

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Easter Day

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN

APRIL 5, 2026 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Cortège et Litanie Op. 19 No. 2 – Marcel Dupré

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Hymn 207

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmist*, desc. Vince Edwards

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

Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect, concluding

O God, by your mighty hand
 you raised up Jesus from the grave
 and appointed him judge of the living and the dead.
 Bestow upon us who are baptized into his death
 the power flowing from his resurrection,
 that we may proclaim near and far
 the pardon and peace you give us.
 Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 first-born from the dead,
 who lives with you now and always
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

...God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON *seated*

Jeremiah 31:1-6

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 the People.

Thanks be to God.

Give thanks to God who is good; *
 God's mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim *
 "God's mercy endures for ever."

God is my strength and my song *
 and has become my salvation.

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

"The right hand of the Most High has triumphed; *
 the right hand of the Most High is exalted;
 the right hand of the Most High has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live *
 and declare the works of God.

God has punished me sorely, *
 but did not hand me over to death.

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

"This is the gate of the Holy One; *
 those who are righteous may enter."

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

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

This is God's doing, *
 and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Holy One has acted; *
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Anglican Chant: John Goss

THE EPISTLE

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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 *3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

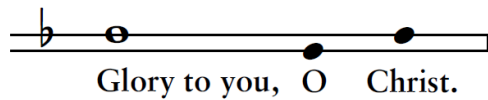
joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - dian't brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joi - ce: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

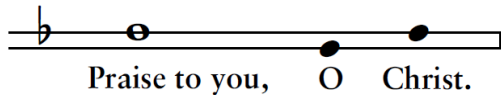
Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895), alt.
 Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650–1680)

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



After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

The Rev. Daniel Simons

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon bids the prayers, saying

God of new creation, you promise to hear and answer as we pray in faith. Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

*The response after each prayer is **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray for the world: Lead all peoples into the ways of justice and peace; teach us to respect one another in freedom and truth; awaken in us wonder for the earth, and a deep care for all you have made.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the Church: Enliven your Church for its mission; make us salt of the earth and light to the world; breathe fresh life into your people, that we may reveal Christ in word and action.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for communities in which we live: Inspire those who make decisions that shape our lives, that they may act with integrity and courage; give grace to all whose lives are bound to ours, that we may serve Christ in one another and love as he loves us.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers. [long pause for people to add their own prayers]... Comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; let them know the power of your healing love, and make us agents of your compassion.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn. [long pause for people to add their own prayers]... Give comfort to those who grieve, and bring them peace in their loss. We give thanks for the faithful in every generation; may their example inspire our witness in this day.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant prays, concluding

Almighty God,
through your Son Jesus Christ you overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life;
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

...God for ever and ever.

Amen.

EASTER BAPTISMAL HYMN

As the hymn is sung, the People are sprinkled with water from the font.

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life

and our de - spair he turned to ¹⁻³blaz - ing joy. — Al - le -
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. —

Final Ending

lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt.
Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir*

Christus vincit

Joseph Noyon (1888 – 1962), arr. Gerre Hancock (1934 – 2012)

*Christus vincit, christus regnant,
 christus imperat!
 Gloria Patri et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto;
 sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper et in
 saecula, saeculorum. Amen.*

Christ has conquered, Christ, our Sovereign,
 Christ reigns for evermore!
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
 Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now
 and will be forever and ever. Amen.

Antiphon

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

1	The strife is o'er,	the bat - tle done,	the vic - to -
2	The powers of death	have done their worst,	but Christ their
*3	The three sad days	are quick - ly sped,	he ris - es
4	He closed the yawn - ing	gates of hell,	the bars from
5	Lord! by the stripes	which wound - ed thee,	from death's dread

1	ry of life is won;	the song of tri - umph	
2	le - gions hath dis - persed:	let shout of ho - ly	
3	glo - rious from the dead:	all glo - ry to our	
4	heaven's high por - tals	fell; let hymns of praise	his
5	sting thy serv - ants	free, that we may live	and

1	has be - gun.	Al - le - lu - ia!	
2	joy out - burst.	Al - le - lu - ia!	
3	ris - en Head!	Al - le - lu - ia!	
4	tri - umphs tell!	Al - le - lu - ia!	
5	sing to thee.	Al - le - lu - ia!	[Ant.]

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

Music: Victory, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.

