

Welcome to
**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

*Celebrating the life-changing love of Christ
through worship, teaching, and service.*



The Great Vigil of Easter

April 4, 2026 ☩ 7:00 p.m.

The Rev. Betsy McElroy, Rector

Worship: Sundays 9:30 a.m.

Church Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday

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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.

St. John's wishes to acknowledge and honor the Yokut and Miwok people[s] upon whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as the resilience and strength of all our indigenous siblings around the world.

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Those Who Serve Today

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

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Greg Masztal (B)

Choir Director: Steven Weikle

Pianist/Organist: Michael Tompkins

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Reeve (CW) & Beth Elwood (CJ)

Thurifer: Beth Elwood

Lectors: Robert Elliott, Diane Elliott, Rosemary Cress,
Andee Zetterbaum, Carol Foote & Charlene Martin

Camera Acolyte: Holly Wilson (GF)

Crucifer: Charlene Martin (CW)

Ushers: Andee Zetterbaum & Debby Weberski

Sound: Steve Augusto

Altar Guild: Anne Reeve & Alethea Langone

Vestry Open/Close (Announcements): Debby Weberski /TBA

Designer Guild: All

Nursery Care: None

Sunday School: None

Festive Reception: Steve McElroy

Please join us for a festive reception following this service.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning--he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the staff. The first part, labeled 'Deacon', consists of a half note on G4, followed by a quarter note on F4, a quarter note on E4, a quarter note on D4, and a quarter note on C4. The second part, labeled 'People', consists of a half note on G4, a quarter note on F4, a quarter note on E4, and a quarter note on D4. The lyrics are: ... for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Presider says,

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, and the promises of God's continual transformation of our lives.

All are now seated.

THE PASSOVER OF ISRAEL

Lesson I

The Story of Creation - Robert Elliott

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

After reading,

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: Thanks be to God.

Standing

Hymn

I sing the almighty power of God

Hymnal 398

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good - ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

The Collect

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lesson II The Flood

Genesis 7:1-5,11-18,8:6-18,9:8-13

After reading,

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46

Rosemary Cress

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the
depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

Standing

The Collect

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lesson III Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea Exodus 14:10-31;15:20-21

After reading,

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 8 The Song of Moses Sung by Choir

Hymnal S208

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *

the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; * the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, * the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; * Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *

the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *

they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *

your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *

who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; * the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *

with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them * on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *

the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign * for ever and for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

Standing

The Collect

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lesson IV Salvation Offered Freely to All**Isaiah 55:1-11***After reading,***Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.**People:** Thanks be to God.*Standing***Hymn***There's a wideness in God's mercy*

Hymnal 469



1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure



of the sea; there's a kind - ness in his jus -
 up in heaven; there is no place where earth's fail -
 of the mind; and the heart of the E - ter -



tice, which is more than lib - er - ty. There is wel - come
 ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given. There is plen - ti -
 nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were



for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good; there is mer - cy
 ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for
 but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word; and our life would



with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
 be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

*Interlude/Conclusion***The Collect**Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lesson V The Valley of Dry Bones

After reading,

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 143

Carol Foote

- 1 Lord, hear my prayer,
and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; *
answer me in your righteousness.
- 2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, *
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.
- 3 For my enemy has sought my life;
he has crushed me to the ground; *
he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.
- 4 My spirit faints within me; *
my heart within me is desolate.
- 5 I remember the time past;
I muse upon all your deeds; *
I consider the works of your hands.
- 6 I spread out my hands to you; *
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.
- 7 O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; *
do not hide your face from me
or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.
- 8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,
for I put my trust in you; *
show me the road that I must walk,
for I lift up my soul to you.
- 9 Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, *
for I flee to you for refuge.
- 10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; *
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
- 11 Revive me, O Lord, for your Name's sake; *
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.
- 12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies
and bring all my foes to naught, *
for truly I am your servant.

The Collect *Standing*

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Seated

Charlene Martin

Lesson VI The Gathering of God's People

Zephaniah 3:14-20

After reading,

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn *Standing*

How firm a foundation

Hymnal 637

Descant

5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

5 soul, _____ to shake, no,

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

The Collect

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Procession

Following the Altar party the people process to the South door of the church

Celebrant: Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic church.

