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*The liturgy follows the Book of Common Prayer, beginning at page 355.*

## OPENING VOLUNTARIES

Canzona per Sonare No. 2  
Galliard Battaglia

Giovanni Gabrieli, arr. King  
Samuel Scheidt, arr. Jones

## THE ENTRANCE

AT THE PROCESSION, HYMN 207 “Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!”  
*Sung by all, standing.*

*Easter Hymn*

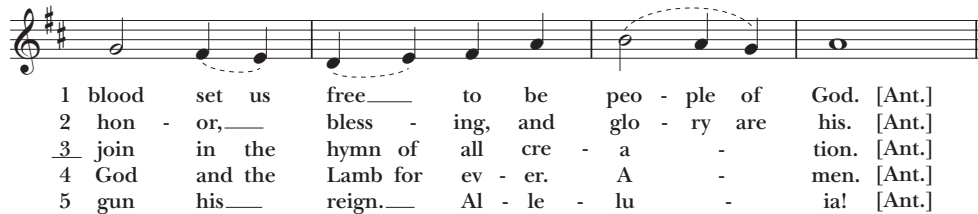
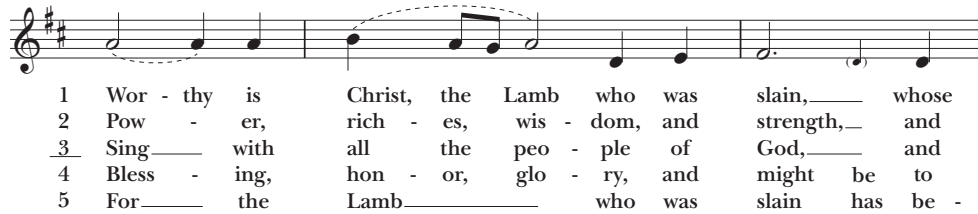
*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The Presider says the Collect for Purity*

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE, HYMN 417 “This is the feast of victory for our God”  
*Sung by all.*

*Festival Canticle*



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 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.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

THE LESSON *[The people are seated.]*

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."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino*

David Boulware-Kelley

*The cantor sings the refrain, which is then repeated by all. Thereafter, the cantor sings the verses, and all join on the refrain, as indicated.*



On this day the LORD has act-ed; we will re - joice and be glad in it. Hal - le - lu - jah.

- 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." *[Ref.]*
- 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!" *[Ref.]*
- 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." *[Ref.]*
- 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. [Ref.]

## THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4

Since 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

AT THE SEQUENCE, HYMN 205 "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!"  
*Sung by all, standing.*

*Gelobt sei Gott*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

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

**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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON The Rev. Jon Strand

*A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon. The people stand for the Creed.*

THE NICENE CREED [Said by all.]

**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**

### from Love (3)

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,  
Guilty of dust and sin.  
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack  
From my first entrance in,  
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning  
If I lacked anything.

"A guest," I answered, "worthy to be here":  
Love said, "You shall be he."  
"I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,  
I cannot look on thee."  
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,  
"Who made the eyes but I?"

"Truth, Lord; but I have marred them; let my shame  
Go where it doth deserve."  
"And know you not," says Love, "who bore the blame?"  
"My dear, then I will serve"  
"You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my [treat]."  
So I did sit and eat.

George Herbert

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.

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *[All remain standing.]*

*The leader of the Prayers will begin with prayers for the church and the world. Throughout you are invited to add your own petitions either silently or aloud.*

*Intercessor* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.

We pray for the Church: Father, enliven the church for its mission;

*People* **That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

*Intercessor* Breathe fresh life into your people;

*People* **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

*Intercessor* We pray for the world: Creator of all, lead us and all people into the ways of justice and peace;

*People* **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

*Intercessor* Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it;

*People* **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

*Intercessor* We pray for every city, community, and nation:

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others;

*People* **That all may act with integrity and courage.**

*Intercessor* Give grace to all whose lives are closely linked with ours.

We pray especially for the sick, the hungry, and those in any kind of need;

*People* **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all those whom we love but see no longer;

*People* **Grant them eternal rest and a place in your everlasting kingdom.**

*Particular prayers may be offered at this time, adding*

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

**THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.** *[The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated.]*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*The people remain seated while an offering is received to support Holy Comforter's work of sharing God's love with the world. Today you are invited to contribute to a Special Offering that will go to Holy Comforter's Outreach Ministries. Please use the green envelopes in the pews to designate your offering to Outreach Ministries.*

**AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM:** "This joyful Eastertide"

William H. Harris

This joyful Eastertide,

Away with sin and sorrow!

