



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day
April 5, 2026 — 7:45 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:15 AM

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! You can pick up your shakers at the table in the Narthex (church lobby) as you enter the Sanctuary. Please return them to the basket after service.

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Easter Proclamation
Arrangement by Stephen DeCesare
JUBILATION WIND ENSEMBLE



All stand as able at the ringing of the bell.

Processional Hymn

#207, The Hymnal 1982

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

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.

Please be seated.

Handbell Anthem

Classical Easter
Arrangement by Michael Helman
BELLS OF ST. JOHN'S

Please stand in body or spirit for

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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson: A reading from the Book of Acts

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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 the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand in body or spirit 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

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!

The Holy Gospel

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

John 20:1-18

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The sequence hymn continued.

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 Rev. Stephanie calls the children forward.

A Children's Sermon

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephanie Yancy, Interim Rector

The Rev. Mawethu Ncaca, Assoc. Rector

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

Please stand in body or spirit for

The Prayers of the People

Leader Risen Lord of new life, as those first disciples encountered the mystery of the empty tomb and began to hope in the Resurrection, so fill our empty places with your unconquerable love.
With grateful hearts,

People We thank you, O God.

Leader Risen Lord of new life, as you brought peace to your disciples in the upper room and ministered to the doubts of Thomas, so teach us to bring our whole selves to you, that we may grow daily into the fuller selves you call us to be. With grateful hearts,

People We thank you, O God.

Leader Risen Lord of new life, as we come to know you as the Bread of Life and recall the abundance of fish on the beach, help your Church to boldly be your daily presence in the world — feeding, healing, sheltering, and caring for your people everywhere. In this time of transition at St. John's, we ask your wisdom and blessing for our clergy and lay leadership, our wardens, vestry, staff, search committee, interim rector, and eventual new rector. With grateful hearts,

People We thank you, O God.

Leader Risen Lord of new life, you call us to live your great commandment to love one another as you have loved us, help our nation to admit and heal our wounds of race and inequality. Teach us to move from hatred to love, from prejudice to empathy, and from self-interest to generosity.
With grateful hearts,

People We thank you, O God.

Leader Risen Lord of new life, you seek to calm our troubled hearts and have promised to make your home with us. We ask for your healing presence with all those who are struggling in body, mind, or spirit, especially **Caroline, Marita, Wally, Dan**, and those we name to you now (*all may name those in need, either silently or aloud*). Bring your comfort and reassurance to them and all who suffer from chronic conditions. With grateful hearts,

People We thank you, O God.

Leader Risen Lord of new life, as we rejoice in your resurrection, we also rejoice with those who are celebrating birthdays this week; Sarah Crate, Fran Bastone, Bailey Shuriah, Mary Kate Sheil, Durward Matheny and Denise Munz. With grateful hearts,

People We thank you, O God.

Leader Risen Lord of new life, you are the eternal Alpha and Omega...the beginning and the end. We commend into your eternal care all who have died. May you bid them come to rest in your love and behold your glory. With grateful hearts,

People We thank you, O God.

Celebrant

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all of our concerns, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

A Blessing for Fr. Mawethu (*read together in unison by all*)

Eternal God, we thank you for the gift of Fr. Mawethu and the faithful ministry he has shared among us. We praise you for the wisdom, guidance, and love he has modeled for our congregation. As he leaves to minister elsewhere, we pray that you will hold him and his family securely in your hands. May they take with them hearts filled with your love and grace, knowing they have made a lasting impact. Guide Fr. Mawethu to his new call, and bless him that he may continue to be a blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated.

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.

The Offertory Anthem

He Is Not Here!

Text adaptation by Joel Nagy/Music by Russell Nagy

CANTATE

*'Twas at the break of day when women came with spices to annoint the Lord,
And walking to the tomb, said, "Who will move the mighty stone that bars the door?"
Then, behold, they found no stone; but a man was standing there instead,
Dazzling bright in raiment white, saying, "Jesus is not dead!*

*He is not here! He is risen! See, the tomb is empty where He lay.
He is not here! He is risen!" Jesus rose on Easter Day.*

*When John and Peter heard the strange account, they doubted that it could be true;
But running there to find the empty tomb, they suddenly believed it too.
In the place where Jesus lay sat the burial clothing of the dead.
Laid aside, like death denied, for He was no longer dead!*

*The tomb is empty, He is risen! Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia!
For Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!*

*And so we do proclaim on Easter Day that Jesus is not in the grave;
But risen from the dead, just as He said, in majesty and pow'r to reign.*

All stand in body or spirit for

The Doxology

#380, The Hymnal 1982 vs. 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

p 367 Book of Common Prayer 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.**

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

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. [Refrain]**

- 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]**
- 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]**
- 3 Daily the loveliness grows, adorned with the
glory of blossom;
heaven her gates unbars, flinging her increase
of light: **[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]**
- 5 God the creator, the Lord, who rulest the earth
and the heavens,
guard us from harm without, cleanse us from
evil within: **[Refrain]**
- 6 Jesus the health of the world, enlighten our
minds, thou Redeemer,
Son of the Father supreme, only-begotten
of God: **[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]**
- 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]**

All stand in body or spirit for

The Postcommunion Prayer

p. 366 Book of Common Prayer Book

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

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

#208, The Hymnal 1982

Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done

Words: Latin, 1695;
tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt.
Music: Victory

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

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

3 The three sad days are quickly sped,
he rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!

4 He closed the yawning gates of hell,
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!
Alleluia!

5 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 Dismissal

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

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

Postlude **Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah*** Music by Georg Friedrich Handel/Setting by Diane Bish



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