

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

April 20, 2025 10:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant - The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier, *Dean*Preacher - The Right Reverend Shannon Rogers Duckworth, *Bishop of Louisiana*

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 begins, remembering to silence cell phones. Let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship. Large-print Prayer Books and Activity Workbooks for kids are available at the Usher's Stand. This liturgy is being webcast on YouTube and Facebook Live. We joyfully welcome children of all ages to worship with us; there is a nursery available for infants and toddlers if you wish it. Children are encouraged to proceed to the chapel for Children's Chapel immediately following the reading of the Gospel. They will return at The Peace.



All children are invited to take part in Flowering of the Cross immediately before the Eucharist begins.

The Word of God

When the bell sounds, please stand and sing.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord 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 Lord. Amen.

The choir sings

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER Pascha Nostrum

- 1 Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast;
- 2 Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness: but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- 3 Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over Him.
- 4 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Setting: Will C. MacFarlane (1870-1945)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

- 5 Likewise recon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin:
 - but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 6 Christ is risen from the dead: and become the first-fruits of them that slept.
- 7 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
- 8 For as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

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.*

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON ~ 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.

The choir sings

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
 "His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, * and he 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 LORD has triumphed! "
 the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
 the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.

Setting: George Thalben-Ball

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
 I will enter them;
 I will offer thanks to the LORD.

- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; * he who is 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 the LORD'S doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

THE SECOND LESSON ~ 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

Please stand and sing

Alleluia & Verse



V. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia]

THE GOSPEL ~ John 20:1-18

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The choir sings the

THE SERMON

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THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Liturgy of the Table

ANTHEM

Sing ye to the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously. Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath He cast into the sea. Mighty victim from the sky, Hell's fierce powers beneath Thee lie; Thou hast conquered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light. Now no more can death appal, now no more the grave enthral. Thou hast opened Paradise, and in Thee Thy Saints shall rise. Alleluia.

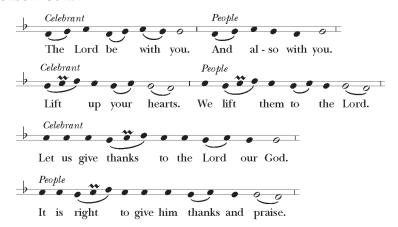
Music: Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)
Text: Exodus 15 and R. Campbell

Please stand and sing

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ Eucharistic Prayer B

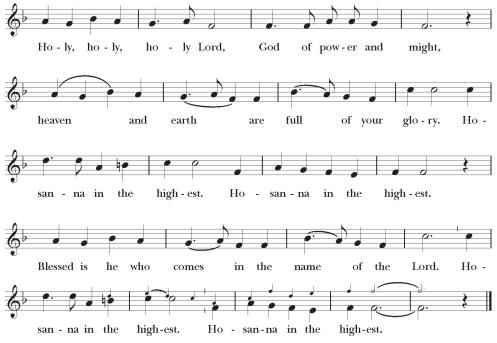
Prayer Book, Page 367

SURSUM CORDA



THE PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



(Standing or Kneeling)

The Eucharistic Canon Prayer Book, Page 368

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (said by all)

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory.

THE GREAT AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER Prayer Book, Page 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM



THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized persons are welcome at the Lord's table; to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing. To receive a blessing rather than the elements, cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar rail. To receive communion please hold out your crossed hands, open palms up, for the bread, and then help guide the chalice to your lips to receive the wine; cross your arms over your chest if you do not wish to receive the wine. Please blot lipstick before drinking from the chalice. You may also allow the chalice minister to dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue and it is permissible to receive only the bread if you like.

ANTHEM

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ Which according to his abundant mercy Hath begotten us again unto a lively hope By the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled

That fadeth not away

Reserved in heaven for you

Who are kept by the power of God

Through faith unto salvation

Ready to be revealed at the last time

But as he which hath called you is holy So be ye holy in all manner of conversation Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Text: 1 Peter 1:3-5, 15-17, 22-25

Please join in singing

Love one another with a pure heart fervently See that ye love one another Love one another with a pure heart fervently:

Prayer Book, Page 368

Being born again Not of corruptible seed But of incorruptible By the word of God

For all flesh is as grass
And all the glory of man
As the flower of grass
The grass withereth
And the flower thereof falleth away

Post-Communion Prayer

Prayer Book, Page 365/366

THE SEASONAL BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn #180 - He is risen, he is risen! Unser Herrscher

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

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Announcements

All Children are invited to help transform our Holy Week wooden cross into a flower covered Easter cross at the beginning of the service this morning. We have extra flowers so please join us at the St. Charles Avenue doors fifteen minutes before the service. Parents are welcome to walk with their children. After they place their flowers on the cross, the children sit with their families.