My Love, the Crucified,

Hath sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, that once was slain,

Ne'er burst His three-day prison,

Our faith had been in vain:

But now hath Christ a risen.

My flesh in hope shall rest,

And for a season slumber:

Till trump from east to west

Shall wake the dead in number.

Had Christ, that once was slain,

Ne'er burst His three-day prison,

Our faith had been in vain:

But now hath Christ a risen.

Death's flood hath lost his chill,

Since Jesus cross'd the river:

Lover of souls, from ill

My passing soul deliver.

Had Christ, that once was slain,

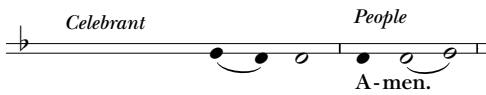
Ne'er burst His three-day prison,

Our faith had been in vain:

But now hath Christ a risen.



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.



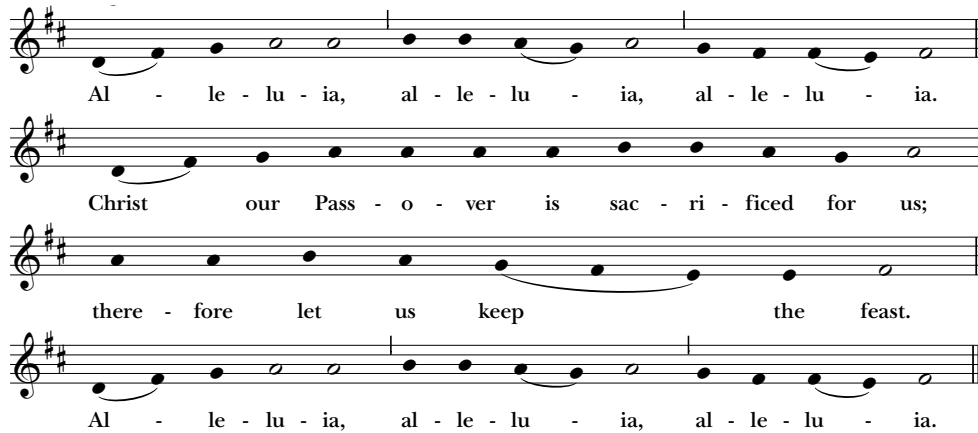
**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*People* **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, HYMNAL, S 154**

David Hurd

*Sung by all.*



**INVITATION** [*The People are seated.*]

*As Jesus welcomed all to his table, so do we at Holy Comforter. The bread and the wine are the central symbols of God’s presence and we invite you to share in the Eucharist in whatever way feels comfortable to you, regardless of age or tradition. We also offer gluten-free bread and unfermented grape juice as alternatives—just let the priest know. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms in front of your chest. The Holy Eucharist is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, a mutual indwelling of Christ in us and us in him. Come to the table and be joined into Christ’s ministry of love and reconciliation.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC** [*The hymns are sung by all.*]

BRASS: “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J. S. Bach, arr. Coletti  
 ANTHEM: “Rise up, my love, my fair one” Healey Willan

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear upon the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

HYMN 305 “Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest” Rosedale

HYMN 204 “Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain” Noël nouvelet

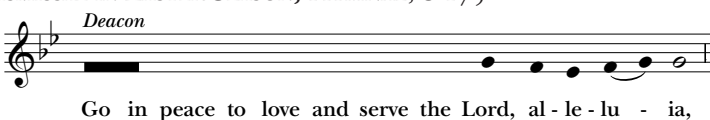
**THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER** [*Said by all.*]

**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 EASTER BLESSING**

**AT THE CLOSING, HYMN 194** “Jesus lives! thy terrors now” *St. Albinus*  
*Sung by all, standing.*

**DISMISSAL IN EASTER SEASON, HYMNAL, S 175**





al - le - lu - ia.



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: Toccata *from Symphonie No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor

## *Easter Flowers are given in Loving Memory*

Ben Sottile: Love and Faith Endure .....	<i>by Sue Sottile</i>
Katie and Victoria .....	<i>by Zara &amp; Dan Harris</i>
My mother, Elsa Henry Crocker, risen in glory this Easter.....	<i>by Maggie &amp; David Grove</i>
Alan, Richard, and David .....	<i>by their Sister</i>
Marlene Threlfall and Wini Kachauskas .....	<i>by Beverly Seacord</i>
Clyde Clark .....	<i>by Cathy, Kristin, &amp; Elizabeth</i>
Our parents: Sara, Nancy, and Jack .....	<i>by Sherryl &amp; Bob Dorch</i>
Cassis and Holley family members held in our hearts .....	<i>by Lorica &amp; Nicola Cassis</i>
Sam Mall .....	<i>by Rima Mall</i>
Kitty and Tom Sullivan .....	<i>by Liz Bleich</i>
Peggy and Frank Miller, and Jerry Miller.....	<i>by Peggy Miller</i>
Raymond, Virginia, and Cholly King.....	<i>by the Garrod Family</i>
Al Yost, John Yost, and Bette Fitzsimmons.....	<i>by Barbara &amp; Richard Fitzsimmons</i>
David Haslam .....	<i>by Anita &amp; Barry New</i>
John and Caroline Johnston, Em and Frank Reynolds, and Scott Reynolds.....	<i>by Stacey &amp; Kevin Reynolds</i>
.....	
Our parents .....	<i>by Karen &amp; Charles Graybeal</i>
Our siblings and parents .....	<i>by Shelia &amp; Jay Creswell</i>
Dolly Douglas, E. Scott Arnold, and our Sweet Evan,.....	<i>by Lisa &amp; Scott Arnold</i>
Our parents: Gwen and Joe Paulini and Shirley and Robert DeSanti .....	
.....	<i>by Kathy &amp; Joe Paulini</i>
Loved ones .....	<i>by Linda &amp; Gary Becht</i>
Beloved Mom, Dad, and Trentino .....	<i>by Katherine &amp; Bill Longhi</i>
Loved ones lost .....	<i>by Barbara Kiser</i>
Our parents .....	<i>by Helen &amp; John Mertz</i>
Joan Wood .....	<i>by David &amp; Richard Wood and Charlotte McClure</i>
Our parents .....	<i>by Anita &amp; Don Webster</i>
Our parents: Genevieve and Joe McElveen, and Lydia and Carl Young .....	
.....	<i>by Mary &amp; Jim McElveen</i>
Sue van der Veer – I'll miss you my friend!.....	<i>by Linda Khan</i>
Doyle John Borchers: his love of faith and others and the military .....	<i>by the Vinings</i>
Our parents Sydney and Gloria Albrittain and J. Edward and Judith Bright, the grandparents of our Sarah and Henry.....	<i>by Nancy &amp; Christopher Bright</i>
Nancy Anderson, Carolyn Strand, The Very Rev. Stephen Foote, and The Right Rev. Tom Shaw .....	
.....	<i>by Beth and Jon+ Strand</i>
Dallas Bethea .....	<i>by Gayle Bethea</i>

***Easter Flowers are given in Loving Memory***

Jeanne and Frank Crum .....by Kerry & Jason Crum  
Charles Bacigalupo, John Buhl, and Elizabeth Sullivan Buhl .....  
.....by the Bacigalupo Family  
Kathleen Kelley, Pamela Boulware, and Gary Boam .....  
.....by the Kelley, Boam and Boulware-Kelley Families  
Jim Mixter, James, Sr. and Phebe Mixter, Nathalie and Arnold Olena .....by Lolly Mixter

***Easter Flowers are given in Thanksgiving***

My children, grandchildren, siblings and dear friends .....by Lolly Mixter  
My many blessings .....by Peter Brownrigg  
Our Holy Comforter Clergy, Staff and Lay Volunteers .....by Grateful Parishioners  
Charles and Gail Garrod ..... by the Garrod Family  
God's many blessings .....by Joan Johnson  
The blessing of our grandchildren .....by Jill & Chuck Clopton  
Brooke and Shawn, and Brandon and Rebecca .....by Stacey & Kevin Reynolds  
Our girls Kaitlin and Emma, our mothers Patricia Moreno and Shirley Arnold, and our families  
and friends .....by Lisa & Scott Arnold  
Our children and their families, especially our grandchildren: CJ, Hazel, Wesley, Crew and  
baby Cal .....by Dawn & Rich McGruder  
St. Mary's Altar Guild .....by Margy & Jon Collom  
Family and friends .....by Barbara Kiser  
Family, friends, and good health .....by Helen & John Mertz  
Our children and grandchildren .....by Anita & Don Webster  
My daughters, Natasha and Samantha .....by Linda Khan  
For our family and our many blessing, and for those praying for peace .....by Judy & Carl Riedy  
Our friends, family and life's blessings ..... by Kerry & Jason Crum  
Our beloved family .....by Lisa & Dave Wood  
Our family .....by the Bacigalupo Family  
Continued healing for our dear friend Matt .....by Harriet & Casey Church

