

Families with young children

Interactive worship bags for children are available in the Narthex (church lobby). Nursery care, age 5 and under, is also offered in the Parish Hall, with drop-off between 9:00 and 9:45 AM. Please ask an usher if you need directions.

9:25 AM — At the ringing of the bell, please prepare for worship in silence.

Prelude

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Setting by J. Wayne Kerr

9:30 AM — All stand as able at the ringing of the bell to begin worship.

Processional Hymn (9:30 AM)
#182, The Hymnal 1982

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Words: Brian A. Wren
Music: Truro

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and conquer every place and time.
- 3 Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior with the Father reigns.
- 4 In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.
- 5 Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

Opening Acclamation

p. 355 Book of Common Prayer

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia.

Officiant

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.**

Gloria in excelsis

S-278, The Hymnal 1982 (spoken at 7:45 AM; sung at 9:30 AM)

Setting by William Mathias

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

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

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson: A reading from the Book of Acts

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16 (read responsively by whole verse)

p. 599, Book of Common Prayer

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

**2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.**

3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

**6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

**8 I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

**10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Second Lesson: A reading from the First Letter of Peter

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

- Refrain:** **Alleluia, alleluia!** 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 Give thanks to the risen Lord. Jesus has died and has risen. **[Refrain]**
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Give Praise to his Name.
- 1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
 He is the King of creation. **[Refrain]**
- 3 We have been crucified with Christ.
 Now we shall live for ever. **[Refrain]**

The Holy Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

John 20:19-31

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence hymn continued.

- 4 Come, let us praise the living God,
 joyfully sing to our Savior

Refrain: **Alleluia, alleluia!**
 Give thanks to the risen Lord.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Give Praise to his Name.

All are seated as invited by the preacher.

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephanie Yancy, Interim Rector

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

All stand in body or spirit for

The Nicene Creed

p. 358, Book of Common Prayer

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We
look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People (The Leader and People pray responsively)

Leader As members of Christ's Risen Body, let us pray to the Lord:

For the holy Church of God,

That it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Sam and Jennifer, our own Bishops, and for all the holy people of God,

That in faithful witness we may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith,

That they may receive the light of the Gospel.

For the peace of the world,

That a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples.

For a blessing on all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation,

That the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster.

For those in positions of public trust,

That they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.

For this congregation,

That we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended,

That we may stand reconciled before you.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially; **Caroline, Marita, Wally, Dan, Durward**, including those you would name here;

Silence

for our many blessings including those you would name here;

Silence

and for our families, friends, and neighbors,

They we may live in joy, peace, and health.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week; Fred Yost, Kate Walker, Tori Bennett, Tony Graber, Shannon Ponce, Mike Allen, and Al Giglio. (*You may speak additional names aloud or in silence*).

For all those who have died in the communion of your Church including those you would name here;

Silence

That, with all the saints,

they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. John and all the saints, we commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to you,

For you, O Christ, are the Way, and the Truth, and the Life.

Celebrant Let us say together the Prayer for Transition (*Composed by Lois Sauer, Licensed Lay Preacher*)

People Ever-present and Holy God, as you continue to invite new people into St. John's, we ask your ongoing guidance and blessing upon us, that we may always become more fully the people and congregation you would have us to be. Keep our hearts deeply grounded in your divine love, that we may grow in steadfast love and gentleness for one another. Inspire our leadership with wisdom and creativity to navigate the ongoing changes that lay before us. In this season of transition, we

particularly pray for our Sr. Warden Camille, vestry, staff, search committee, our Interim Rector, Rev. Stephanie, and our eventual new rector. Fill all of us with courage, kindness, and patience as we walk the Way of Love with one another and with the broader diverse community around us. All this we ask in the name of your son Jesus, who lives and reigns in each of us every day. Amen.

Celebrant

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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

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Offertory Anthem (9:30 AM)

Christ the Lord is risen again!

Text by Michael Weisse/Translation by Catherine Winkworth/Setting by Alan Smith

CANTATE

*Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken ev'ry chain!
Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high. Alleluia!*

*He who bore all pain and loss, comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry. Alleluia!*

*He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save;
Through the universe it rains that the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia!*

All stand in body or spirit for

The Doxology

(7:45 AM—spoken)

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

(9:30 AM—sung—Hymn 380 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.**

All stand in body or spirit for

The Great Thanksgiving

p. 361 Book of Common Prayer, Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus—holy, holy, holy (7:45 spoken, 9:30 sung)
S-128 (*front of hymnal*)

Setting by William Matthias

**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.**

Celebrant 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:

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

The Celebrant continues.

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.**

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

**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.**

All stand in body or spirit for

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

At 9:30 AM, sung

S-155 (front of Hymnal 1982), **Christ our Passover**

Setting by Gerald R. Near

At 7:45 AM, spoken

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

**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) at 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. 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 (9:30 AM)
#193, The Hymnal 1982

That Easter day with joy was bright

Words: Latin, 5th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940
Music: Puer nobis

- 1 That Easter day with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.
- 2 His risen flesh with radiance glowed;
his wounded hands and feet he showed;
those scars their solemn witness gave
that Christ was risen from the grave.
- 3 O Jesus, King of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess
that we may give thee all our days
the willing tribute of our praise.

- 4 O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide;
from every weapon death can wield
thine own redeemed for ever shield.
- 5 All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to thee, who, dead, again dost live;
to God the Father equal praise,
and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.

All stand in body or spirit for

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the People.

(9:30 AM) **All children here today are invited to join the clergy at the church door during the hymn.**
The children will help send us out with the words of Dismissal.

The Dismissal Hymn (9:30 AM)
#210, The Hymnal 1982

The day of resurrection!

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.);
tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)
Music: Ellacombe

- 1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.
- 2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;

- and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.
- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful,
let earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes together blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.

The Dismissal

Youth Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Christ is arisen!

Setting by Charles Callahan

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