

Welcome to

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

*Committed to living a faith journey that is
sacred, intentional, compassionate and inclusive*



**The Sunday of the Resurrection
Easter Day**

March 31, 2024 ☩ 9:30 am

Welcome to the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist!

This bulletin will guide you through the liturgy (worship service). The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and The Hymnal 1982 are used throughout this service.

We are a school for transformation, as we seek to become a more diverse community of people, a kaleidoscope of different life styles, ages, ethnic and religious backgrounds, sexual orientations, financial circumstances and more. We invite all who seek God and wish to explore being part of a Christian congregation to our table and into our fellowship. We welcome those seeking a safe place for the expression of personal spiritual practices, ideas, politics, questions, doubts -- and faith. We also confess that as a community we are not perfected in love. However we seek to become more fully loving and to accept all who wish to join this journey.

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Those Who Serve Today

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Besty McElroy (B)

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Tom Hampson (B)

Choir Director: Steven Weikle

Pianist/Organist: Rebecca Nelson

MC (Minister of Ceremonies): Margaret Meyers (C)

Thurifer: Beth Elwood

Lectors: Bob Gorzyca & Christina Soria

Camera Acolyte: Fran Bott (GF)

Crucifer: Margaret Meyers (C)

Ushers: Debby Weberski & Kelly Olds

Sound: Dick Williams

Altar Guild: Bunmi Olowoyeye & Stuart Krengel

Vestry Open/Close (Announcements): Margaret Meyers/Christina Soria

Designer Guild: All

Nursery Care: None until further notice

Sunday School: Ruth Diekman/Janie Williams/Peggy Moos

Coffee Hour:

Counters: Sharon Farnsworth &

The Rev. Betsy McElroy, Rector

Worship: Sundays 9:30 a.m.

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The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring

by J. S. Bach

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Entrance Hymn

(Stand as able.)

Hail thee, festival day!

Hymnal 175

(The following is said three times)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

BCP 355

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Gloria

Canticle 20

Hymnal S278

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.**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

All are seated.

Bob Gorczyca

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. *(Isaiah 25:6-9)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

Bob Gorczyca

- 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.
- 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.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Christina Soria

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." (Acts 10:34-43)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Alleluia 1

Kristopher E. Lindquist

Refrain

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

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

Verse

Christ is ris - en, Christ is ris'n a - gain.

Christ is ris - en, Christ is ris'n a - gain. *Repeat Refrain*

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Refrain only sung twice: Choir first and the congregation joins in for the second time.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

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

People: **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. *(Mark 16:1-8)*

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Children's Sermon

The Rev. Betsy McElory

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP p. 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People **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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

There is no confession of sin today, for Christ has died and is now risen, setting us free from the power of sin and death. Thanks be to God!

Hymn

We know that Christ is raised

Hymnal 296

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Peace is exchanged.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem

Easter Festival

Michael Bryson

f (on cue)

Soar we now where Christ has led. — Al - le -

lu - ia! Fol - lowing our ex - alt ed Head. —

Al - le - lu - ia! Made like Him, like

Him we rise. Al - le - lu - ia!

Ours — the — cross, the grave, the skies. — *mf* Al - le -

lu - ia! (Congregation rest.)

The Doxology

Praise to God (vs. 3 only)

Hymnal 380

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D (Standing)

Hymnal S120

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

(Celebrant and People)

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S-128

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

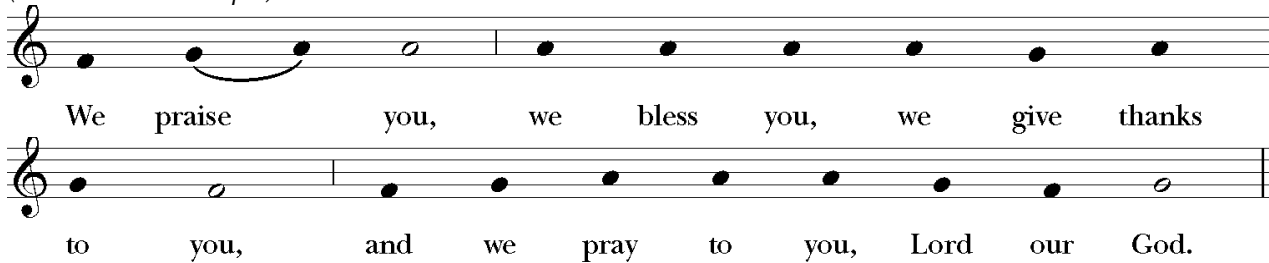
Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

