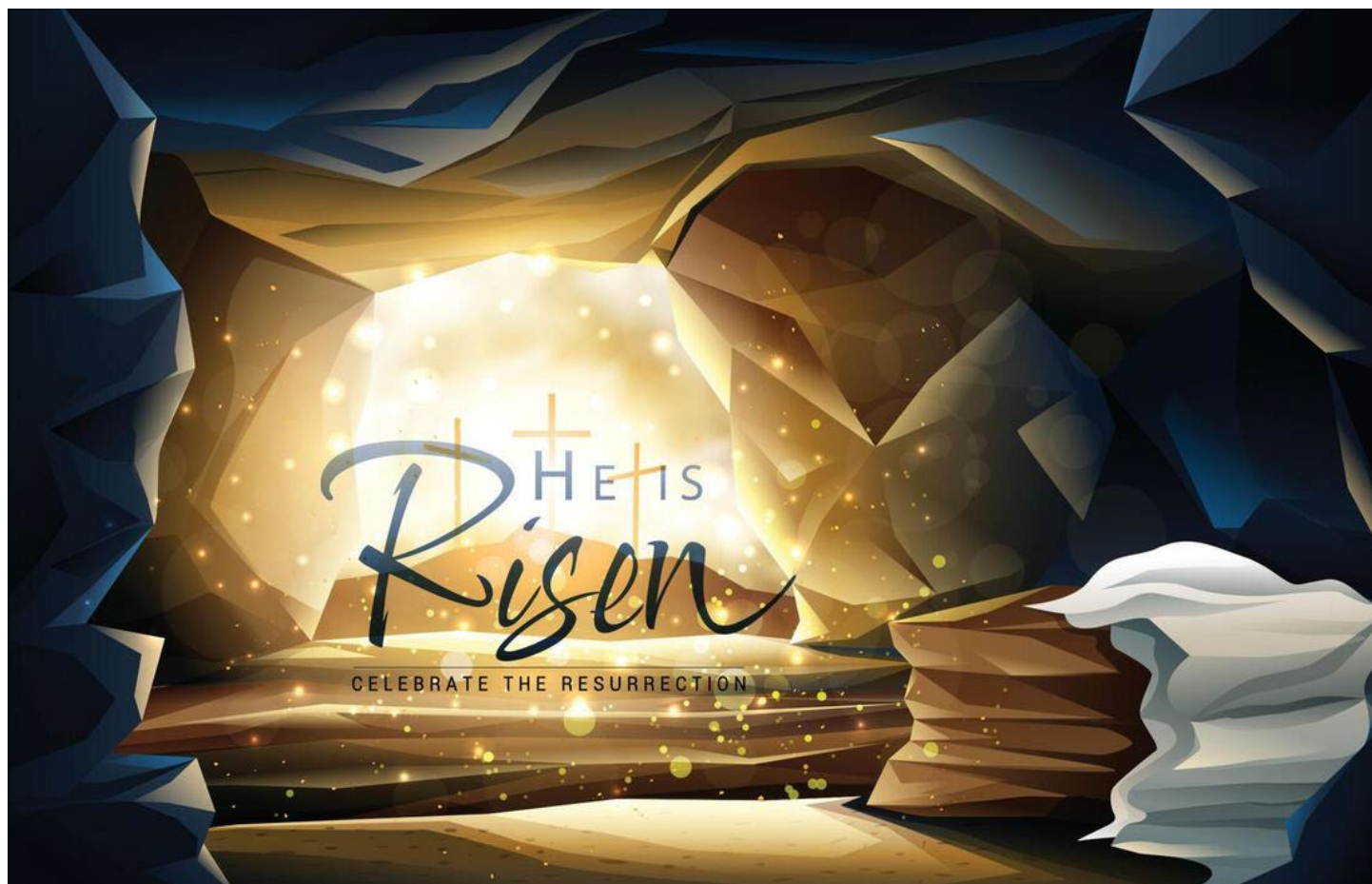


# SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Organized 1871

Celebrating 154 Years of ministry in Columbia, South Carolina

*The Mission of St. Luke's Episcopal Church is to Spread the Word  
and share the love of God with all people*



**ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day**  
**Festal Choral Eucharist, the Return of the Alleluia, & Asperges**

**Festal Holy Eucharist: Rite II**

**April 5, 2026**

**10:00AM**

**The Rev. Raphiell Ashford, Rector**  
**Mr. Ezra Blackwell, Interim Supply Organist**

# The Order of Procession

Thurifer & Boat Bearer

+

Crucifer

+

Torch Bearers

+

Alleluia Bearer

+

Banner Bearer

+

Crucifer 2

+

Choir

+

Lay Eucharistic Minister

+

Gospel Book Bearer / Subdeacon

+

Clergy Crucifer

+

Priest

## Vestry Theme for 2026

### Reset to the New Normal: The Work Continues

#### Mission Statement

The mission of St. Luke's Episcopal Church is to spread the Word and share the love of God with all.

#### Vision Statement

{To become} a vibrant self-sustaining institution that serves and respects the spiritual, social, and physical needs of our community and congregation, while preserving the history of the church.

**Quiet Please:** Please be mindful of others as you enter the church before the service. Upon entering the nave, there should be a period of quiet and reverence as many parishioners are in prayer and or meditation.

