

THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY

MARCH 31, 2024, AT 9:30 AM

*Please keep a prayerful quiet as we prepare for worship.
The People's responses are printed in **bold**.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

The Virginia Chamber Brass

Lawrence Oates and Maia Trafton, trumpet ~ Karin Berkley, french horn
David Scianella, trombone ~ Paul Erion, tuba ~ Douglas Wallace, timpani

Please stand as you are able.

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 *proclaimed three times*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

If anyone is in Christ there is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. —2 Corinthians 5:17-18

Song of Praise *sung by all* Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Gelobt sei Gott

Good Chris-tians all, re-joice and sing! Now is the
To God the Fa-ther, God the Son, to God the
tri-umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
Spi-rit, al-ways One, we sing for life in us be-gun:
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

—Text: st. 1, Cyril A. Alington (1872–1955), alt.; st. 2, Norman Mealy (1923–1987)

Collect of the Day

God 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 Reading *seated* 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.

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 210 *standing as you are able* The day of resurrection!

Ellacombe

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin,
 the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
 let all things seen and unseen their notes together blend,
 for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

—Text: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.

Second Reading *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.”

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Alleluia *standing as you are able*

Alleluia No. 1

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ri - sen Lord. Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give Praise to his Name. *fine*
 Come, let us praise the liv - ing - God, joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

—Text: Donald Fishel (b. 1950)

The Gospel Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All repeat the sung Alleluia.

Sermon The Rev. Ledlie I. Laughlin

Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher. A period of silence will be observed after the sermon.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows *standing as you are able*

Presider Dear friends: Through Baptism we are born again into the life of God's Kingdom and brought into the company of all the saints. I call upon you, therefore, on this holy day, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully.

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

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will, with God's help.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Intercessor Risen Christ, by your mighty resurrection you have granted new life to the world. May the whole church and all its people be filled with the Holy Spirit, enlivened through hope, and inspired by your love. On this day the Lord has acted. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

In you, O Christ, we die to sin and rise again to new life. Help us to disrupt injustice and guide us in the way of true justice and peace. Inspire leaders and people of public trust to work for the welfare of all the world's people and for the care of your creation. On this day the Lord has acted. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

After your death you revealed your wounds to the disciples that they might believe. Bear our burdens and wounds with us and bring your healing mercy to those for whom we pray. On this day the Lord has acted. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We rejoice with thanksgiving for your resurrection and for your glory revealed in the world. We offer our gratitude for all the blessings of our lives. On this day the Lord has acted. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

After your resurrection, you ascended to the right hand of our God. May all who have died join you in that eternal kingdom. On this day the Lord has acted. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Loving Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you": As we raise our prayers to you, offer us your peace, that we may be assured of your abiding presence with us. Fill us with the power of your resurrection, that we may be renewed by the Spirit, through our Triune God who lives and reigns forever. **Amen.**

Peace *The Presider says to the People*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory

The Holy Spirit inspires us to give generously, to extend Christ's mission in this place and the wider world. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/GivetoSCEC> to make your offering, or you can text to give using your phone. Text SCEC and AMOUNT to 73256 (QR code in Connections) and you will receive a text with instructions.

Anthem

Christ the Lord is risen again

Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

The St. Columba Singers

Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken ev'ry chain!

Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
is our Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy, and say Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss, comfotless upon the cross,
lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry.

He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people feed;
take our sins and guilt away, let us sing by night and day, Alleluia!

—Text: Michael Weisse (1480–1534)

Please stand as you are able as the offering is brought forward and blessed.

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them unto God.

Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 and Benedictus *sung by all*

Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

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

Holy and gracious God: 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 Creator of all.

Jesus 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 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 all 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 God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Jesus' 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 God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

The bread is broken and silence observed.

Fraction Anthem

Be known to us, Lord Jesus

Gary James (b. 1957)



Be— known to— us, Lord— Je - sus, in the break - ing— of the bread.



The— bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia— is the com - mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ.



Be— known to— us, Lord— Je - sus, in the break - ing— of the bread.



One— bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia— for though man - y we share— one— bread.



Be— known to— us, Lord— Je - sus, in the break - ing— of the bread.

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ's table.

Communion

Christ welcomes all to communion. ■ Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. ■ If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. We do not allow dipping the bread into the wine. ■ Respond to communion by saying "Amen." ■ If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ Gluten-free wafers are available at each communion station. ■ Baptism is offered several times a year; speak to a priest to learn more.

Anthem

Rise up, my love, my fair one

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

The St. Columba Singers

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;
for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
the flowers appear upon the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come;
arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

—Text: Song of Solomon

Hymn 335

I am the bread of life

I Am the Bread of Life

1. I am the bread of life;
they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw them. *Refrain*

4. I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
They who believe in me,
even if they die,
they shall live for ever. *Refrain*

Refrain And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.

2. The Bread that I will give
is my Flesh for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever,
they shall live for ever. *Refrain*

5. Yes, Lord, we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God
who has come into the world. *Refrain*

Prayer after Communion *standing as you are able*

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider As we are gathered, fed, and sent by God, let us ask ourselves: With whom can I share the Good News? Whom will I invite to join us at this table?

Easter Blessing

The People respond **Amen.**

Hymn 208

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o'er

Victory

The Antiphon is sung before verse 1 and after verse 5.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Dismissal

The People respond **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Praise the Lord
 The Virginia Chamber Brass

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)
 arr. A. Scott Wood

Land Acknowledgement

We meet today on the traditional land of the first people of Nacotchtank, who were custodians of the land for thousands of years, caring for and nurturing it. We give thanks for their stewardship and lament the ways the Nacotchtank were removed from their ancestral home. We pray for all who live on this land and pay our respects to the native leaders past, present, and emerging.

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Judy Webster for my family

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