



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday
9 am • March 31, 2024

Welcome to Church of the Nativity on this Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday, when we commemorate our Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection and victory over death.

Everything you need to participate in today's service is found in this bulletin, including all readings, responses, prayers, and hymns. Text in *italic type* indicates a hymn tune name when next to a hymn title, designates the speaker in responsive readings and prayers, or is instructional. Text in **bold type** is to be spoken by the People.

If you have any questions about the service or about Nativity, please don't hesitate to ask our Vestry Representative of the day, who greeted you in the Narthex as you came in today. If you would like to fill out a welcome card or make a donation, you can do that by scanning the QR code on the back of this bulletin.

THE PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"Alleluia", from *Exultate Jubilate*
Praeludium in F, BuxWV 156

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, arr. Clair W. Johnson
Dietrich Buxtehude

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 207. Jesus Christ is risen today (sung by all)

Easter Hymn



1. Je - sus Christ is risen to-day, Al - le - lu - ia! our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King,
3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia! our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia! praise e - ter - nal as his love,



Al - - le - lu - ia! who did once, up - on the cross, Al - - le -
Al - - le - lu - ia! who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - - le -
Al - - le - lu - ia! now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - - le -
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!
lu - ia! sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Al - - le - lu - ia!

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia**

THE 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 HYMN OF PRAISE: 205. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing (sung by all) *Gelobt sei Gott*



1. Good Chris-tians all, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph of our King!
5. To God the Fa-ther, God the Son, to God the Spi-rit, al-ways One,



To all the world glad news we bring: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
we sing for life in us be-gun: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant 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.**

THE CHILDREN'S HOMILY

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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118 (sung by the choir)

Isaac Watts / W. A. Mozart

This is the day the Lord hath made, He calls the hours his own; Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad, and praise surround the throne. Hosanna in the highest strains the church on earth can raise; The highest heavens, in which he reigns, shall give him nobler praise. The God of our salvation. Give thanks to God for he is good. Alleluia!

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

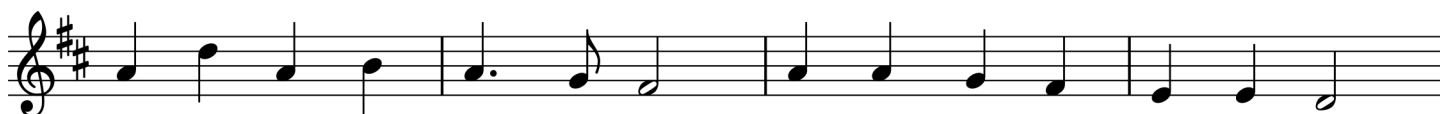
For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: 174. At the Lamb's high feast we sing (sung by all)

Salzburg



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2. Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3. Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
4. Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.



who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - èd side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

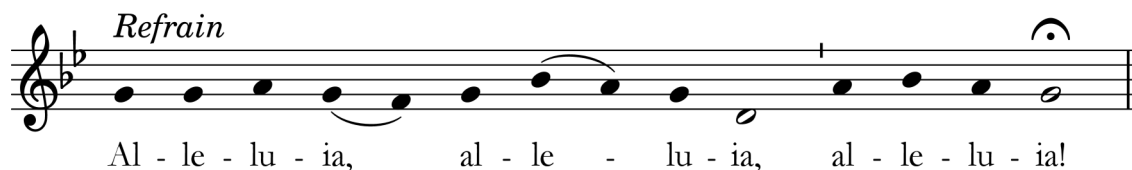


praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:



gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

The Alleluia refrain is sung first by the Choir and then by the People. After the appointed verse is sung by the Choir, the People repeat the refrain. After the reading of the Gospel, the refrain is sung once more.



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People (*sung*) **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Choir This is the day the Lord has made; we shall rejoice and be glad in it.