**OFFERINGS** can be made online

<https://onrealm.org/StLukesEpiscopa59532/Give>

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\*Use your phone to hold over the image

# SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



It is the parish custom to observe silence prior to the start of the Eucharist. Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God. Before the service, speak to the Lord, during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

We invite you to join us as an active participant in our worship of God. This bulletin is your guide to our worship. You will find three books in front of you that contain most of the material needed for this service. We will use *The Book of Common Prayer* [BCP], *The Hymnal 1982* [H], and *Lift Every Voice and Sing, II* [L]. [S] denotes service music which is found in the front of the hymnal.

**Prelude**

“Variation V on ‘Laast uns erfreuen’”

Denis Bédard

✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross

\*\*At the ringing of the bell, all stand.

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Introit L•41**

“Christ Has Arisen”

*Haya Tune*

*\*Sung by the Choir*

**The Hymn in Procession H•207**

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

*Easter Hymn*



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to-day, our tri - um-phant  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! un - to Christ, our  
3 But the pains which he en-dured, our sal - va - tion  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, praise e - ter - nal



ho - ly day, who did once up - on the cross,  
heaven-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia! who en-dured the cross and grave,  
have pro - cured. Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
as God's love. Praise our God, ye heaven-ly host,



suf - fer to redeem our loss.  
Al - le - lu - ia! sin - ners to redeem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an-gels ev - er sing.  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

# The Hymn in Procession

“Thine Is the Glory”

*Judas Maccabeus*

1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris-en, conquering Son; End-less is the  
2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, Ris-en from the tomb; Lov-ing - ly He  
3. No more we doubt Thee, Glo-rious Prince of life! Life is naught with-

vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet us, Scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness  
out Thee; Aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth;  
Through Thy death-less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain (last time only)*  
Where Thy bod - y lay.  
Death hath lost its sting.  
To Thy home a - bove. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-que- ring

Son; End - less is the vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won.

## The Easter Acclamation ✠ (repeated three times)

*Celebrant*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

*People*

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

## The Collect for Purity

Celebrant 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 S.278*

William Matthias

✠ “in the glory of God the Father ...

## **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The people sit.*

## **The Old Testament Lesson            Acts 10:34-43**

### **Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

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."

(Silence)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

*\*The antiphon is sung first by the Cantor and then by all. Thereafter where indicated.*



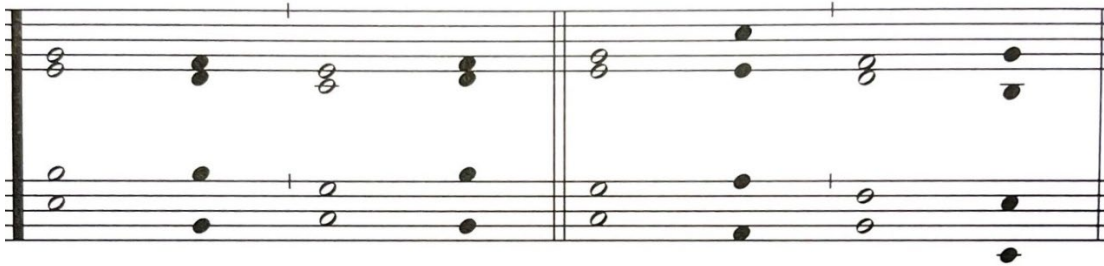
On this day the Lord has act - ed;



we will re-joice and be glad in it.

**A**

**B**



A 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

B 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever." [Antiphon]

A14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.

A15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:


B16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!" [Antiphon]

A17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the LORD.

B18 The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death. [Antiphon]

A19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

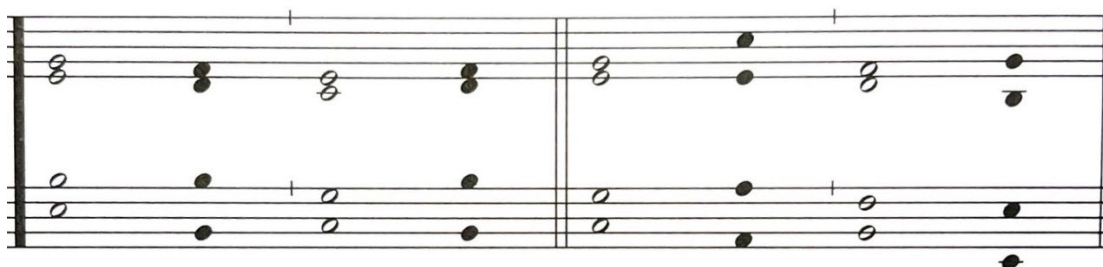
B20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter." [Antiphon]



On this day the Lord has act - ed;  
we will re-joice and be glad in it.

**A**

**B**



A21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.

A22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

B23 This is the LORD's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes. [Antiphon]

B24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it. [Antiphon]

## The Epistle

Colossians 3:1-4

Lector: A reading from Paul's Letter of Paul to the Colossians

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.

