## Welcome to St. John's Church



## The Sunday Of The Resurrection: EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!

Children's activity bags are available on the bench by the Baptistry. Please return them after the Service.

There is a furnished children's room downstairs with soft toys and rugs, and audio of the Service, if parents wish to use it.

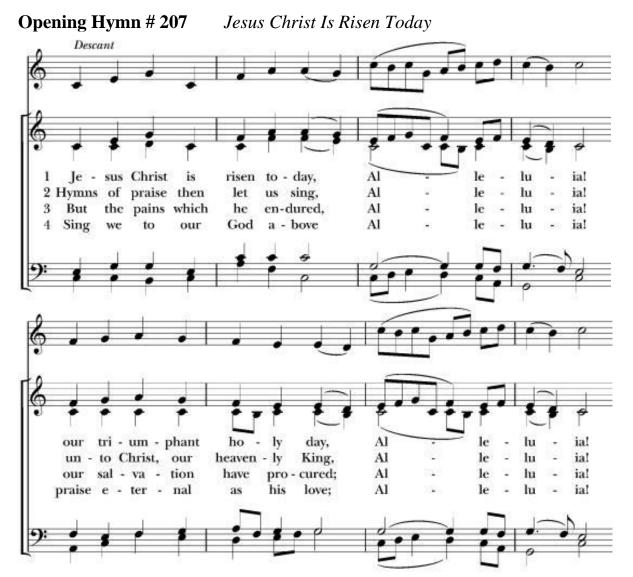
There is a Reception for all in the Parish Hall, following the Service.

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

**Choral Prelude** Alleluia Surrexit Dominus Vere Jacquet de Mantua (1483-1559) Translation: "Alleluia. The Lord has truly risen and appeared to Simon, alleluia."

#### The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell





The people standing, the Celebrant may sayCelebrantAlleluia. Christ is risen!PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### 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*.





## 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*.

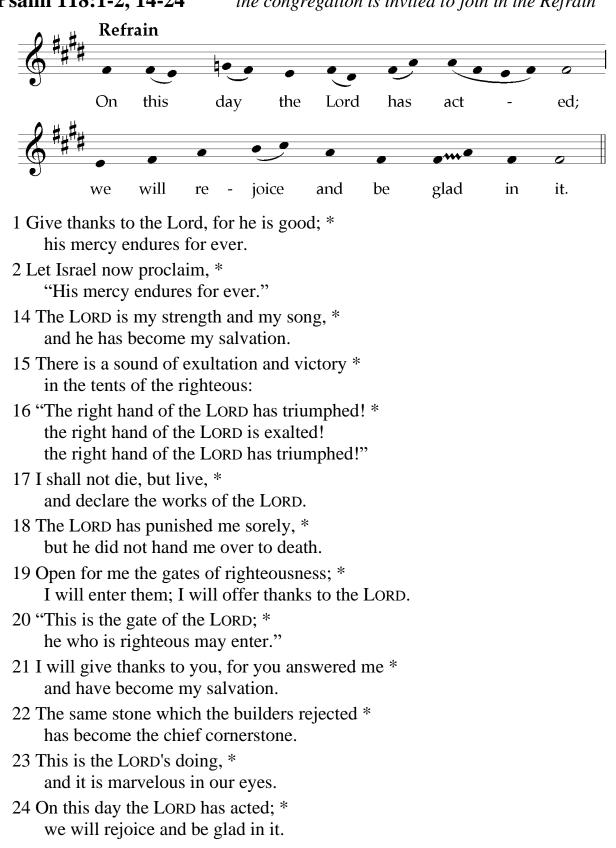
## **The Readings**

INTRODUCTION: In our reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter realizes that the good news of the gospel is meant for all people.

## A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles (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."

After each Reading, the Reader may sayThe Word of the Lord.People**Thanks be to God.** 



**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** the congregation is invited to join in the Refrain

*INTRODUCTION:* In this New Testament reading, St. Paul declares the Jesus' resurrection gives us confidence that God will defeat death, the last enemy.

