

Welcome to St. John's Church



The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

10:00 a.m.

The health and safety of our congregation and community remains the highest concern of St. John's. While closed to the public in the midst of this pandemic, we continue to 'live stream' our Worship to both our [St. John's YouTube Page](#) and our [St. John's Facebook page](#)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

*The Liturgy for the Proclamation of the Word of God
and Celebration of the Holy Communion*

Prelude *Church Sonatas in B flat (KV 68) and F (KV 145)*

Mozart

Opening Hymn # 207 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today,
our triumphant holy day,
who did once upon the cross,
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,
unto Christ, our heavenly King,
who endured the cross and grave,
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*
- 3 But the pains which he endured,
our salvation have procured;
now above the sky he's King,
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*
- 4 Sing we to our God above
praise eternal as his love;
praise him, all ye heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant may say

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People ***Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!***

The Celebrant says

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 # 199

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise The Strain

*1 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought his Israel
into joy from sadness:
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.*

*2 'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.*

*3 Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.*

*4 Neither might the gates of death,
nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal
hold thee as a mortal:
but today amidst thine own
thou didst stand, bestowing
that thy peace which evermore
passeth human knowing.*

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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 Lessons

INTRODUCTION: In this reading, Peter realizes that the good news of the gospel is meant for all people, and he proclaims the crucified and risen Jesus.

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."

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

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

Silence may follow.

A Psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

*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.*

*INTRODUCTION: Paul here reminds the Corinthians of his basic proclamation concerning the
Lords' resurrection.*

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

After each Reading, the Reader may say
The Word of the Lord.

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

Gradual *Church Sonata In D (KV 69)* Mozart

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

INTRODUCTION: Our gospel reading how three women disciples first learn of Jesus' resurrection.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according St. Mark

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror

and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Easter Sermon Series (part 1)

The Witnesses of the Resurrection

"The Women at the Tomb: Looking On From A Distance"

The Renewal Of Our Baptismal Covenant

The celebrant may first address the people in these or similar words, all standing

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, now that our Lenten observance is ended, 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.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People *I do.*

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.*

Celebrant 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.*

Celebrant 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.*

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

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

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

Celebrant 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.*

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

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 sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Christ has burst through the tomb of death, victorious over its power, revealing the triumph of light over every darkness. In thanksgiving, we offer our prayers, responding, "Hear us, O risen Christ."

+ In thanksgiving for the resurrection of Jesus, who empties our spiritual tombs and reveals the way to abundant life; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For the leaders of the nations, especially António, Secretary General of the United Nations, Joe, our President, Ned our Governor, Jim, the First Selectman of the town of Washington, for the members of our Congress and Courts, that they may guide the world to a greater fulfillment of its quest for freedom, justice, and peace; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For the innocent in troubled places and wherever strife stifles harmony, that the actions of the global community, especially in the midst of this pandemic, may free all who are suffering, remembering especially Mary Jo Keating, Joan Beattie, Marlene Smith, Tom Witt, Ed and Zemma White, Kathy Coe, Jon Lafleur, Diana Clark, Lisa Lafleur and all who are housebound especially Janet Chenery and Ken Hecken, and all those who, in this transitory life, let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For the Church, especially Suheil, the Archbishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem; Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Bartholomew, Patriarch of Constantinople; Francis, Bishop of Rome; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, our Bishops; Fr. Geoff, our priest, and for each of us, that we may embrace the mystery of the Pascha, and give witness to the living Christ in our midst; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, remembering the more than 530,000 Americans who have died of the coronavirus, those who have left us an inheritance of God's blessings, and who now join in the chorus of angels and the saints in paradise; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ In thanksgiving for all who have gathered here today to share in this Holy Worship, that we may each be changed by the message of new life, and eternal hope, growing richly and fully into the forgiving compassion of Jesus; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Christ, Morning Star, shine in us and through us, pausing now that all may add their own prayers and petitions, either silently in our hearts or aloud in our midst; (*pause for a moment*).

