

Music notations in this program apply to the 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM services on Easter Day.

The 7:45 AM service is a spoken service with no musical accompaniment.

*A word to the children in the congregation today: Please listen for the word “Alleluia,”
and shake your “Alleluia shakers” every time you hear it!*



The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Music by George J. Helvey/Arranged by Wayne Fritchie
Jubilation Wind Ensemble

All stand as able at the ringing of the bell.

Processional Hymn

#207, The Hymnal 1982

Jesus Christ is risen today

Music: Latin, 14th cent
Words: Easter Hymn

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| <p>1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!</p> <p>2 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!</p> | <p>3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!</p> <p>4 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!</p> |
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Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant Let us pray. 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.

Handbell Anthem

Christ the Lord is risen, Alleluia!

Arranged by Mitchell Eithun
Bells of St. John's

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 25:6-9

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Appointed (read responsively by whole verse)

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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.

The Second Lesson: A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 15:11

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.

Please stand as able for

The Sequence Hymn

**#205, The Hymnal 1982
vss. 1—3**

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Words: Cyril A. Alington
Music: Gelobt sei Gott

The Holy Gospel

1 Good Christians all,
rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world
glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The Lord of life is risen today!
Sing songs of praise
along his way;
let all the earth rejoice
and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life
which cannot die,
and sing with hearts
uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

Mark 16:1-8

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sequence Hymn continued

vss. 4 & 5

4 Your Name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today
with one accord
the life laid down,
the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 To God the Father, God the Son,
to God the Spirit,
always One,
we sing for life
in us begun:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Please be seated as Mother Sarah calls the children forward.

A Children's Sermon

The Rev. Sarah Phelps, Rector

All remain seated for a moment of silence following the sermon.

Please stand as able for

The Prayers of the People

Leader Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered us from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ; let us lift our voices and pray, Risen Lord,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us give thanks to God for a multitude of blessings:
For our lives and for those whom we love;
For the beauty of this earthly home God has created;
For our families and our friendships;
Let us give thanks to the God of Life. Risen Lord,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us pray for the Church, that we may joyfully participate in the redemptive works of God: For our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our bishops in the Diocese of North Carolina, Sam and Jennifer; for our clergy at St. John's — Sarah, Mawethu, Lorraine, Jim, and Kristin. For all who love and serve one another, and serve the world through the Church. For all who gather here in worship and prayer. Risen Lord,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us pray for the newly baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith. Risen Lord,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world; and all who live amidst war or the aftermath of war, especially the people of Ukraine, Israel, the Palestinian people, and the people of Sudan, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, and that justice and peace may prevail. Risen Lord,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us pray for the dying, for those who are ill, and all those who suffer, especially, **Mary, Elizabeth, Kate, Katharine, Kristen, Janet, Judy, Carmen, Will, Beth, Mark, Gabrielle, Edith, Judi, Anne, Mimi, Ina, Joan, and Michelle** . We pray that the hope born of Easter will give them peace, acceptance and renewal of life, and that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with You, the creator and redeemer of their life. Risen Lord,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray your blessing on all in our parish who will celebrate their birthdays this Easter week: Aubrey Shail, Liam Harrison, Roger Melvin, Harrison Stewart, and Valerie McCoy. May the year ahead be rich with the knowledge of your love for each of them. Risen Lord,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death...*(the congregation may add prayers, spoken or in silence)*. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. Risen Lord,

People Hear our Prayer.

Celebrant

Through the resurrection of your son, O God, you destroy the power of death and remove your people's shame. By the power of the Spirit, raise us from sin and seat us at the paschal feast that is celebrated for all eternity, that we may rejoice in the gift of salvation Jesus has won for us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please sanitize hands before and after touching common items like offering plates or shaking hands at the Peace.

Please be seated for

Welcome & Parish Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory The ushers will pass offertory plates among the congregation during the hymn. You also may give online at www.stjohnswf.org/give OR text "STJOHNSWF" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. Your giving supports our ministry here and in the wider community.

Please be seated for

The Offertory Anthem

Hallelujah Chorus from *The Messiah*

Music by Georg Fridrich Handel

Cantate

*Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah!
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord;
And of His Christ, And He shall reign for ever and ever.
King of kings! And Lord of Lords!
Hallelujah!*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 God 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....

....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:

The Sanctus (holy, holy, holy)

S-128 (front of hymnal)

Setting by William Mathias

**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.**

The People stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation ...

....Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine....

...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.

Fraction Hymn

setting by Gerald R. Near

S-155, Christ our Passover (front of hymnal)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Communion of the People (please sanitize your hands before coming forward)

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or to receive a blessing (instead of the bread and wine) the altar rail. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest to signal the clergy. If you need a gluten free wafer, please extend your hands with palms down to signal the clergy. If you need to be served in your seat, please inform an usher.

At this time, we will refrain from offering the common cup (drinking from a common chalice) and will offer the wine by intinction only (dipping the communion wafer in the cup of wine.) If you wish to receive the wine, please hold the wafer in your fingers as the chalice bearer comes to you and take care to dip only the wafer into the wine (and not your fingers.) If you are not comfortable receiving the wine this way, please know that receiving only the consecrated bread at Holy Communion (or the wine only) is still considered full Communion.

Communion Hymn
#175, The Hymnal 1982

Hail thee, festival day!

Words: Venantius Fortunatus
Music: Salve festa dies

Refrain:

**Hail thee, festival day! blest day
that art hallowed forever,
day whereon Christ arose, breaking the
kingdom of death.**

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| 1 Lo, the fair beauty of earth, from the death of
the winter arising!
Every good gift of the year now with its Master
returns: [Refrain] | 5 God the creator, the Lord, who rulest the earth
and the heavens,
guard us from harm without, cleanse us from
evil within: [Refrain] |
| 2 He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the
ruler of nature;
all things created on earth sing to the
glory of God: [Refrain] | 6 Jesus the health of the world, enlighten our
minds, thou Redeemer,
Son of the Father supreme, only-begotten
of God: [Refrain] |
| 3 Daily the loveliness grows, adorned with the
glory of blossom;
heaven her gates unbars, flinging her increase
of light: [Refrain] | 7 Spirit of life and of power, now flow in us,
fount of our being, light that dost lighten all,
life that in all dost abide: [Refrain] |
| 4 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art author
of life and creation.
Treading the pathway of death, life thou
bestowest on all: [Refrain] | 8 Praise to the Giver of good! Thou Love who
art author of concord,
pour out thy balm on our souls, order our ways
in thy peace: [Refrain] |

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray. (Please stand as able)

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.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion (for those joining worship remotely)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal Hymn

#473, The Hymnal 1982

Lift high the cross

Words: George W. Kitchin
Music: Crucifer

**Refrain: Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred Name.**

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

Refrain

1 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

Refrain

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory.

Refrain

2 Each new-born servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

Refrain

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Postlude

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Setting by Robert J. Powell

**Please join us in the churchyard at 10:45 AM
for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!**



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