

# EASTER DAY



4 April 2021

9:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.

*St. James Parish*

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II – 9:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Music for Brass

Hymn 207: “Jesus Christ is risen today”

*Easter Hymn*

*Due to Covid protocols, the hymns today will be sung by appointed singers in the choir loft; the congregation is invited to listen.*

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

## The Word of God

Easter Acclamation

BCP 355

*Celebrant* 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.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

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 Lessons

The First Reading: Acts 10:34–43

*Commentary*

*Jewish cultural norms would have kept Peter from sharing the gospel with a Gentile household until God used a powerful vision to overcome Peter’s prejudices (see Acts 10:9-16). In the home of Cornelius, a Roman centurion, Peter proclaimed that God deals with all people equally through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, whether Jew or Gentile. In his message, Peter stressed the universal benefit of Jesus’ ministry. Jesus’ death and resurrection mean life for everyone who comes to Him by faith.*

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 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1 – 11

*Commentary*

*It appears that many of the Corinthian Christians struggled to accept the fact that the resurrection of Jesus Christ was not only spiritual, but physical as well. Paul stressed three facts: Christ died for our sins, He was buried, confirming His death, and He was raised to life on the third day. Jesus' bodily resurrection was proof that God accepted His Son's death on the cross as the sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world. Paul also pointed out that the resurrected Christ was seen by many reputable witnesses before His ascension into heaven.*

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.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 208: "The strife is o'er, the battle done"

*Victory*

*Sung by appointed singers in the choir loft; the congregation is invited to listen.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The strife is o'er, the battle done,  
the victory of life is won;  
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,  
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:  
let shout of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!

*Alleluia, alleluia, 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 Sermon

The Reverend Michael Singer

The Nicene Creed

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

*The response to each petition:*

Risen Lord... **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Easter Collect.*

The Peace

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

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

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Anthem

*Puer nobis*

*Sung by appointed singers in the choir loft; the congregation is invited to listen.*

That Easter day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light,  
when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed; his wounded hands and feet he showed;  
those scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave.

O Jesus, King of gentleness, do thou thyself our hearts possess  
that we may give thee all our days the willing tribute of our praise.

O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide;  
from every weapon death can wield thine own redeemed for ever shield.

All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live;  
to God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.

*John of Damascus; tr. John Mason Neale*

### The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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**

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.**

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.**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Communion of the People

*(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)*

Music at Communion

*Sung by appointed singers in the choir loft; the congregation is invited to listen.*

Hymn 178: "Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord"

*Alleluia No. 1*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name*

*Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. Refrain*

*Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. Refrain*

*We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. Refrain*

*Come let us praise the Living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. Refrain*

Hymn 174: "At the Lamb's high feast we sing"

*Salzburg*

*At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,  
who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;  
praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,  
gives his body for the feast, Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest.*

*Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread;  
with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.*

Mighty victim from on high, hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;  
thou hast conquered in the fight, thou has brought us life and light:  
now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall:  
thou has opened paradise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.

Easter triumph, Easter joy, these alone do sin destroy.  
From sin's power do thou set free souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory, songs of praise, Father, unto thee we raise:  
risen Lord, all praise to thee with the Spirit ever be.

#### The Postcommunion Prayer

*Priest and People*

**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 your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### The Blessing

Hymn 210: "The day of resurrection!"

*Ellacombe*

*Sung by appointed singers in the choir loft; the congregation is invited to listen*

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 the song begin!  
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend  
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end

#### The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Postlude: Music for Brass



*The Reverend Cheryl Brainard, Celebrant*  
*The Reverend Michael Singer, Preacher*

*Musicians*

*Members of the St. James Choir*  
*John Sullivan, Organist and Choirmaster*

*Brass*

*Barry Bauguess, Trumpet*  
*Pat Dougherty, Trumpet*  
*Mark Whitfield, Trombone*  
*Matt Driscoll, Trombone*

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