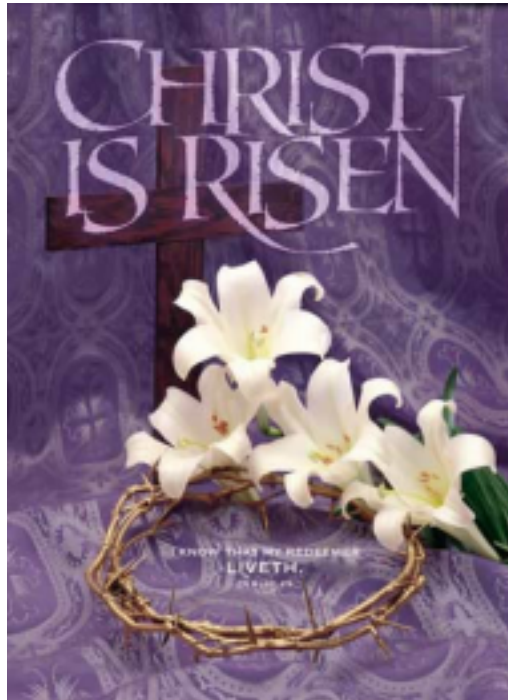


# The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day



**St. John's Episcopal Church**

**April 5, 2026**

**11:00 AM**

**WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!**

We're glad you've joined us for worship today. Whether you're a member, a regular guest, or visiting St. John's for the first time, we're blessed by your presence and hope to see you again.

The mission of St. John's Episcopal Church is to be a community of God's people who heal brokenness, build bridges, and exemplify borderless kindness.

This service is broadcast online and recorded. If you wish to avoid being on-camera, please ask an usher to be seated away from the cameras.

**Opening Prayer**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*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.**

**Flowering of the Cross**

*All are welcome to participate in the flowering of the Cross during the singing of the following hymn.*

**Hymn S 280**

“Gloria in Excelsis” —Powell

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* 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 First Lesson**

**Jeremia 31:1-6**

*A Reading from Jeremiah*

At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people. The LORD proclaims: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness. As Israel searched for a place of rest, the LORD appeared to them from a distance: I have loved you with a love that lasts forever. And so with unfailing love, I have drawn you to myself. Again, I will build you up, and you will be rebuilt, virgin Israel. Again, you will play your tambourines and dance with joy. Again, you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria; farmers will plant and then enjoy the harvests. The time will come when the watchmen shout from the highlands of Ephraim: “Get ready! We’re going up to Zion to the LORD our God!”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 118**

The cantor will sing the verses, and the choir and congregation will join in singing the refrain.

Refrain: **"On this day the Lord has acted, we will rejoice and be glad in it."**

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."

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!"  
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."  
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.

## **Second Reading**

Colossians 3:1-4

*A Reading from Colossians*

If we have a hope in Christ only in this life, then we deserve to be pitied more than anyone else. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. He's the first crop of the harvest of those who have died. Since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came through one too. In the same way that everyone dies in Adam, so also everyone will be given life in Christ. Each event will happen in the right order: Christ, the first crop of the harvest, then those who belong to Christ at his coming, and then the end, when Christ hands over the kingdom to God the Father, when he brings every form of rule, every authority and power to an end. It is necessary for him to rule until he puts all enemies under his feet. Death is the last enemy to be brought to an end.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn 180**

**"He Is Risen"**

## **The Gospel**

**John 20:1-18**

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

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him." Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn't go in. Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying. Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the

foot. The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

*Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **The Sermon**

**The Reverend Minerva Camarena Skeith**

### **Renewal of Baptism Vows**

*Priest:* Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

*Priest:* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People: I do.*

*Priest:* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*Priest:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? *People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*Priest:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

*Priest:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People: I will, with God's help.*

*Priest:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People: I will, with God's help.*

*Priest:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People: I will, with God's help.*

*Priest:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People: I will, with God's help.*

*Priest:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People: I will, with God's help.*

*Priest:* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of our sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Anthem by Eugene Hancock**

*The Celebrant blesses the People while the Anthem is sung*

**“Baptized in Water”**

### **The Prayers of the People Form III**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Clergy invites other prayers and thanksgivings.*

*Celebrant*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**



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## Thanksgiving, Prayer A

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Offertory Anthem**

**"The Day of Resurrection"—Richard Shepherd**

**Hymn 380, Verse 3**

**"The Doxology"**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People **And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People **We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

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:

**WLP 858**

**Sanctus Buchanan**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

*\*\*\*Words of consecration...*

... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

*\*\*\*Words of consecration...*

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

**S 146**

**Great Amen -Robinson**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

## **Fraction Anthem Hymn 204 Verses 1 and 3**

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.  
Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain,  
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

**"Now the Green Blade Riseth"**

*The Celebrant says*

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

## **Communion Anthem**

**"Because He Lives"--Gaither**

## **Communion Hymn 187**

**"Through the Red Sea brought at last"**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

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

## **Blessing**

## **Dismissal**

## **Recessional Hymn 199**

**"Come ye faithful, raise the strain"**

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