

## St. Jude's Episcopal Church

*Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others*

April, 5, 2026, 10:30 am

### Easter Day - Festival Service of Holy Eucharist

**We are blessed to welcome you to our worship today!** Easter is the foremost celebration of the Church, as we recall with joy what God has done for all people in the resurrection of Jesus from death. We will say and sing "Alleluia!" frequently - it means, "Praise the Lord!"

**New or visiting today?** We'd love to get better acquainted. Please leave your name and email or phone number in one of our guestbooks, located at both entrances of the worship space; or by filling out one of the Welcome cards in the pew. On "regular" Sundays of the year, we offer an adult class at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall; and a children's class on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, downstairs at 10:30 am (they return at the sharing of Peace).

**All persons who desire to receive Holy Communion are served here,** no questions asked. We offer home-made Bread, which does contain gluten. Rice wafers are a gluten-free alternative, simply request one from the priest. The bread/wafer may be dipped into the small bowl of wine; or, consume your bread and sip wine from the chalice that follows. Or neither: just cross your arms over your chest. You may also ask a blessing from the priest.

## Gathering of the Community

Prelude \_\_\_\_\_

Processional Hymn #207 \_\_\_\_\_ *Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!*


The Easter Acclamation \_\_\_\_\_

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Presider* 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 S-278, Glory to God \_\_\_\_\_ *William Mathias*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - mighty God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo -  
ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,  
 you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus  
 Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of  
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray together:

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 Proclamation of the Word*

*Please be seated*

### The First Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Jeremiah 31:1-6

*Reader* A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness;  
 when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel!  
 Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.  
 Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria;  
 the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit.  
 For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim:  
 "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm** \_\_\_\_\_ **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

The Congregation is encouraged to join the choir in singing both the antiphon and the verses of the psalm.  
 ANTIPHON: The choir introduces the antiphon (refrain), then all repeat it

I will praise you, Lord. I will praise you, Lord, - in the as-sembly of your

peo - ple. I will praise you, Lord.

VERSES:

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is **good**; \* his mercy en-/dures for **ev-er**.
- 2 Let Israel now pro-**claim**, \* "His mercy en-/dures for **ev-er**."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my **song**, \* and he has become / my sal-**va**-tion.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and **vic**-tory \* in the tents / of the **right**-eous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has **tri**-umphed! \*  
 the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
 the right hand of the / Lord has **tri**-umphed!" *ANTIPHON*

17 I shall not die, but **live**, \* and declare the / works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me **sor**-ely, \* but he did not hand me / ov-er **to** death.

19 Open for me the gates of **right**-eousness; \*

I will enter them; I will offer / thanks to **the** Lord.

20 “This is the gate of the **Lord**; \* he who is right-/eous may **en**-ter.” *ANTIPHON*

21 I will give thanks to you, for you **ans**-wered me \* and have become /my sal-**va**-tion.

22 The same stone which the builders re-**jec**-ted \* has become the / chief cor-ner-stone.

23 This is the Lord’s **do**-ing, \* and it is marve-/lous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Lord has **ac**-ted; \* we will rejoice / and be **glad** in it. *ANTIPHON*

## **The Second Reading**----- **Acts 10:34-43**

*Reader* 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.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading \_\_\_\_\_ John 20:1-18

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

*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.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn #205 v. 4, 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

The Sermon Please be seated \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Susan Anslow Williams

A time of silent reflection follows the Sermon

The Nicene Creed Please stand, as able \_\_\_\_\_

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** \_\_\_\_\_ *for Eastertide*

*Deacon* In the power of the Resurrection, let us pray to our Lord saying, “Risen Christ, hear our prayer.”

*Leader* For the holy Church throughout the world; for Sean our Presiding Bishop; for our diocese and parish leaders; and for all the family of Jesus Christ; that together we may give witness to our one faith, let us pray to our Lord.

*Response* **Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

For all nations and peoples of the earth, to whom God shows no partiality, that all may be transformed by mercy, and live together in hope and peace; remembering especially the people of Ukraine, Gaza, Syria and Sudan; let us pray to our Lord.

**Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

For Donald our President, Gretchen our Governor, and for all in high places of authority, that they may be led to govern with equity and justice, seeking peace and bringing life to those in the shadow of death, let us pray to our Lord.

**Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

For all prisoners, captives, and those condemned to die, with whom Christ shares in suffering and abandonment; that they may find strength, freedom and forgiveness, let us pray to our Lord.

**Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

For the mission of the Church to make Christ known by word and example; that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world, courageous in times of trial and steadfast in opposing evil, let us pray to our Lord.

**Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer in body, mind our spirit, for whom Christ is risen with healing in his wings; especially those on our prayer list and others we now name... that they may be comforted and made whole, let us pray to our Lord.

**Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, especially those for whom Easter memorials have been

given, and for all who mourn; that in Christ who has triumphed over death, they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance, let us pray to our Lord.

**Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, that with the disciples, we may see Jesus' tomb empty and know our sins to be forgiven and our life made new, let us pray to our Lord.

**Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

*Presider*

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.**

**The Peace** The Peace of the Risen Christ be always with you. **And also with you!**

*Let's share a sign of Christ's Peace with one another.*

**Welcome, Milestones and Announcements** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Offertory** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Choir Anthem** \_\_\_\_\_

*Alleluia, Christ is Risen*

**Doxology** *Please stand as we sing* \_\_\_\_\_

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise Him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

***The Celebration of the Eucharist***

Eucharistic Prayer B, Please remain standing \_\_\_\_\_ text rev. 2018

*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.

*Priest* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

**Sanctus: Hymn S-128** \_\_\_\_\_ *William Mathias*



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

*Priest* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

*Priest* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts + that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified + by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Jude, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



Choir Anthem ----- *The King of Love, My Shepherd Is*

Communion Hymns

#178 ----- *Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord*

#174 ----- *At the Lamb's high feast we sing*

Prayer after Communion *Please stand as able* -----

*Priest* 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.

Easter Blessing -----

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Out Hymn # 180 ----- *He is risen, He is risen!*

Sending Out -----

*The Deacon dismisses the congregation, after which the people respond:*

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

Postlude -----

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## Parish Prayer List

Pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Anne, our Assisting Bishop; for all lay and ordained leaders in the Diocese of the Great Lakes; for Susan, our Priest-in-Charge; for Judy, our Deacon; for the Vestry.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: D.R.E.A.M. Partnership in the Dominican Republic

Grace Church, Traverse City - James Perra, Rector

St. Barnabas, Portage - Mike Wood, Priest-in-Charge

Our prayers for healing and comfort are asked for: Donald, Chuck, Molly, Evelyn, Matt, Jenny, Jerry, Harvey, Melissa, Brian, Abby, Marilyn, Jeri, Pam, Ron, Tim, Tony, Emily Jane, Bobby, Francine, Anna

## Serving at the Liturgy Today:

Presider	The Rev. Susan Williams
Deacon	The Rev. Judy Marinco
Choir Director	Katie Young
Organist	Marlene Weston
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Louise Susalla
Intinction Cup	Dave Rayner
Reader	Nancy Day
Prayers	Denise Rayner
Ushers	Lynne Ronthi & Nancy Day
Live-streamer	Dave Rayner
Vestry of the Day	Diane Putnam
Altar Guild	Mary Louise S. & Diane Hill



**The Easter flowers that decorate our church this morning were given by:**

Amy Freeman in memory of Marcia Freeman  
Doug & Diane Hill in memory of Dan Hill, Darrell Hill & David Hill  
Bob & Terri Hutchins in memory of Bill Aitchison  
Deb & Dave James in memory of Barb & Ed Ketterer and Lindon James  
Charles & Francine Johnston in memory of our sons, Patrick & Thomas  
Mike & Judy Marinco in memory of our great friend, Art Petit  
Pedro Melchor in memory of Angela Melchor  
Jessica Miller in memory of Lucille Schian  
Clay & Diane Putnam in memory of Lois & Ray Putnam and Dolores Melfi and Ray Meyer  
Lynne Ronthi in memory of family who has passed; never forgotten and always missed  
Ellen Tripp in memory of Randy Tripp  
Susan & Eric Williams, in memory of our parents: Kathie, Dick, Ken, Sally, and Carolyn.  
Katie Young

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# The Empty Tomb Word Search



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## The Empty Tomb – Matthew 28:1–8

The **Sabbath** day was now over. It was **dawn** on the **first day** of the **week**.

**Mary Magdalene** and the other Mary went to look at the **tomb**.

An **angel** of the Lord came down from **heaven** and went to the tomb. He **rolled** back the **stone** and sat on it. His body **shone** like **lightning**. His **clothes** were as **white** as **snow**.

The angel said to the **women**, "Don't be **afraid**. I know that you are looking for Jesus. He is not here! He has **risen** from the dead, just as he said he would! Go **quickly** and tell his **disciples**!

So the women **hurried** away from the tomb. They were afraid, but they were **filled** with **joy**. They ran to tell the disciples.

