



EASTER DAY

HOLY EUCHARIST | APRIL 5, 2026, AT 9:30 AM

THE WORD OF GOD

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

Prelude

The Virginia Chamber Brass

Larry Oates and Maia Trafton, trumpet ~ Karin Berkley, french horn
David Sciannella, trombone ~ Paul Erion, tuba ~ Doug Wallace, timpani

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

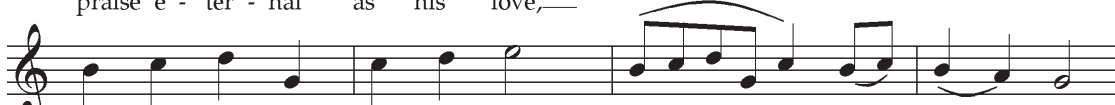
Easter Hymn



Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,—
Hymns of praise then let us sing,— **Al - le - lu - ia!**
But the pains which he en - dured,—
Sing we to our God a - bove,—



our tri - um-phant ho - ly day,—
un - to Christ our heav - en - ly King,— **Al - le - lu - ia!**
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,—
praise e - ter - nal as his love,—



who did once up - on the cross,—
who en - dured the cross and grave,— **Al - le - lu - ia!**
now a - bove the sky he's King,—
praise him, all ye heav - en - ly host,—



suf - fer to re - deem our loss.—
sin - ners to re - deem and save,— **Al - le - lu - ia!**
where the an - gels ev - er sing.—
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.—

Easter Acclamation *proclaimed three times*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity

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 Savior. **Amen.**

Song of Praise *sung by all* Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! *Hymn to Joy*

Christ is ri - sen! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
Christ is ri - sen! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.

Christ is ri - sen! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a — spread - ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a — ser - vant, but a friend.

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.

— Text: Bob Moore (b. 1962)

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 Jesus' resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading *seated* 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 merry-makers. 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."

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

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 John 20:1-18

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All repeat the Alleluia refrain.

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining

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

The Nicene Creed *standing as you are able*

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.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor Almighty God, we pray for your church, that we may be true followers of the Risen Christ, whose final commandment was to love as he loves. We rejoice in the Risen Christ, **and trust in the Living God.**

In righteousness you judge the world and the peoples with equity: May our nation bear witness to your justice and equity, caring for the poor, the hungry, the imprisoned, and the oppressed. We rejoice in the Risen Christ, **and trust in the Living God.**

Lift your countenance on all who need mercy, healing, and refreshment. We rejoice in the Risen Christ, **and trust in the Living God.**

We sing to you, O God, a new song, for you have done marvelous things. We rejoice in the Risen Christ, **and trust in the Living God.**

God of Resurrection, we pray for all who have died, that they may join you in eternal bliss. We rejoice in the Risen Christ, **and trust in the Living God.**

Surely your goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives. Accept our prayers to you and be present with us as we journey through life with our Risen Savior; in the Holy Name of God we pray. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ, and are seated for the announcements.

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

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
The St. Columba Singers

Gelobt sei Gott
Melchior Vulpius (1560–1616)
arr. Robert Benson (b. 1942)

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

The Lord of life is risen today; sing songs of praise along his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

To God the Father, God the Son, to God the Spirit, always One,
we sing for life in us begun: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

—Text: Cyril A. Arlington (1872–1955)

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.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus and Benedictus *sung by all*

Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 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.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Columba, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you 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 *sung by all* Be known to us, Lord Jesus Gary James (b. 1957)

Congregation



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

Choir



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

Congregation



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

Choir



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

Congregation



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
The St. Columba Singers

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

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

Music

Aria

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

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*

—Text: Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927); adapt. of John 6

Prayer after Communion *standing as you are able*

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Ministers *when scheduled*

In the name of St. Columba's we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that *N.* may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. **We who are many are one body, as we all share one bread, one cup.**

Easter Blessing

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 180

He is risen, he is risen!

Unser Herrscher

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened
joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
ra - dian't brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,
let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er
we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

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

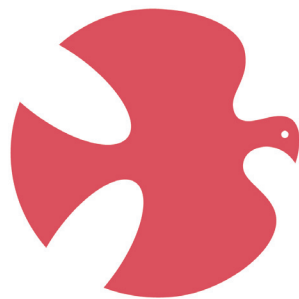
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Liturgical Note

Easter is a 50-day season of celebration! During celebratory seasons, the church typically uses white and gold vestments and altar paraments. The service also includes repetition of the themes of resurrection and redemption plus “alleluia” all throughout. We are glad you are celebrating with us!

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. We also remember and lament that this plot of land was given to St. Columba’s Episcopal Church by an enslaver and that the wealth created by the labor of enslaved persons helped to build this sanctuary.



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