#### A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (15:9-26)

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

After each Reading, the Reader may say The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn # 194** Jesus Lives! They Terrors Now





Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying INTRODUCTION: Our Gospel this morning is the story of Jesus' resurrection.

# The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christaccording to St. Matthew (28:1-10)PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord. People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** 

#### The Sermon The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, Priest-in-Charge

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.

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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? I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. People 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? I believe in the Holy Spirit, People the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the Celebrant 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? I will, with God's help. People Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as

yourself?PeopleI will, with God's help.CelebrantWill you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the<br/>dignity of every human being?PeopleI 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 from 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."

#### The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the prayers

+ 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 of the world, especially António Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations, Joe, our President, Ned, our Governor, Jim, First Selectman of the town of Washington, and for all the members of our congresses 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 Church, for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Frances, Bishop of Rome, Bartholomew, Patriarch of Constantinople, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Ian & Laura, our Bishops; and for each of us, that we may embrace the mystery of this holy day, and give witness to the living Christ in our midst; let us pray. *Hear us, O risen Christ.* 

+ For the innocent in troubled places and wherever strife stifles harmony, especially for the people of Ukraine, that the actions of the global community may free all who are suffering or imprisoned unjustly; let us pray.

#### Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For the sick and suffering, remembering especially Tillie Page, Kathy Coe and all who are in pain or fear, that people of goodwill may reach out to comfort them in their sorrows; let us pray.

#### Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, 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 Eucharist, that we may each be changed by the message of new life, and the food of 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 as we pause now so that all may add their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently in their hearts, or aloud in our midst.

#### The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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 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 Anthem** Sing Ye to the Lord Charles Harford Lloyd (1849-1919)

## The Great Thanksgiving

	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 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:

#### The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the consecration prayer

Sanctus	Missa Brevis K 192	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)	
Translation:	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.

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; 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 the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, 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

arr. Tom Brand

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

Agnus DeiMissa Brevis K 192Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)Translation:O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.<br/>O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.<br/>O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation.

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.

All baptized Christians of all ages and denominations are welcome to receive Communion in this place. This is God's house and the Lord's table, not ours

Those wishing to receive Communion should come forward to the Altar rail as directed. The Celebrant will intinct the wafer in the chalice and place the consecrated host in the open hands or upon the tongue of the communicant, as desired.

Gluten free wafers are available. Just ask at the altar rail if you wish one.

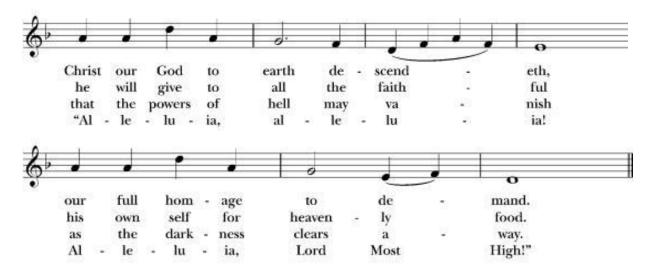
If you need to receive Communion in the pews, just let the ushers know.

for online worshippers, and for those who for other reasons choose not to receive, here is a Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

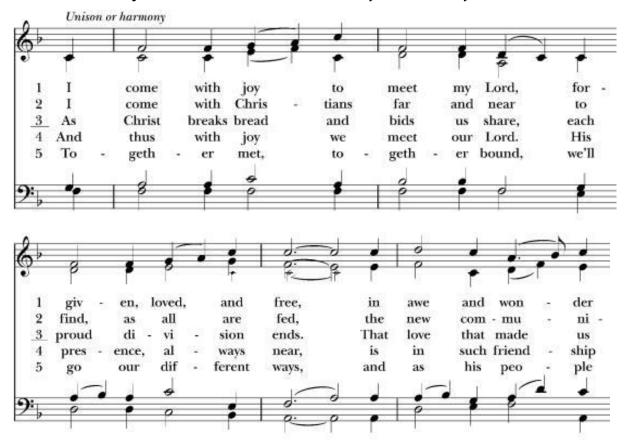
## A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