[Silence]

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## The Sequence Hymn H.210

“The Day of Resurrection”

*Ellacombe*

# The Gospel Acclamation

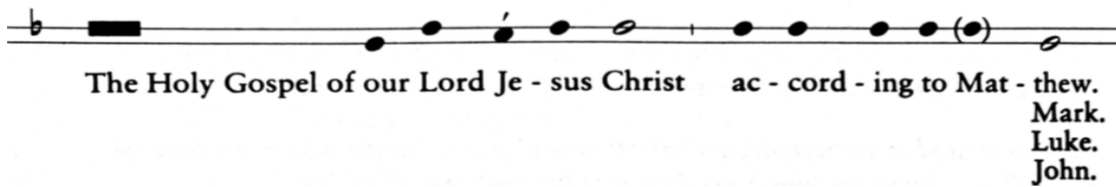
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Setting by Chaz Bowers



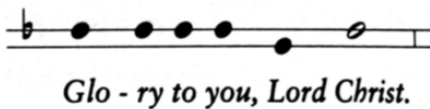
“Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed  
Let us then feast with joy in the Lord.” (I Cor. 5:7)

# The Holy Gospel

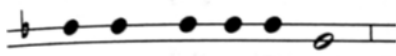
John 20:1-18



People



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 Gos - pel of the Lord.

People



*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Raphiell Ashford

**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

BCP 292

✠ “and the life everlasting.”

**The Asperges (Sprinkling Rite during Eastertide)**

(✠ when sprinkled with the Holy Water)

\*Sung by the Choir

**The Prayers of the People**

Form VI

BCP 392

✠ We pray for all who have died, ...

**The Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

**Announcements**

**Birthday & Anniversary Blessings**



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Anthem**

“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

James Chepponis

Refrain (Sung by all)



Christ is ris-en, tru-ly ris-en! Al - le-lu - ia.



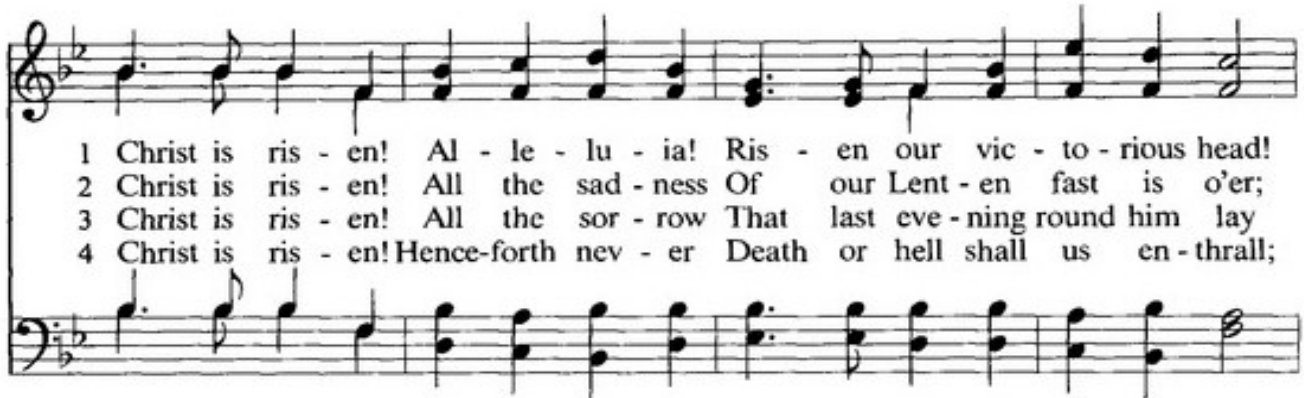
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# At the Presentation of Alms

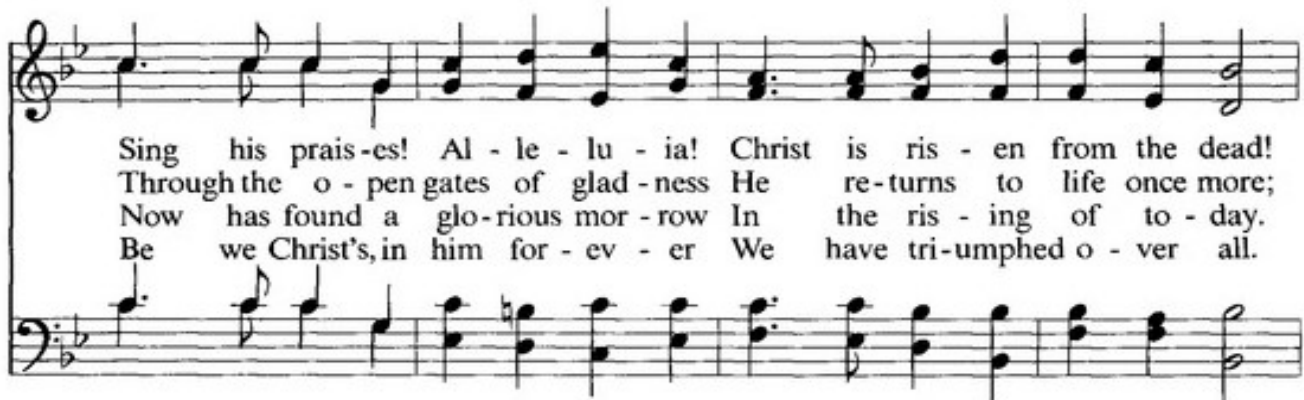
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“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

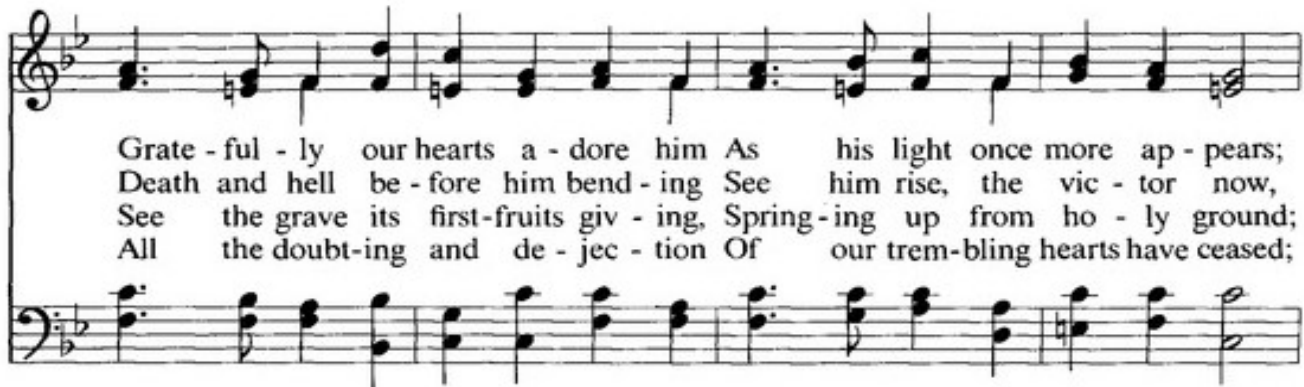
*Morganleid*



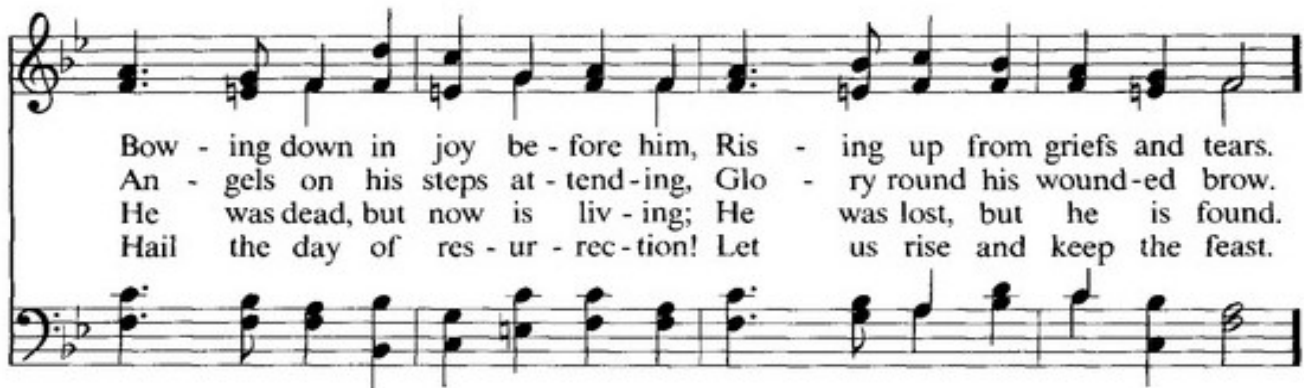
1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!  
2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness Of our Lent - en fast is o'er;  
3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row That last eve - ning round him lay  
4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er Death or hell shall us en - thrall;



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
Through the o - pen gates of glad - ness He re - turns to life once more;  
Now has found a glo - rious mor - row In the ris - ing of to - day.  
Be we Christ's, in him for - ev - er We have tri - umphed o - ver all.



Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him As his light once more ap - pears;  
Death and hell be - fore him bend - ing See him rise, the vic - tor now,  
See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, Spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;  
All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion Of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;



Bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, Ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
An - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, Glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.  
He was dead, but now is liv - ing; He was lost, but he is found.  
Hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

*Refrain*

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic -  
to - rious head! Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ is ris - en from the dead!

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer "D"**

BCP 372

*\*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

*Sursum corda*

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*\*The Celebrant proceeds*

# Sanctus et Benedictus

from *A Community Mass*; Proulx

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

✠ “Blessed is he ...”

*\*The people may stand or kneel.*

## The Prayer of Consecration

BCP 374

## The Memorial Acclamation

*Celebrant* ... we praise you and we bless you. *All* We  
praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to  
you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

*(At the invoking of the Holy Spirit)*

✠... may descend upon us...

## The Great Amen

\*The Priest sings the first "Amen."

AMEN

A - men, a - men, a - men.  
A - men, a - men, a - men.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody.

Music: *Jubilation Mass*, James Chepponis, © 1999, GIA Publications, Inc.

## The Lord's Prayer (*Pater Noster*)

\*The priest starts the *Pater Noster*

## The Breaking of the Bread

\*A period of brief silence is kept.

## The Fraction Anthem

"Christ Our Passover"

BCP 364

### *Agnus Dei*

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People Have mercy upon us

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People Have mercy upon us

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

People Grant us thy peace.

Priest ✠ "The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them I remembrance that  
Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving."

## The Music at Communion

H•305 "Come Risen Lord, and Deign to Be Our Guest"

*Rosedale*

H•178 "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord"

*Alleluia No. 1*

"AMEN"

Negro Spiritual  
arr. Jester Hairston

## The Post Communion Hymn L•42

"He Lives!"

Alfred Ackley

## The Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and 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 forever. *Amen.*

## The Four-fold Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

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.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## Hymn in Procession H.180

“He Is Risen”

*Unser Herrscher*

## The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## *Regina Coeli* (The Queen of Heaven)



V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.  
V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.  
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.  
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Postlude

“Finale from Sonata No.1, Op. 42”

Felix-Alexandre Guilmant

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\*It is the custom of this parish to remain seated in prayer and reflection during the Organ Postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

Today's Easter Fellowship is sponsored in Griffin Hall by the  
the Commission on Parish Fellowship

**SERVANTS FOR THE LORD**

**The Celebrant**

Fr. Raphiell Ashford+

**Sub Deacon**

Paulette Parker-Smith

**Liturgical Assistant**

Herman Hickman

**The Old Testament Lector**

Patricia Ancrum

**The Epistoler**

Patwin Lawrence

**Intercessor**

Amy Husmann

**Lay Eucharistic Minister**

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**Videographer**

Deadra Bowden

**Cantors**

Angela Blalock

Sean Buggs

**Alleluia Bearer**

Isabella Bracy

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**CHORISTERS**

Angela Blalock, Sean Buggs, Marie Martin,  
Anne Mozeleski, Malik Pickens, Kaiyah Robinson

## INTERCESSIONS



- **Parishioners:** Charles W. Blakely, Gary Bowden, John Bowden, Damion Cokley, Jackson Cokley, Patricia Cokley, Byron Eaddy, Gloria Eaddy, Eddie Glenn, Cynthia Goines, Robert Green, Yvonne Hall, Daryl Hammonds, Jr., Desmond Hammonds, Valencia Hammonds, Tarnez Hickman, Justin Hickmon, LaToya Hickmon, Levi Johnson, Sr., James McLemore, Marie Martin, Gwendolyn Meadows, Carmen Murray, Jay'ceon Quattlebaum, Malik Quattlebaum, Joseph Ray, Reginald Reed, Cassandra Sims, Peyton Parker-Smith, William Smith, Jr., Ronald Turner, Dorothy Walker
- **Family & Friends:** Ingrid Dowdell, Ernestine Grant, Gerald L. McNair, Elsie Mitchell, Katherine Robinson, Mattie Anderson-Roberson, Theodora Washington
- **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer...**Church of the Resurrection, Greenwood
- **Birthdays...**Kennedy Johnson (9<sup>th</sup>), Melani Goines (11<sup>th</sup>)
- **Anniversaries...**Rudolph & Corliss Wise
- **Births...**
- **Deaths...**
- **Traveling Mercies...**Rudolph & Corliss Wise

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SAFE CHURCH TRAINING...** All persons in leadership & volunteer positions in the Church must be certified in Safe Church Training. The online training is offered for free courtesy of the Diocese. An email will be sent to those persons who are in need of the training. Training must be completed by April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**ST. LUKE'S ENDOWMENT FUND...**Please consider giving a donation on your birthday and/or anniversary of \$1 per year. Donations to the Endowment Fund will help to secure the future of St. Luke's. Your donations are needed and appreciated.

**155<sup>th</sup> CHURCH ANNIVERSARY/ST LUKE'S DAY...**Our beloved parish will be 155 years old on May 21<sup>st</sup>. We will observe this anniversary on the Feast of Saint Luke Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Each parishioner is asked to give \$155 in celebration for the anniversary.

**MORNING PRAYER/ANTE COMMUNION SERVICE...** If you would like to learn how to lead these services or any of the other Daily Offices, please contact the Rector. Persons leading these services must be trained by their priest and licensed by the bishop. I would like to hold the training in Lent. **These services are not meant to replace the Holy Eucharist when a supply priest is available, per +Bishop Richards.**

**SERVANTS FOR THE LORD...**If you have a desire to serve in the Church in a certain capacity, please contact the Rector. If you are not sure what you calling is, contact the Rector for a one on one so that the two of you might discover your gifts and talents.

**PASTORAL CARE...**The Rector is always available for pastoral care, but you must inform him of your need if not known. This also includes requests for home blessings, anointing and confession.

**SECURITY....** Parishioners, in light of recent events in our nation and city, the importance of security cannot be taken lightly. Please consider giving a donation for Security so that we may be proactive ant not reactive.

**ST. LUKE'S CHORAL SCHOLARS & BLAKELY-ROBINSON MUSIC FUND...Your contributions are always appreciated and needed more than ever.** Contributions to these funds help to secure choristers & instrumentalists for our Sunday services as well as special services: funerals, weddings, etc. It is because of your continued generous contributions that we are able present glorious choral & instrumental music to the glory of God. Please consider contributing towards this fund

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## **SERMON NOTES/REFLECTIONS/QUESTIONS**



**AT EASTER**  
**EASTER LILIES**  
*given to the glory of God by*



**EASTER**  
**MEMORIALS &**  
**THANKSGIVINGS**

Ancrum, Patricia	
Ashford, Fr. Raphiell	In thanksgiving for Cynthia Parker Reed and Ronald & Beverly Turner, and my fraternity brother, Bro. Charles W. Blakely; In memory of my maternal grandparents, Willie C. & Mae Bradford McLemore Evans; my mother, Linda Evans Ashford; & in thanksgiving for the mentorship, friendship, & collegiality of Fr. James Fraser Lyon, IV.
Battiste, Luther & Judy	
Blakely, Charlisa	In memory of Charles E. Blakely (father), Edella Blakely (grandmother), and Tannie "Inez" Smith (aunt)
Carree, Renee	In honor of my mother, Helen Carree, and my father, Leroy Carree
Castelli, Christopher & Karen	
Caution-Parker, Cheryl	In memory of my parents, Fr. & Mrs. Gustave H. Caution, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Gustave H. Caution, Jr., & Ms. Margaret O. Caution McCullers
Cokley, Patricia	
Cooper, Noble & Traci	In memory of my mother, Carole Cooper, & our aunt, Vivian Washington
Crumlin, Jr., Lindsey	In memory of my mother, Frazelia Corley Crumlin, & my aunt, Juanita Corley Hall
Eaddy, Gloria	In memory of Ernest & Ruth Dreher
Evans, Lila (Chris)	In memory of her mother, Nell T. Roberts and her brother, Kyle.
Fields, Edwina	
Fuller, Bernard & Stephanie	In memory of Helen L. Mitchell (grandmother), & Helen Mitchell Grogan (mother)
Green, Leon & Annie	
Griffin, Russell	In memory of my parents, Fr. Calvin & Regina Griffin
Grogan, George & Dawson, Jay	In memory of Helen L. Mitchell (grandmother), & Helen Mitchell Grogan (mother)
Hall, Yvonne	In loving memory of my mother, Juanita Corley-Hall, and my aunt, Frazelia Corley-Crumlin, and my grandparents, Paul and Lillian Corley

Hickman, DeNell	In memory of my parents, Johnnie & Jearline James, sister, Evelyn Brown, and son, Johnnie Hickman.
Hickman, Herman	
Hicks, Shauna	
Holmes, Darnell & Maxima	In memory of our mothers, Lorna Russell McDonald (Maxima), and Mary Johnson Holmes (Darnell)
Hurley, Brian, Kelly, & Michelle (Hurley) Johnson	In loving memory of Alice & Anthony Hurley
Indriago, Cynallyhia	In loving memory of Mr. Marion & Mrs. Geneva Roberts & in loving memory of the Roberts' Family
Indriago, Jean Roberts	In loving memory of Mr. Marion & Mrs. Geneva Roberts & in loving memory of the Roberts' Family
James, Johnny	In memory of my parents, Ms. Carolyn J. Lawson, Ms. Florence James Bell, and Mr. David F. James
Johnson, Levi Sr. & Loretta	
Johnson, Veda	In loving memory of my parents, Mr. & Mrs. Cantey Weston (Daddy-Blue & Mama Sug)
Jones, Cheryl Tate Taylor	In memory of my mother, Arabella Goodwin Tate
Kelley, James, Anthony & Family	In loving memory of Mrs. Annie P. Kelley
Major, Robin Washington	In loving memory of Frank & Vivian Washington, & Booker & Mable Wingard
McMillan, Tommye	In loving memory of my parents, Thomas & Willa Martin; sister, Willa Martin Bailey, & brother, Gerald Martin.
Meadows, Gwendolyn	In thanksgiving for my sister, Julia
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Muhammad, Nadia	In memory of my great-grandmother, Dr. Matilda A. Evans
Point, Frankie	
Ray, Beverly	
Reed, Cynthia Parker	In memory of Fr. Darryl F. James
Richardson, Malqueen, Jason, & James, III	In memory of loved ones: Inez E. Richardson & James W. Richardson, Jr.
Robinson, Janice Murphy	
Sims, Cassandra	In memory of my mother, Mildred S. Murray
Smith, Audrey	
Spann, Gwendolyn	In memory of my parents, Mr. & Mrs. George N. Simmons, and my brothers, Nathaniel P. & Raymond B. Simmons
Williams, Vickie	
Wilson, Stacey, Van, & Gordon	In memory of Tannie Blakely Smith

If your name was omitted in error, please contact Corliss Wise, DeNell Hickman, or the Parish Office.

## APRIL 2026 CALENDAR OF SERVICES/MEETINGS/EVENTS

APRIL	SERVICE/MEETING/EVENT	TIME & PLACE
1 <sup>st</sup> (Wednesday)	<b>Holy Wednesday</b> The Stations of the Cross	4:45pm Nave
	Choir Rehearsal for Easter Day	6:00pm-7:30pm Nave
2 <sup>nd</sup> (Thursday)	Fresh Start Ministry Closed for Holy Week	
	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> The Holy Eucharist: Rite I w/the Institution of the Lord's Supper, the Ceremony of Foot-Washing, the Procession to the Altar of Repose, and the Stripping of the Altar	6:30pm Nave
3 <sup>rd</sup> (Friday)	<b>The Good Friday Liturgy</b> w/Communion from the Reserved Sacrament	6:30pm Nave
4 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Holy Saturday Morning Prayer	9:30am Nave
	The Flowering of the Cross	11:00am
	Memorial Garden (?)	
	Altar Guild prepares the Church for Easter Day	
5 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day The Holy Eucharist: Rite II w/Asperges, the renewal of Baptismal Vows, and the return of the Alleluia	Nave 10:00am
6 <sup>th</sup> (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	Rector's Vacation Week
	Confirmation Class	5:30pm Griffin Hall
7 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Rector meets with Wardens	5:30pm/Nave
	Rector off the rest of the week to recover from Holy Week & Services	
8 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)	Adult Formation w/Morning Prayer Rite II Officiant: Corliss Wise Presenter: The Rev. Leroy Cannon	10:30am Griffin Hall
9 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)	Fresh Start Ministry	9:00am-12noon The O'Neal Center
10 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	Rector's Spiritual Day Sermon Prep, Spiritual Direction, etc	