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences of Scripture.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Hymn # 193 *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright*

- 1 That Easter day with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.*
- 2 His risen flesh with radiance glowed;
his wounded hands and feet he showed;
those scars their solemn witness gave
that Christ was risen from the grave.*
- 3 O Jesus, King of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess
that we may give thee all our days
the willing tribute of our praise.*
- 4 O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide;
from every weapon death can wield
thine own redeemed for ever shield.*
- 5 All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to thee, who, dead, again dost live;
to God the Father equal praise,
and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Celebrant faces the congregation and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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:

Celebrant and People

***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.

Then the Celebrant continues

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord 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 he 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,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 St. John, our Patron and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **AMEN.**

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant and People

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest desire that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you physically, we ask you to come into our hearts spiritually. We embrace you with all the affections of our souls, confident that nothing can ever separate us from the love God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn # 210

The Day Of Resurrection

1 The day of resurrection!

***Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.***

***From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.***

***2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright***

*the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.*

*3 Now let the heavens be joyful,
let earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes together blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.*

The Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude *Church Sonata In C (KV 328)*

Mozart

Music Notes: For Easter Sunday we are delighted again to have Mozart Church Sonatas for two violins and organ. Thank you Larry and Hafez for bringing this to us. The editor tells us "they were written for use in Salzburg cathedral as interpolations at High Mass between epistle and gospel. Altogether seventeen works of this kind . . . were written between 1772 and 1780 when Mozart was at Salzburg cathedral . . . first as leader and later as organist" One will be played in that very place in our service that Mozart himself did so long ago. *Jon*

Prayer List for Easter - 2021

Dr. Ann M. Burton

Edith & Ralph J. Burton, and Ralph M. Burton

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bent

Renee Fotouhi, Eleanor Fotouhi, Abol *Hassan Fotouhi*, M.D., Julia Biddle Armour Walker, Judah Folkman, M.D., The Honorable Ted Stevens, Charlotte & Gordon Smith, and Richard Bent

Mr. Hunter Brown and Miss Tillie Page Laird

Estelle and Howard Bronson, Frances & Ted Mygatt, Clinton & Helen Swan, Pamela Brown Brassett, and Donald Wilkinson

Mr. and Mrs. Veronique Dulack

Jules and Madeleine Sintobin, Steven and Theresa Dulack, Roza, Hendrick, Marquerite & Paul Sintobin

Ms. Natalie H. Dyer

Elisha Dyer, Jr.

Ms. Emily Fitzhugh

Jim and Ann Thornton

Mr. and Mrs. David Gillespie

John J. O'Hara, Maxine B. O'Hara, Kimball R.F. O'Hara, Walter M. Gillespie, Mary L. Gillespie, Elizabeth Gillespie Hartnagel, and Marcella Long

Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman

Kenneth and Gloria Hahneman, Joseph and Betty DiNunno

Anne and Nikko Hayes

For all our blessings

Mr. Andris Kalnins & Ms. Sarah Lee Martin

Ferta & Gustaus Kalnins, Dwight Martin, Julia Worthington and Lorento Martin

Ms. Kristin Flagg Kunhardt

Mary Carol and Hank Kunhardt

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Littlefield

Timothy Hernandez

Capt. Rudy Mangels and Ms. Holly Flor

Matthew Flor, Larkin Mangels, Edna and Marvin Mangels, Patricia & Bert Schuetz, and Susan Agnes Flanagan.

Susie and Phillip Markert

Phil & Maxine Markert, John & Tina Arnold and Nora, Nancy & Allan Wolff

Mr. Alex Purves

Drika Purves

Marlene and Chris Smith

Mark Christian, Sheridan Murphy, Marie & Christian Meier, and Helen & Wentworth Smith

Ms. Hedda W. von Goeben

Carl and Margaret von Goeben

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Witt

In Thanksgiving for all our Blessings

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Jon Lafleur, *Organist*
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Madison LaFontan, *Soloist*
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