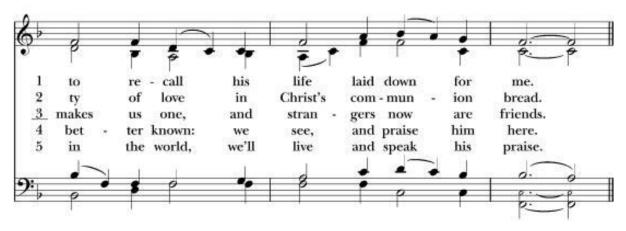
In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest desire that we may always be united to you. And since we are not now receiving you physically, 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.





**Communion Hymn # 304** *I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord* 





*After Communion, the Celebrant says* Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

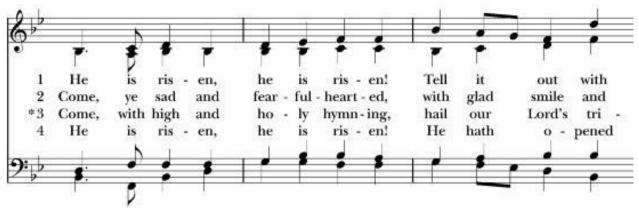
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

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

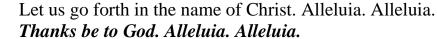
The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

#### **Children's Homily**

Closing Hymn # 180 He Is Risen, He Is Risen









**Organ Postlude** 

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EASTER COFFEE HOUR, all are invited after the service** in the Parish Hall to a special holiday Reception, thanks to Laura Daly, Corinne Johnson, Camille Gillespie, and so many others! There is a sign-up sheet for hosting future coffee hours there as well. Please sign up.

**EASTER EGG HUNT, all the children at the 10:00 Service,** are invited to the children's Easter egg hunt on the lawn after church. The children should gather outside the side door of the church. See Fr. Geoff for more information.

**READING CLUB,** St. John's has a regular group that meets every few weeks via ZOOM to discuss a particular work of fiction that all have read. **On Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. via ZOOM**, the group will discuss **S. J. Parris' "Heresy."** See Fr. Geoff for more details.

**TRIVIA NIGHT, Town Hall, Friday, April 21st**, sponsored by the Lion's Club.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** meets *Fridays, at 10:30* in the Parish Library, working through the Book of Genesis. Newcomers are always welcome! BYOB (bring your own Bible!).

**FOOD DRIVE**, *Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>*, at 10:00-2:00, St. John's is organizing another food drive, with the Washington Council of Congregations, to collect needed items for our local Washington/Warren Food Bank. Items can be dropped off in the basket in the Narthex or in the Parish Office at any time.

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**Diocesan Delegates**: Sara Coles, MB Witt Laura Daly: **Alternate** 

#### Worship Ministers Today:

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman: *Celebrant* Tom Brand: *Organist & Choirmaster* Michael Del Nin: *Reader* Laura Daly: *Crucifer* MB Witt: *Chalicer* Joseph Claro: *Veejay (VJ)* Sara Coles, Camille Gillespie, Susie Magee, Ginny Reynolds, MB Witt Altar Guild Bob Futh: *Ushers* Alexander Purves, Veronique Dulack, Susie Magee: *Flowers* Corinne Johnson, Camille Gillespie, Laura Daly et al: *Coffee Hour Hostess* Laura Daly: *Easter Egg Hunt Hostess* 

# next SATURDAY FAMILY SERVICE



*On a Saturday of each month* October through May at 5:00 p.m.

An informal, child-friendly worship service for the whole family!

# Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

with another Easter Egg Hunt following, along with a Reception in the Parish Hall.