

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026

Holy Communion

The Prelude is a signal to *end our conversation* and prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND (u) PASSING OF PEACE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P **Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!**

C **Amen.**

P **Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.**

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P **Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.**

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

- P** Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.
- C** You guide us to springs of the water of life.
- P** Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"

- 1** Jesus Christ is ris'n today_, Al – le – lu - ia!
our triumphant holy day_, Al – le – lu - ia!
who did once upon the cross, Al – le – lu - ia!
Suf – fer_ to redeem our loss_. Al – le – lu - ia!
- 2** Hymns of praise then let us sing_, Al – le – lu - ia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king_, Al – le – lu - ia!
who endured the cross and grave, Al – le – lu - ia!
Sin – ners_ to redeem and save_. Al – le – lu - ia!
- 3** But the pains which he endured_, Al – le – lu - ia!
our salvation have procured_; Al – le – lu - ia!
now above the sky he's king, Al – le – lu - ia!
Where_ the_ angels ever sing_. Al – le – lu - ia!
- 4** Sing we to our God above_, Al – le – lu - ia!
praise eternal as his love_; Al – le – lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Al – le – lu - ia!
Fa – ther_, Son, and Holy Ghost_. Al – le – lu - ia!

KYRIE

**Ref. Kyrie eleison, on our world_ and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (*Refrain*)**
- 4 For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives
in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (*Refrain*)**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE:

**Glory to God in the high - est,
and peace_ to God's people on earth. (2x)**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together.

**C O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross
for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you
delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day
to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the
resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever. Amen.**

LESSON OF THE DAY

Acts 10:34-43

The lesson begins:

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us 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 whom God appointed 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."

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - leluia, al - lelu - ia, al - leluia, alle - luia.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

P **The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.**

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

P **The Gospel of the Lord.**

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

ANTHEM

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APOSTLE'S CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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 into hell. 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. 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. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

P Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer

P Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer

P Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer

P Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain especially (List). Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

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THE OFFERTORY "Doxology"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (SUNG)

**Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God_ of power and might,
heaven and earth_ are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosan - na in_ the highest.**

P Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith

C **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

P Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P As a community, let us pray in the way our Lord Jesus has taught us: *(SPOKEN)*

C Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

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THE COMMUNION is given and received.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

- 1 I know that my Re – deemer_ lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives_, who_ once_ was_ dead;
he lives, my ever living head!**
- 2 He lives triumphant_ from the_ grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalt – ed_, throned_ a - bove;
he lives to rule his church in love.**
- 8 He lives, all glory_ to his_ name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest_ as – sur – ance_ gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!**
- C Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE