and wine are brought forward and the offering is received.

Thank You Jesus For The Cross

Chorus

Thank You Jesus for the cross
Thank You for the price You paid for us
Giving up Your life to save the lost
Thank You Jesus for the cross

Verse 1

My life lived for only me
My days spent so sinfully
My heart was dark my eyes too blind to see
My pride destroying me

Verse 2

Your life sent for sin to die
Your blood shed to justify
Upon the cross Your ransom to afford
This sinner's great reward

Verse 3

The crown placed upon Your head
The nails meant for me instead
Your death became the only way to life
For me to live is Christ

Bridge

You knew no sin but You became sin for us
The great sacrifice
So we'd become the righteousness of God

Thank You Jesus for the cross
Thank You Jesus for the cross

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All stand as offering is brought forward.

Leader All things come of thee, O Lord.

All And of your own have we given you.

All stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B BCP p. 367-369

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. # 367.

Leader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Please kneel as you are able.

Leader It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always...

...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



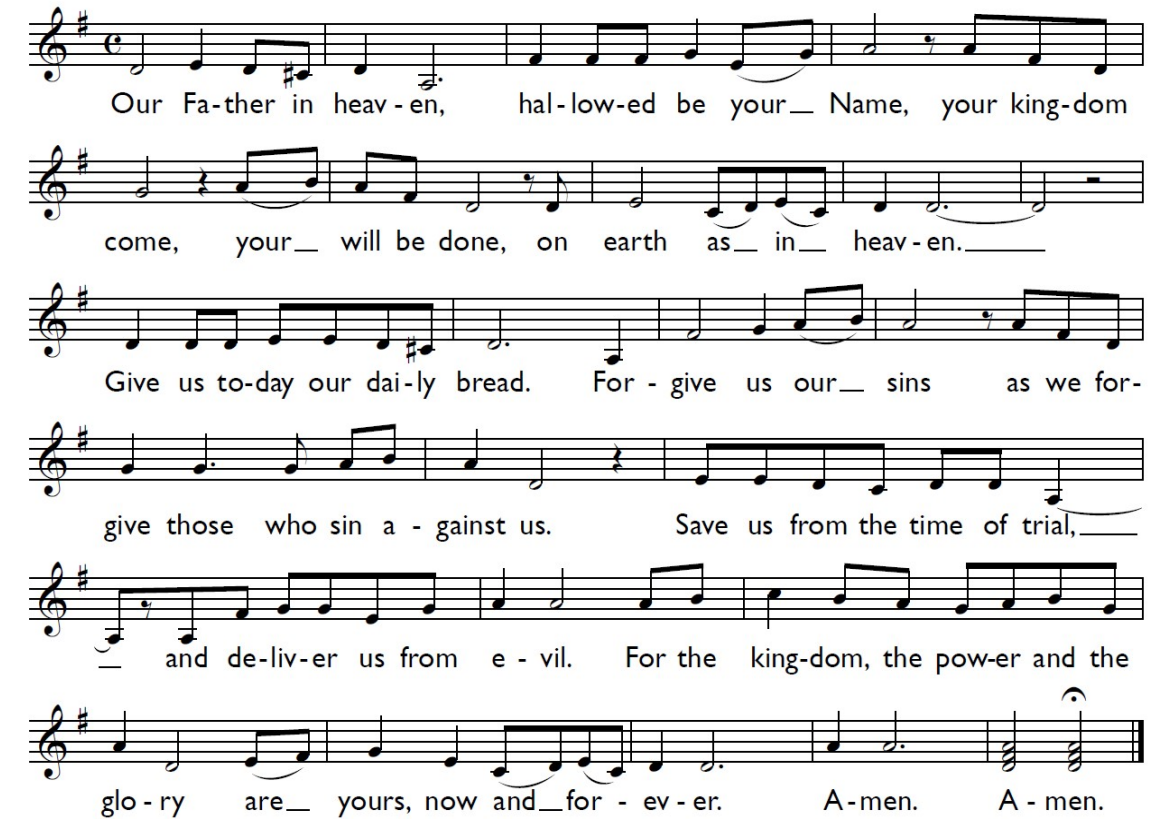
Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God
of hosts. Heav-en and earth are filled with your
glo - - - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - - - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Leader We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love...
... 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal-low-ed be your_ Name, your king-dom
come, your_ will be done, on earth as_ in_ heav-en.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For - give us our_ sins as we for-
give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow-er and the
glo - ry are_ yours, now and_ for - ev - er. A - men. A - men.

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP p. 364-366

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #364.

Leader Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Leader The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance ...
... and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to remain standing in prayer at the Communion during Eastertide. The ushers will release you, one pew at a time, to kneel at the Altar Rail to receive Holy Communion. All baptized believers in Jesus are welcome to receive the Eucharist. A special note to visitors: If you are accustomed to receiving Holy Communion in your home Church, no matter what its denomination, you are also welcome to receive Holy Communion. After receiving the bread, one is free to receive the chalice. If you would prefer to receive the bread only, simply cross your arms in front of you. And, if you would prefer to receive a blessing only, please also signify by crossing your arms. Thank you.

8:30 am service: Healing team members Deb Baird and Jean Smidt are available for prayer during communion.

11 am service: Healing team members Libby Johnson and Christy Libbus are available for prayer during communion, concurrent with Joanne Slinger & Jennifer Wilson available for prayer by calling 612-803-9020.

All sit.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Behold The Lamb



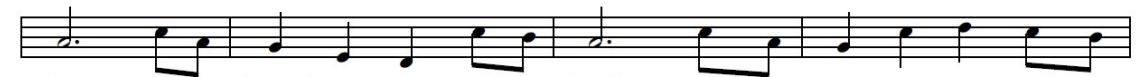
1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us:
2. The bo - dy of our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ, torn for you:
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - ery stain of sin, shed for you:
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith We rise to re - spond:



and we re - mem - ber the prom - ise made that all who
eat and re - mem - ber the wounds that heal, the death that
drink and re - mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may
and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the



come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we
brings us life, paid the price to make us one. So we
en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So we
steps of Christ as His bo - dy here on earth. As we



share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a
share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a
share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a
share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim: Christ will come a - gain! And we'll



sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the King.
sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the King.

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All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirst - ty, All who are weak,
Come to the foun - tain; Dip your heart in the stream of
life. Let the pain and the sor - row Be washed a - way
In the waves of His mer - cy, As deep cries out to deep, we sing
1. 2. Come, Lord Je - sus, come. Come, Lord Je - sus,
come. Come, Lord Je - sus, come. *D.C.* All who are thirst -
3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, come. *Repeat ad lib.*
Gra - cious Fath - er, come.

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At Messiah we generally stand for the last Communion song, the Altar party will stand first.

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

1. The blood that Jesus shed for me
'Way back on Calvary
The blood that gives me strength from day to day
It will never lose its pow'r

Chorus It reaches to the highest mountain
It flows to the low - est valley
The blood that gives me strength from day to day
It will never lose its pow'r

2. It soothes my doubt and calms my fears
And it dries all my tears
The blood that gives me strength from day to day
It will never lose its pow'r

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP p. 365

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #365.

Leader Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father...
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

BCP p. 366

The Celebrant offers a blessing to the people in the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All stand.

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Is Lord Of All The Earth

Hymnal #178

Please turn in the hymnal to our closing Hymn, Hymn #178. Jesus Is Lord Of All The Earth

THE DISMISSAL

BCP p. 366

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #366.

Leader Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



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