The Baptismal Covenant

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.**

THE PASSOVER OF CHRIST

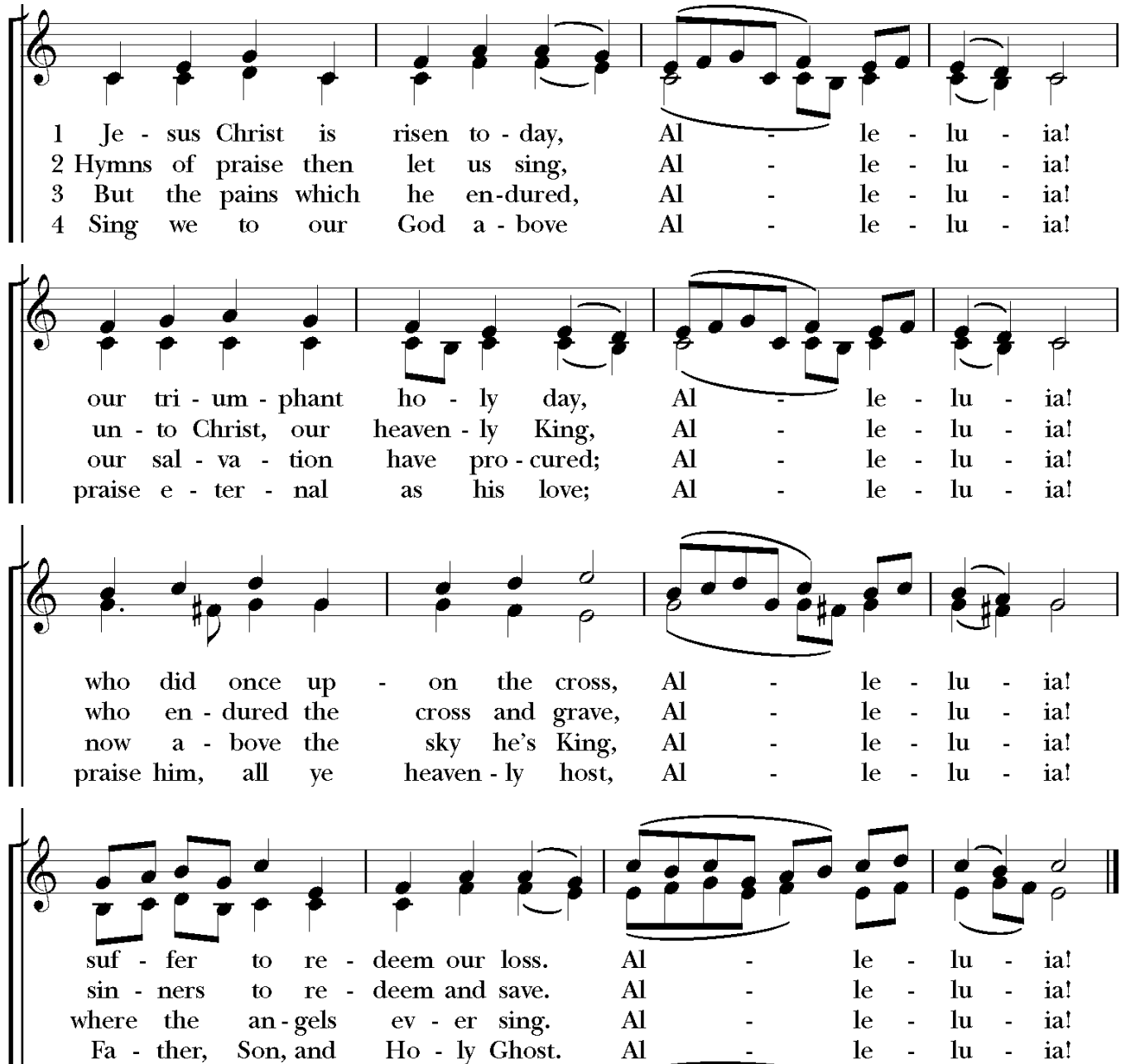
Betsy asperges people as entering.

People process into pews after the choir. Altar party follows. Candles may be extinguished.

Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today

Hymnal 207



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

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

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

The Presider says the following three times,

Presider: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Gloria in Excelsis

Hymnal S278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
God the Fa-ther. A - men.

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Seated

A Reading from the Book of Romans

Robert Elliott

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. (*Romans 6:3-11*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia may be sung and repeated.

Psalm 114

Carol Foote

- 1 Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Sequence Hymn

Christians, to the Paschal victim

Hymnal 183

All

1. Chris-tians, to the Pas - chal vic - tim of - fer your thank - ful prais - es!

Men

2. A lamb the sheep re - deem - eth: Christ, who on - ly is sin - less,

rec - on - cil - eth sin - ners to the Fa - ther.