(Celebrant and People)



We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks
to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember David, our Bishop, Betsy, our Priest, Tom, our Deacon and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember The McLord Family, The Canwell Family, The Cook Family, The Lobb Family, The Kuykendall Family, Charlene & Pete, Diane Burkett, The Wilson Family, Katie, Martha, The Friston Family, Pat Fehling, The Meyers Family. We give thanks for the birth of Soren and the baptism last night of Brand Huffman. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayers we remember ECCO.

In the world we remember the people of Baltimore, Sudan, Turkey, Syria and Ukraine and for peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with Abraham & Sarah, Isaac & Rebecca, Jacob & Leah, Mary & Martha, Mary Magdalene, John the Baptist, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

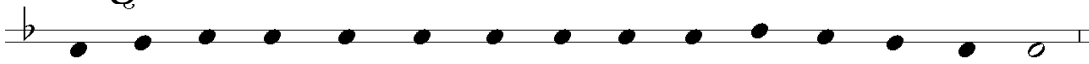
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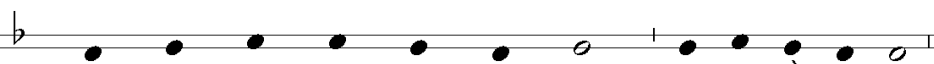
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Celebrant: And now as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: 
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People: 
There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please form two lines in the center aisle. There are two standing stations. Please come forward immediately to receive communion. Gluten free hosts are available. You may receive just the bread or the wine or both. We offer the chalice to drink from, but due to practical considerations, do not allow intinction (dipping) of the bread in the wine. Thank you for your understanding. Please place hands crossed over your heart if you wish to receive communion in one kind, or a blessing.

Communion Hymn

Alleluia 7

Taize

Light and lively ♩ = 116

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

Sending Eucharistic Visitors *All together*

In the name of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post communion Prayer *(Standing, Celebrant and People)*

BCP p. 365

Christ, you are risen from the dead.

We are risen with you.

May our life never deny

this eternal life,

this peace and hope and joy.

Praise and glory to the God of life

who is stronger than all kinds of death. Alleluia.

Christ, you are risen with the sun;

you are light in our darkness,

warmth in our cold.

You are peace and hope and joy,

for you went willingly to death.

You turned defeat and failure to victory for all.

You live eternally, and with you live the millions,

living and dead, who trust in you.

May we who in baptism die to sin,

rise again to new life

and find our true place in your living body.

May the new covenant sealed in your blood
through us bring healing and reconciliation
to this wounded world.

Alleluia. You are risen. We are risen with you.
Praise and glory to the living God.

Father,

we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands
the bread of life.

Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you and for each other;
through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

-New Zealand Prayer Book

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

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.**

Closing Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today

Hymnal 207

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Postlude

by Douglas Wagner

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All are welcome to stay for the reception

Easter Egg Hunt, Back lawn.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt for
elementary-school age children and younger
will be held on the west lawn after the service.

Meet by the West doors.

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2024 Easter Thanksgivings and Memorials

Mary Ellen Beckman, in memory of my beloved husband, Kenneth, and departed family members, and in thanksgiving for family, friends and for great grandchildren Anna, John, Henry, Samuel Thomas, Ruth Mary and Oliver

Fran Bott, in memory of my beautiful mother, Bonnie McCririe

Ruth Diekman, in loving memory of her husband Richard for his birthday April 16 and in memory of family members and friends

Julie & Brad Ellis and Family in loving memory of our grandparents and our loving Father Norman Lithco

Beth and Jim Elwood, in loving memory of our many loved ones and all of God's blessings

Sharon Farnsworth, in loving memory of her husband, George, and parents, Annie and Louie Hambrick, and sister Grace; and in thanksgiving for her family and friends