The prayer continues until

Worship and praise belong to you, author of all being.
 Your power sustains, your love restores our broken world.
 You are unceasingly at work bringing order from chaos
 and filling emptiness with life.
 Christ raised from the dead proclaims the dawn of hope.
 He lives in us that we may walk in light.
 Your Spirit is fire in us,
 your breath is power to purge our sin
 and warm our hearts to love.
 As children of your redeeming purpose,
 freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life,
 we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels
 and the whole company of heaven,
 singing the hymn of your unending glory:

The People and Choir sing together:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

The Choir sings alone:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

The People and Choir sing together:

hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na — in the high - est.

**Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Setting: Richard Arnatt

The prayer continues until

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all,
for by the Cross, eternal life is ours
and death is swallowed up in victory.
In the first light of Easter
glory broke from the tomb
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.
From the garden the truth shone clear
that he whom they had loved and lost
was with them now in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread,
speaking peace to the fearful disciples,
he renewed the promise of his presence,
and of new birth in the Spirit.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.
At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat, this is my body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

Alive in him, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



The prayer continues until

Made one with him,
we offer you these gifts, and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.
Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us +
and upon this bread and this wine, +
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work for your praise and glory;
that we may grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the blessed Virgin Mary,
blessed Paul, the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters,
living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end.

A musical score for a vocal line in G major, consisting of three measures. The first measure contains the notes G4, A4, and B4. The second measure contains the notes C5, B4, and A4. The third measure contains the notes G4, F#4, and E4. The lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - men.' are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating that the notes are sustained across the measures.

Setting: Will Doreza

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall-owed be your Name, your king - dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

THE COMMUNION

The Celebrant breaks the bread and bids the People to Communion.

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free bread is available upon request; non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups at the side altars. If you don't wish to drink from the chalice, you may simply touch its base when it is brought to you. (For the health of all, we are no longer dipping the bread into the chalice wine by hand.)

All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:



Loaves are bro-ken, words are spo-ken, as in faith we ga-ther here. Je-sus speaks a-cross the
a - ges: "I am with you, do not fear!" By your bo - dy bro-ken for us, by your wine of life out-
poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Words: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., (1923-2007)
Music: Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the choir*

Ye choirs of New Jerusalem

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 – 1924)

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn
In strains of holy joy.
For Judah's Lion bursts his chains,
Crushing the serpent's head;
And cries aloud through death's domains
To wake the imprisoned dead.
Devouring depths of hell their prey
At his command restore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way
Where Jesus goes before.

Triumphant in his glory now
To him all power is given;
To him in one communion bow
All saints in earth and Heaven.
While we, His soldiers, praise our King,
His mercy we implore,
Within his palace bright to bring
And keep us evermore.
All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,
While endless ages run.
Alleluia! Amen.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The People join in the final part of the prayer, in bold.

Ever-living God, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son
and revealed the way to life in his name.
Dying and rising, he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope that you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The wonder and wildness of God,
who shakes heaven and earth,
whom death could not contain,
who lives to disturb and heal us,
bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the Gospel.

And the blessing of God Almighty:
Source of all being,
Incarnate Word,
and Abiding Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you,
now and always. **Amen.**

HALLELUJAH CHORUS

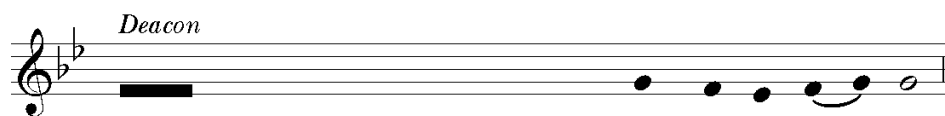
The chorus is led by the Choir, and all are encouraged to sing. Scores are available at the end of each pew.

Hallelujah

*George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
from Messiah*

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, Hallelujah!
King of kings and Lord of lords, Hallelujah!
And He shall reign forever and ever, Hallelujah!

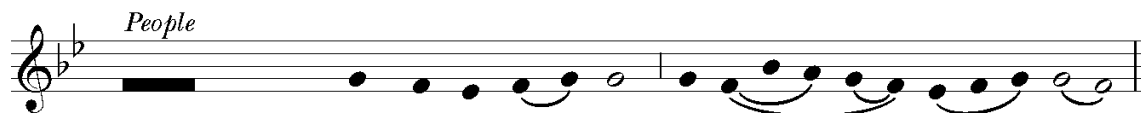
THE DISMISSAL



Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.



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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Toccata from Organ Symphony No. 5 in F Major Op. 42
Charles-Marie Widor (1844 - 1937)*

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