All are invited to our Coffee Hour Reception in Stuart Hall and annual Easter Egg Hunt in the adjacent Bishop's Garden following this service.

The Cathedral office will be closed tomorrow. The 12:15 PM Eucharist will be celebrated as scheduled in the Chapel.



If you or a family member is hospitalized or shut-in, please contact the parish secretary during office hours or call one of us directly on our mobile phones at any time and leave a voice message if necessary. If the situation is not urgent you may also contact use via email (copying the parish secretary as well.) Please DO NOT use text messages, Facebook or any other instant message platform to communicate sensitive or urgent information, as their reliability is inconsistent.

Welcome! If you are visiting and seeking a connection with us we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) or point your cell phone at this QR code. Thank you for worshiping with us.





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April 20, 2025 – Easter Day (C) Reflections on the Resurrection, Week 1

During the Easter season, Sermons That Work is pleased to present reflections from some of the newest bishops of The Episcopal Church on the resurrection of our Lord. Check back each week for a brief exploration of how Jesus Christ's rising from the grave changes everything. To listen to this reflection, scan the QR code on this page and subscribe to the Sermons That Work podcast.

It's Easter! We've just heard the story that is likely familiar—even if this is your first time in church. Every year, preachers struggle with how to preach about Easter. Some of you know the story well, while for others, it's a little less familiar, and this might be the only sermon you hear all year. For all of you, the challenge is the same: Where do you find yourselves in this story?

Perhaps last Sunday you heard the story of Jesus being welcomed like a rockstar in the city of Jerusalem, only for those same people to later cheer on the governor who condemned him to death. Maybe you have betrayed someone you love or have been betrayed yourself. Perhaps you have heard the stories of the crucifixion and even acted out the part of Jesus. Or maybe, simply by knowing your neighbors, listening to the news, or talking with your family, you know the suffering of an innocent person. Is this your entry into the story? Perhaps you were in church on Thursday evening, kneeling to wash someone's feet. Allowing a stranger, or even a friend, to wash your feet is a vulnerable choice. Living the Christian life is a messy journey! Is this the life you want to sign up for? Perhaps you live life like Jesus every day—feeding the hungry, healing the sick, welcoming the stranger, visiting prisoners, and working for justice. You certainly must understand the resurrection!

But... yet... here we are, wondering what it means for us to know the risen Christ today. I have only one thing I know: I have experienced the resurrection in my own life, and I know you can too.

When my first daughter was born, I had everything I needed—an easy birth, an easy baby, a loving spouse, a comfortable home, a good job, and a church community. And yet, I experienced postpartum depression. It was the first time in my life that I could not find joy or control my emotions. I did everything out of habit, including going to church, but I was disconnected—from myself, from my loved ones, from God. I wanted to run away. But I knew I couldn't; the emptiness would follow me. I was stuck.

And then came resurrection. It was not immediate; it took months, not days. It was not magical, but it was miraculous. Thanks to love, medicine, counseling, prayer, and time, I found joy again. I began to live again. I came out of the tomb and back into the land of the living.

When Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, see the empty tomb, the two dazzling beings ask them a funny question: "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" Today, we are looking for the living among the living – each of us living stories of resurrection.

If you have never known resurrection, you are not alone. When you pray today, when you receive the bread and wine—the reminder of Jesus' journey through life, hell, death, and new life—pray this: "Dear God, show me your resurrection in my life, take me out of pain, suffering, and hurt and show me new life. Take me out of the land of the dead and into new life."



I have seen the risen Christ in my own life—I believe you can too.

The Rt. Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer is the ninth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester and the first woman to serve in this role. A lifelong Episcopalian, she spent 19 years as rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Chicago, focusing on community, justice, and inclusion. She now leads 48 congregations across eight counties in New York, spanning from Lake Ontario to the Pennsylvania border, striving to be a light of love and service in diverse communities.

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THE WEEK OF APRIL 20

Easter Sunday

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) 10:00 AM Coffee Hour & Easter Egg Hunt 11:15 AM The Holy Eucharist (Real Presence) 6:00 PM

MONDAY

Office Closed

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel) 12:15 PM Voices of New Orleans (VONO) Rehearsal 7:00 PM

TUESDAY 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Women only) 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel) Yoga in the Cathedral 5:30 PM 7:00 PM Symphony Of New Orleans (SONO) Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel) 12:15 PM Education for Ministry (EfM), Dean's Parlor 4:30 PM

THURSDAY

8:00 AM Trinity Loaves & Fishes (Kitchen) The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel) 12:15 PM

FRIDAY

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

SATURDAY

6:00 PM Wedding

SUNDAY

The Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)

Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall) 11:15 AM

Spring Within Group (Westfeldt Room) 3:00 PM

The Holy Eucharist (Real Presence) 6:00 PM

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