Patricia Fehling, in loving memory of her husband Don for his birthday on April 19. For her father and mother, Charles and Lenora Lambert; her brother, Charles Lambert, Jr.; and Charlotte Reiswig; and in thanksgiving for St. John's, friends and family

Elfonda Filomeo, in thanksgiving for all God's blessings and in memory of Donald, Brandon and Maybelle, and Laquita

Carol Bower Foote, in memory of Frank, Barbara, Al, Belle, Margaret, Ruth, Marian, Douglas, Doug and David

Candice and Lewis Gale, in thanksgiving for our children, Madeline Grace and Lewis Raymond

The George Family, in loving memory of Rose and Chester George

Kathy Girard, in thanksgiving for children and grandchildren and in memory of parents

Kathy Girard, in loving memory of her husband Pete and sister Marlene

Bob and Patsy Gorczyca in loving memory of parents, John and Stella Gorczyca & John and Kitten Tymkowych, & Harry Yeager

Tom Gundershaug in memory of my brother in law; Ken Steele and my sister Frances Gundershaug Steele

Tom Hampson, in memory of Lee and Margaret Hampson

Linda Harkins and Lisa Ayers, in memory of loving husband and wonderful dad, Jack Harkins, and loving grandpa and dad William Wiegner and special in-laws John & Anne Harkins and sister in law Carol Wright

Robert and Donna Hoffman, in loving memory of their daughter, Kimberly Ann Crespi, and granddaughters, Tessara and Samantha Crespi

Paula James, in memory of my parents, John and Angeline Zambon

Peter and Barbara Kregel, in memory of Richard and Carol Kregel and Joan Marian

Corky Kuykendall, in loving memory of my wonderful wife Karen, of our daughter Gia, our granddaughter Mandi and our parents Bill & Ruth and Paul & Thelma

John and Edyth Ledbetter, in thanksgiving for our children, Kimberly and Matt Bronson and Craig and Suzanne Ledbetter, and grandchildren Ethan, Austin and Chase. They help us understand unconditional love

Patsy Lithco in memory of their parents Norval and Elizabeth Gundershaug and Robert and Elizabeth Lithco and Norman Lithco

Steve and Betsy McElroy, in memory of our grandparents and in thanksgiving for St. John's

Peggy Moos, in memory of parents and grandparents and thanksgiving for family

John Nieman, in loving memory of my wife Fran Nieman, always in my heart!

Kelly & Karen Olds, in memory of Karen's parents, Cliff & Louise and Kelly's parents, Clarke & Zona

Jim and Anne Reeve, in loving memory of John Reeve, Roger and Marian Reeve, and George Webster and Ellen Webster

Verna Reinhardt, in memory of my mother Olive Furry (White)

Paula Saubolle, in memory of her father, Louis Bachmann, The Reverend Roger R. Jones and Gordon Lockhart

Margaret Stovall, in loving memory of my father, Warren Wass

Hennie Van Konynenburg, in memory of Frank & Christina Van Konynenburg and Richard Van Konynenburg

Joel & Nancy Walker, in memory of Barbara & Keith Ledbetter and Opal & Art Walker

The Wied and Schmitt Families, in loving memory of Douglas and Christine Wied

Dick & Janie Williams, in memory of L.F. Jerry Christesen's birthday on March 28 and In Memory of Maxine Christesen's birthday on May 28. Also, in thanksgiving for our children, Lindsey & Mitch Flores, Allison & Joe Dooley and granddaughters Mila and Hattie.

Penny, Hannah & Holly Wilson, in loving memory of Greg Wilson, devoted husband, strong and loving father, brother, son and friend. Also in memory of "Oz" Wilson, Carolyn Wilson and Randy Wilson

Penny Wilson in thanksgiving for our strong and beautiful daughters, Hannah & Holly

Walt and Barb Wolterstorff, in thanksgiving for life and bless all those in this difficult time. Thanks be to God

Roxy Woodard, in thanksgiving for God's many blessings

2024 Vestry Members

Margaret Meyers, Senior Warden

Kelly Olds, Junior Warden

Fran Bott, Clerk

Stacey Bagnasco

Beth Elwood

Bob Gorczyca

Charlene Martin

Christina Soria

Debby Weberski

Andee Zetterbaum