11 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday Feeding	12:00pm-1:00pm Griffin Hall; distributed @ the door
12 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	The Second Sunday of Easter (Thomas Sunday) The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave
13 <sup>th</sup> (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
14 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Archives Committee	10:30am Archives Room
	Finance Committee	3:00pm Finance Room
15 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm Chancel
16 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)	Fresh Start Ministry	9:00am-12noon The O'Neal Center
17 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	Rector's Spiritual Day Sermon Prep, Spiritual Direction etc	
18 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	National Pan Hellenic Council @ Columbia, South Carolina SC AMEN education session Prostate Cancer Screening Program for African American men ages 40-69	10:00am-12:00noon Griffin Hall  *See Newsletter for registration info
	Daughters of the King (DOK)	3:00pm Griffin Hall
19 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	The Third Sunday of Easter The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave
20 <sup>th</sup> (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
21 <sup>st</sup> (Tuesday)	Vestry Meeting	6:00pm-7:15pm Griffin Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup> (Wednesday)	Quilters & Crafters	10:30am-1:00pm Griffin Hall
23 <sup>rd</sup> (Thursday)	Fresh Start Ministry	9:00am-12noon The O'Neal Center
	Bylaws Committee	
24 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	Rector's Spiritual Day Sermon Prep, Spiritual Direction etc	
25 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday Feeding	12:00pm-1:00pm Griffin Hall; distributed @ the door
26 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	The Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)	10:00am Nave

	The Holy Eucharist: Rite II w/ the Rite of Baptism (Rueben Troy Thompson) & Celebration of the 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday of Patricia Ancrum	11:30aam Griffin Hall
27 <sup>th</sup> (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
28 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Buildings & Grounds	5:30pm-6:30pm Griffin Hall
29 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)		
30 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)	Fresh Start Ministry	9:00am-12noon The O'Neal Center
	Endowment Committee	12:30pm-1:30pm

## LITURGY NOTES

**Easter**—The feast of Christ's resurrection. According to Bede, the word derives from the Anglo-Saxon spring goddess Eostre. Christians in England applied the word to the principal festival of the church year, both day and season. 1) Easter Day is the annual feast of the resurrection, the pascha or Christian Passover, and the eighth day of cosmic creation. Faith in Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday or third day following his crucifixion is at the heart of Christian belief. Easter sets the experience of springtime next to the ancient stories of deliverance and the proclamation of the risen Christ. In the west, Easter occurs on the first Sunday after the full moon on or after the vernal equinox. Easter always falls between Mar. 22 and Apr. 25 inclusive. Following Jewish custom, the feast begins at sunset on Easter Eve with the Great Vigil of Easter. The Eastern Orthodox Church celebrates Easter on the first Sunday after the Jewish pesach or Passover (which follows the spring full moon). Although the two dates sometimes coincide, the eastern date is often one or more weeks later. 2) Easter Season. See Great Fifty Days.

**The Great Fifty Days**—The feast of Easter is a season of fifty days, from Easter Eve through the Day of Pentecost. From early times the Greek word pentecost (fiftieth day) was used also for the whole Paschal season. During this season there is no fasting. The Council of Nicaea (325) directed that Christians are to pray standing. The word "alleluia" (praise the Lord) is said or sung repeatedly, which contrasts sharply with the season of Lent when the alleluia is omitted. The color of liturgical vestments and hangings is white or gold. The BCP notes that it is customary for the Paschal candle to burn at all services of the Easter season. The "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the dismissals and their responses during the Great Fifty Days. The traditional Christian Easter greeting (see Lk 24:34) serves as the opening acclamation at the Eucharist during the Easter season.

**Octave of Easter**—Celebration of a feast over an eight-day period, beginning with the feast day itself as the first day. The term is from Latin for “eighth.” The term may indicate the entire eight-day celebration or the eighth day of the celebration (also known as the octave day). Celebration of saints' days with octaves were numerous during the Middle Ages, but the observance of octaves is very limited in current liturgical practice. The term “octave” is not used in the Prayer Book. Proper collects and readings for the weekdays in Easter Week are provided by the Prayer Book. The celebration of Easter Week may be likened to the observance of an octave.

