



# ST. MATTHEW'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### Easter Day

10a

*It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship. Remember to turn off or silence all phones. Thank you.*

*Please wave your bubbles when Alleluia is spoken or sung.*

**Prelude:** *Canzone per Sonare*  
*Easter Rejoicing*

Giovanni Gabrielli  
Easter Rejoicing

### Liturgy of the Word

*People stand as able.*

**Opening Hymn:** *He is risen!*

**Hymnal 180**  
*Unser Herrscher*

### Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
*People* **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

**S 278**  
William Mathias

### Collect

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

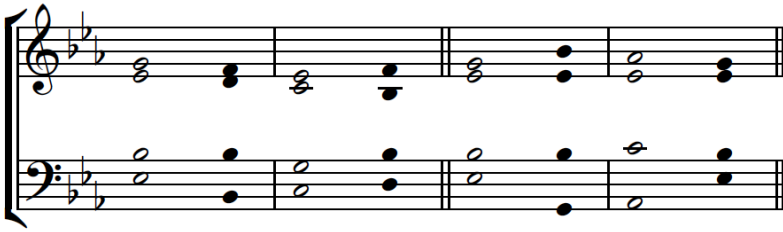
Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading** *The People are seated*

**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."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 Give thanks to God who is good; \*  
 God's mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
 "God's mercy endures for ever."
- 14 God is my strength and my song, \*  
 and 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 Most High has triumphed! \*  
 the right hand of the Most High is exalted!  
 the right hand of the Most High has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die but live, \*  
 and declare the works of God.
- 18 God 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 God.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Holy One; \*  
 those who are 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 God's doing, \*  
 and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Holy One has acted; \*  
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*The Saint Helena Psalter Translation*

**Second Reading**

**Colossians 3:1-4**

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*People stand as able.*

**Gospel Hymn: *The Easter day with joy was bright***

**Hymnal 193**  
*Puer nobis*

**Holy Gospel** *Remain Standing*

**Matthew 28:1-10**

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **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."

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

**Sermon** *The People are seated*

**The Rev. Kelly Kirby**

**Renewal of Baptismal Vows** *People stand as able.*

*Priest* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Priest* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Priest* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **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 to the dead. 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.**

*Priest* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **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.**

*Priest* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

**Peace**

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**A Word of Welcome** *The People are seated*

**Birthday Collect**

*People and Presider*

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Holy Communion

During the offertory, please consider the gifts God has given you, and give generously. Our online giving works well, as does our text to give option. Please use this link for online giving: <https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/5QFR9K/>

**Offertory: Come, Ye Faithful**

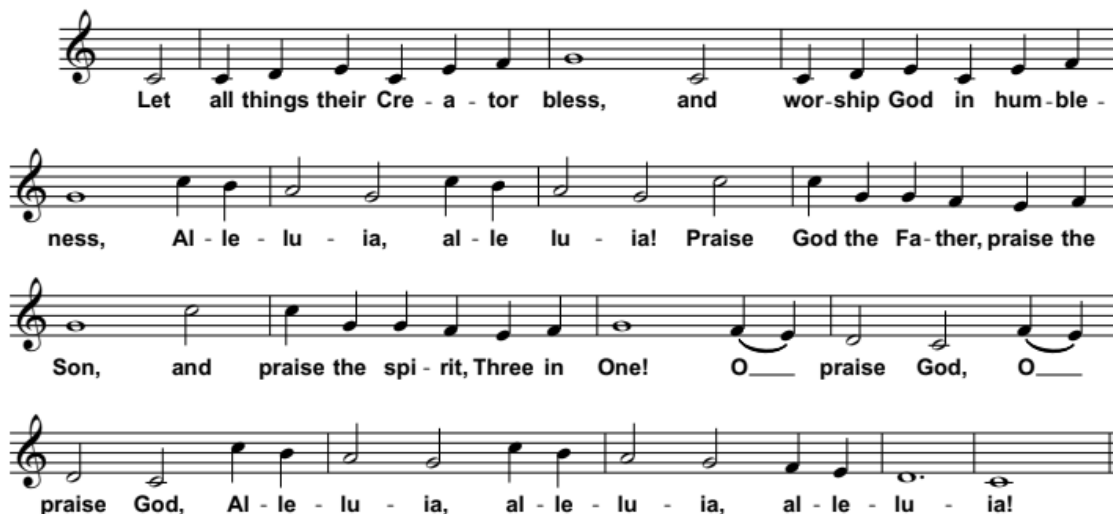
R. S. Thatcher

*Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness. God hath brought his people again into joy from sadness. 'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison, and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen. Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor, with the royal feast of feasts, comes it joy to render. Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection. Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal, nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold thee as a mortal. But today amidst the twelve thou didst stand, bestowing. That thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.*

**Presentation Verse**

**Hymnal 400 stanza 7**  
*Lasst uns Erfreuen*

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or presider. The people stand while the offerings are presented.



Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor-ship God in hum-ble -  
ness, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu - ia! Praise God the Fa - ther, praise the  
Son, and praise the spi - rit, Three in One! O\_\_ praise God, O\_\_  
praise God, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Great Thanksgiving

**Eucharistic Prayer D**

**BCP p. 372**

*Presider* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues the Eucharistic prayer*

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel as the prayer continues*

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or 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.*

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus 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 Jesus 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."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Presider and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Presider continues the prayer*

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

[Remember Bishop Terry and all who minister in your Church.]

[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]

[Remember especially those in whose honor the flowers were given.]

[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with Matthew) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **AMEN.**

*The Presider then says*

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

*People and Presider*

**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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **Fraction Anthem:**

**S 154**  
David Hurd

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*All who seek God and are drawn to God through Christ are welcome to receive communion. If for any reason you do not desire to receive communion, you may come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you need gluten-free bread, please ask the priest giving out bread. You are welcome to receive both bread and wine, or just bread. Christ is fully present in both or either the bread and wine.*

**Communion Anthem: O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!**  
*The text may be found at Hymn 206.*

Melchior Vulpius

*Eucharistic Visitors may be commissioned*

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

**BCP p. 366**

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Easter Blessing**

**Closing Hymn: Jesus Christ is risen today**

**Hymnal 207**  
*Lyra Davidica*

### **Dismissal**

*Deacon* Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Postlude: Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound**

G. F. Handel

Guest Musicians: Adam Edwards, Mark Kersting, Roger Levering, Rusty Sexton, and Christopher Woosley

Hymns and service music arranged by Austin Echols and Robert Lee.

*After the 10a dismissal, all children with their parents are invited to meet Julie in the Narthex for instructions about the Easter Egg Hunt. Children from infancy through college are invited to hunt eggs.*

**The Easter flowers and music are Given to the Glory of God, and in Loving Memory of:**

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*In Thanksgiving for:*  
God's many blessings  
Kimbrough Family