Trebles

3. Death and life have con - tend - ed in that com - bat stu - pen - dous:

the Prince of life, who died, reigns im - mor - tal.

Men

4. Speak, Ma - ry, de - clar - ing what thou saw - est, way - far - ing:

Trebles

5. "The tomb of Christ, who is liv - ing, the glo - ry of

Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion; 6. bright an - gels at - test - ing,

the shroud and nap - kin rest - ing. 7. Yea, Christ my hope is a -
ris - en; to Gal - i - lee he will go be - fore you.”
All
8. Christ in - deed from death is ris - en, our new life ob - tain - ing,
have mer - cy, vic - tor King, ev - er reign - ing!
A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." (*Matthew 28:1-10*)

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Betsy McElroy

(Celebrant and People)

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

WLP 858



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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)

Hymnal S 140

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.

The Deacon Continues,

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

Remember all those on St. John's prayer list, especially... Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, especially..., and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

In the world we remember all living creatures who have been impacted by natural disasters. We pray for those truck down by war, violence, hate and those in harm's way due to civil unrest.

The Celebrant continues,

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.



The Lord's Prayer

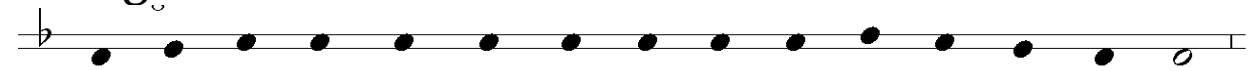
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Celebrant: And now as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Fraction Hymn

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

WLP 877

Choir/Cantor

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Refrain- All Sing

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Choir/Cantor

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

Refrain - All Sing

Choir/Cantor

One body are we, alleluia, though many we share one bread.

All Sing

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

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

Because He Lives

LEVAS 43

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus; He came to love,
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by, And feel the pride,
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er; I'll fight life's fi -

1. — heal, and for - give; _____ He lived and died _____ to buy my
 2. — and joy he gives; _____ But great - er still _____ the calm as -
 3. - nal war with pain; _____ And then as death _____ gives way to

1. par-don, — An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives. _____
 2. sur - ance, — This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives. _____
 3. vic - t'ry, — I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives. _____

Be - cause He lives _____ I can face to - mor - row; _____ Be - cause He lives _____

_____ all fear is gone; _____ Be - cause I know _____ He holds the

fu - ture, _____ And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives. _____

Alleluias VII

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

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Postcommunion Prayer *(standing, Celebrant and People)*

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

Good Christians, all, rejoice and sing

Hymnal 205



1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the



1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



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

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

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

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Please join us for the party!

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church
Potluck Coffee Hour
Children's Egg Hunt

Monday, April 6 - Office Closed

Tuesday, April 7 - Rev. Betsy - Day Off

2026 Easter Thanksgivings and Memorials

Carol Bassett, in loving memory of Stan and Mary Ann Maxson

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

Priscilla Brownfield, in memory of my husband Rosco and in thanksgiving for my wonderful family

Robert Davis and Rev. Richard Lundgren, in memory of Carol J. Lundgren, Norman Lundgren, and George & Louise Davis

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 honor of our St. John's community and family and friends no longer with us

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

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 Marston Lloyd Bloom

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

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

Annabelle Goodwin, in memory of Janet Lee Hughes-Rojas, Bob & Marilyn Blincoe and Judy Clifford

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

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

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

Peter and Barbara Krengel, in loving memory of Erik Krengel

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 Norman Lithco and their parents Norval and Elizabeth Gundershaug and Robert and Elizabeth Lithco

Ida Mae Lobb, in loving memory of husband Joe and children Kristi and Michael

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

Sheryl McLord & John McLord, in loving memory of Roger McLord

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

John Nieman, in loving memory of my wife Fran, 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 Kelly's brother, Randy, and sister, Connie

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

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

Ken & Barbara Warburton, in memory of Charles & Ethel Warburton and Harry & Reta Petersen

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

Dick & Janie Williams, in loving memory of her parents Max & Jerry Christesen and in thanksgiving for our children Lindsey & Mitch Flores, Allison & Joe Dooley and our granddaughters Mila, Hattie and Lainey

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

2026 Vestry Members

Beth Elwood, Senior Warden; Eric Goossens, Junior Warden
Rosemary Cress, David Diekman, Phyllis Duarte, Robert Elliott, Bob Gorczyca,
Katie Howard, Christina Soria & Dani Wilson

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