People (*sung*) **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

People (*spoken*) **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 (*spoken*) **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

People (*sung*) **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People

**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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the power of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For the whole bright earth, so lovingly created and so compassionately redeemed, that it may speak again of the glory and majesty of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all nations and peoples of the earth, to whom God shows no partiality, that all may be transformed by mercy to live together in hope, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the holy church, whose life is hidden with Christ in God, that in all its diversity witness may be made to one Lord, one faith, one baptism, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all in high places of authority, for whom Christ was put to death and was raised, that they may be led to govern with equity and justice, bringing life to those in the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have been baptized and given the garments of light, that they, with the whole church, may be witnesses to the gospel in daily life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all captives, prisoners, and those condemned to die, with whom the Holy One shares suffering and abandonment, that they may find strength, freedom, and forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who suffer in mind, body, or soul, for whom Christ is risen with healing in his glorious wings, that they may be comforted, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died and for all who grieve, that in Christ who triumphs over death they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all gathered in this assembly, that we, like Mary and Peter and John, may see the tomb empty, and joyfully believing, walk in newness of life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the risen presence of our Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and ourselves to Christ, to whom we give laud and praise now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PRAYER FOR THE RECTOR SEARCH

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING: Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem (sung by the choir) C. V. Stanford

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ, the Paschal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy. For Judah's Lion bursts His chains, crushing the serpent's head; and cries aloud through death's domains to wake th'imprison'd dead. Devouring depths of hell their prey at His command restore; His ransom'd hosts pursue their way where Jesus goes before. Triumphant in His glory now to Him all power is given; to Him in one communion bow all saints in earth and heaven. While we, His soldiers, praise our King, His mercy we implore, within His palace bright to bring and keep us evermore. All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son, all glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee, while endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.

THE HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (sung by all)

Christ ist erstanden



Christ the Lord is risen a-gain! Christ hath bro-ken ev-ery chain! Now through all the world it rings



that the Lamb in King of kings. Al - le - lu - ia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 (sung by all)

Franz Schubert, *Deutsche Messe*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are full, —
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes — in the name of the Lord. —
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 he 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Contemporary Version

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

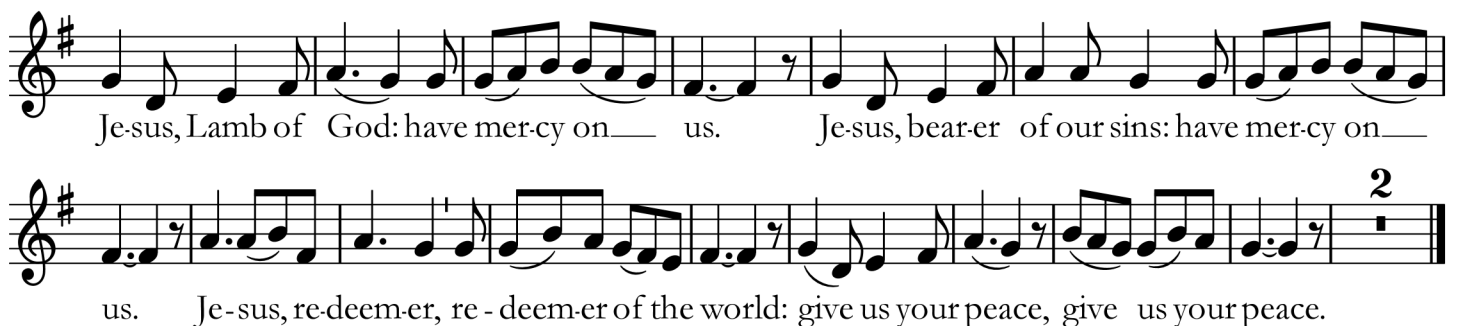
Celebrant and People

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM (sung by all)

Franz Schubert, *Deutsche Messe*



Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on— us. Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer-cy on—
us. Je-sus, re-deem-er, re - deem-er of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive the Eucharist in the Episcopal Church.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

This Joyful Eastertide (sung by the choir)


Vernon Hoyle

This joyful Eastertide, away with care and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow. *Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his threeday prison, our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen.* Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river: Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber, till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

Hymn 178. Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord (sung by all)

Alleluia No. 1

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Give praise to his Name.

Repeat Refrain

1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of cre - a - tion.
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ. Now we shall live — for ev - er.
4. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God, joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant

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.

People

Amen.

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 180. He is risen!

Unser Herrscher



1. He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with joy - ful voice:
2. Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and ra - diant brow!
3. Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri - um - phant day;
4. He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened hea - ven's gate:



he has burst his three days' pris - on; let the whole wide earth re - jice:
Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed; Je - sus' woes are o - ver now,
not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray,
we are free from sin's dark pris - on, ris - en to a ho - lier state;



death is con - quered, we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
and the pas - sion that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
break - ing o'er the pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
and a bright - er Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE VOLUNTARY: Festival Toccata

Percy Fletcher







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