**Paschal Candle**—A large candle that symbolizes the risen Christ. It is often decorated with a cross, symbols of the resurrection, the Greek letters Alpha and Omega, and the year. The term "Paschal" concerns Easter or Passover. At the Easter Vigil, the Paschal candle is lit from the new fire. It is carried by the deacon, who pauses three times and sings or says, "The light of Christ," and the people respond, "Thanks be to God." The Paschal candle is carried by the celebrant if there is no deacon. After it is carried to the chancel, its flame may be used to light candles held by members of the congregation. This symbolizes the spreading of the light of Christ into the congregation and the world. The Exsultet is sung or said after the Paschal candle is placed in its stand. It is customary for the Paschal candle to burn at all services from Easter through Pentecost (BCP, pp. 285-287). After the Easter season, the Paschal candle is typically placed near the font. It should burn at baptisms, representing the new life in Christ that we share in baptism. The newly baptized person may be given a small baptismal candle that is lit from the Paschal candle. It may also be carried in procession at burials and placed near the coffin as a symbol of resurrection life.

**Asperges**—The liturgical practice of sprinkling with holy water as a reminder of baptism. The term comes from the Latin version of Ps 51, “Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop.” The asperges may be done after the Renewal of Baptismal Vows at the Easter Vigil. It may also be done as a preparatory ceremony before the eucharist, with the altar, clergy, and people all sprinkled with holy water. Historically, it was performed as a kind of exorcism and cleansing of a building or other place for liturgical services. An aspergillum is used for sprinkling the holy water.

**Aspergillum**—Brush, branch, metal rod, or other instrument used to sprinkle holy water at the asperges.

**Holy Water**—Water that has been blessed for religious and devotional use. It may symbolize purification, blessing, dedication, and renewal of the baptismal covenant. An aspergillum (tube with holes) or a small branch of a tree or shrub may be used to sprinkle holy water during a church service or at other times. It is especially appropriate to sprinkle the congregation with holy water at the Renewal of Baptismal Vows at the Easter Vigil (BCP, p. 292) and at other times of renewal of the baptismal covenant. The asperges is the ceremony of sprinkling holy water over the altar, clergy, and people before the eucharist. Some parishes use a stoup, basin, or font to make holy water available to those who enter the church. Those who wish to participate in the pious custom of “taking holy water” may touch it with the fingers, placing a drop of it on the forehead while making the sign of the cross on the forehead, chest, and shoulders. The early origin of this custom is evidenced by the presence of stoups for holy water in ancient basilicas. Holy water has been known as “lustral water,” reflecting its symbolic role in purification. A rubric in the service for Restoring of

Things Profaned in the BOS notes that each profaned object may be symbolically cleansed by use of water or incense as signs of purification.

**Holy Water Font/Stoup**—A **holy water font** or **stoup** is a vessel containing holy water which is generally placed near the entrance of a church. It is often placed at the base of a crucifix or religious representation. It is used in the Catholic Church, Anglican Churches, and some Lutheran churches to make the Sign of the Cross using the holy water upon entrance of the church.<sup>[1]</sup> Holy water is blessed by a priest and many Christians believe it to be a reminder of the baptismal promises.

*Regina Coeli*--The *Regina Coeli* is a Marian and Christological prayer celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus, and the sign of the cross is a blessing that prepares the heart and mind for the prayer. It is also a reminder of the Trinity and the saving work of Christ

**Subdeacon**—The principal role of a subdeacon is liturgical and consists of:

1. Assisting with the vesting of the bishop (or priest) prior to Mass and attending to the bishop after the liturgy when vestments are removed.
2. Making sure, if there is no deacon, that the missal is properly marked prior to the liturgy.
3. Assisting the deacon by carrying the Book of Gospels in procession and holding it for the deacon to read. In the absence of a deacon the subdeacon performs the same function for the priest.
4. Facilitating the movement of sacred vessels to the altar when the deacon (or priest) is ready to set the altar for Mass.
5. Assisting during the Eucharistic Prayer, if no deacon is present, by pointing to the text in the missal and turning the pages.
6. Assisting with the distribution of the Blessed Sacrament.
7. Assisting the deacon and priest with the movement of sacred vessels from the altar at the time of the ablutions.
8. Depending on the circumstances, the subdeacon can sometimes serve as a sort of Master of Ceremonies, assisting the celebrant in coordinating the movement and placement of those people who are serving in the liturgy. This typically happens when there is no deacon present.
9. There is a venerable tradition of subdeacons singing the epistle at Solemn High Masses. While such a thing is beautiful, I must confess that my subdeacons are rarely in tune when they sing hymns, so there is no danger at this time of a subdeacon singing the epistle at Good Shepherd!

Source: The Rev. James Lyons, IV  
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March 19, 2026

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Grace and peace to you. We write to invite you to partner with us in support of the **24th Annual Presidential Scholarship Gala at Voorhees University**, to be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026. *Voorhees University*, founded in the Episcopal tradition, remains a vital instrument of educational access, leadership formation, and social transformation. Its mission reflects our shared commitment in both South Carolina dioceses to faith, justice, and opportunity for all of God's people.

This year's gala, themed "A Legacy of Excellence," will honor 24 Presidential Scholars whose academic achievement and leadership bear witness to what is possible when talent is nurtured and supported. As the bishops of the two dioceses of South Carolina, we invite you and your congregation to join us in this stewardship as a formal sponsor, ensuring the continued vitality of this sacred mission at Voorhees University. We are proud to preserve our long-standing commitment to Voorhees University.

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Yours in Christ,



The Rt. Rev. Daniel Richards  
*Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of  
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