

Welcome to St. John's Church



The Resurrection of Christ, Tintoretto, 1565

The Second Sunday of Easter:

April 27, 2025

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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MORNING PRAYER

Choral Preludes

Mulier quae erat

Antonio Cifra (1584-1629)

Translation: A woman who was a sinner in the city, when she learned that Jesus was reclining at table in the house of Simon the leper, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. And standing behind him at his feet, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

Maria Magdalena

Andrea Gabrieli (c.1510-1585)

Translation: Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went forth at dawn to the tomb. Jesus, whom you seek, is not here; He is risen as he said, He will go before you to Galilee and you will see him there. Alleluia.

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Opening Hymn

Happy Magdalene

1. Hap - py Mag - da - lene, to whom Christ the Lord vouch-safed to 'ap-pear!
2. High - ly fa - vored soul! To her Far - ther still His grace ex - tends,
3. Here for e - ver I would lie, Didst Thou not Thy ser - vant raise,

New - ly ri - sen from the tomb, Would He first be seen by her?
Rai - ses the glad mes - sen - ger, Sends her to His droop - ing friends;
Send me forth to tes - ti - fy All the won - ders of Thy grace.

Her by se - ven dev'ls poss - essed, Till His Word the fiends ex - pelled;
Ti - dings of their li - ving Lord First in her re - port they find:
Lo! I at Thy bid - ding go, Glad - ly to Thy fol - lowers tell

Quenched the hell with - in her breast, All her sins and sick - ness healed.
 She must spread the Gos - pel word, Teach the tea - chers of man - kind.
 They their ri - sing God may know, They the life of Christ may feel.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Venite S#-4 *(chanted by all)*

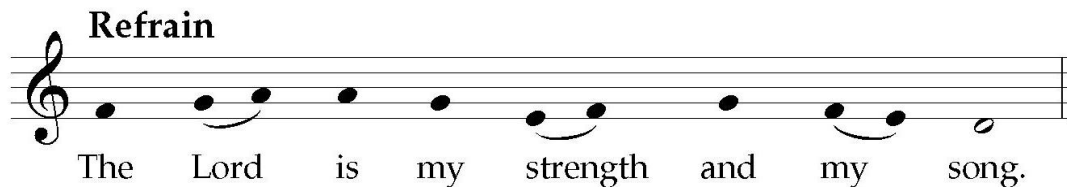
- 1 O come, let us ¹sing unto the ¹Lord; *
 let us heartily rejoice in the ¹strength of ¹our sal¹vation.
- 2 Let us come before his ¹presence with thanks¹ giving, *
 and show ourselves ¹glad in ¹him with ¹psalms. [Ant.]
- 3 For the Lord is a ¹great¹ God, *
 and a great ¹King a ¹bove all ¹gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the ¹corners of the ¹earth, *
 and the strength of the ¹hills is ¹his¹ also.
- 5 The sea is ¹his and he ¹made it, *
 and his hands pre¹pared the ¹dry¹ land. [Ant.]
- 6 O come, let us worship and ¹fall¹ down *
 and ¹kneel before the ¹Lord our ¹Maker.
- 7 For he is the ¹Lord our ¹God, *
 and we are the people of his ¹pasture
 and the ¹sheep of his ¹hand. [Ant.]

- 8 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth. [Ant.]

(Gloria Patri may be added)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:

Psalm # 118:14-29 *the congregation is invited to sit and join in the Refrain.*



- 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.

*That we should be saved from our enemies:
 and from the hand of all that hate us.
 To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers:
 and to remember his holy Covenant;
 To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham:
 that he would give us;
 That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies:
 might serve him without fear;
 In holiness and righteousness before him:
 all the days of our life.
 And, thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:
 for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people:
 for the remission of their sins,
 Through the tender mercy of our God:
 Whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
 To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death:
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

INTRODUCTION: In this lesson John the Seer addresses seven representative churches in Asia Minor with a hymn of praise to Christ, the firstborn from the dead and now ruler of all.

A Reading from Revelation: (1:4-8)

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Hymn LEVAS # 99 In the Garden

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the

1. dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing
 2. sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He
 3. night a - round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go through the

1. on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.
 2. gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.
 3. voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He

tells me I am His own, — And the joy we share as we

tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er — known. —

INTRODUCTION: Our gospel presents two appearances of the risen Lord to his disciples.

A Reading from the Gospel of St. John: (20:19-31)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Sermon

Sara Coles, *Licensed Lay Preacher*

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

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

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.

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. Amen.*

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

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

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

***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 Suffrages

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. ***Deliver us and forgive us our sins.***

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. ***Give to your people the blessing of peace.***

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. ***And your wonders among all peoples.***

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. ***Never forget the lives of your poor.***

V. Continue your loving kindness to those who know you;

R. ***And your favor to those who are true of heart.***

V. Satisfy us by your kindness in the morning;

R. ***So we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.***

The Collect of the Day

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.*

A Collect for Sunday

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our own hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love thee: for the honor of thy Name. *Amen.*

Offertory Anthem *O Sons and Daughters-Traditional* arr: Tom Brand

Text: *O sons and daughters let us sing!*

The King of Heav'n, the glorious King O'er death hath risen triumphing. Alleluia.

When Thomas first the tidings heard, that some had seen the risen Lord, he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia.

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see; and look upon my hands, my feet; not faithless but believing be." Alleluia.

No longer Thomas then denied, he saw the feet, the hands, the side, "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia.

How blest are they who have not seen, And yet whose faith hath constant been, for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia.

Officiant: Let us continue our prayers, pausing now so that all may add their own prayers or petitions, either silently in their hearts or aloud in our midst.

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we thine unworthy servants

do give thee most humble and hearty thanks

for all thy goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for thine inestimable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

*for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we beseech thee,
 give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
 that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
 and that we show forth thy praise,
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,
 by giving up our selves to thy service,
 and by walking before thee
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn # 193

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
 2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his
 3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
 4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in
 5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
 2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
 3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
 4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon
 5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther

1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
 2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
 3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
 4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
 5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Postlude

Worship Ministers Today:

- Jay Bauer: *Worship Leader at 8:00 a.m.*
- Laura Daly: *Worship Leader at 10:00 a.m.*
- Tom Brand: *Organist & Choirmaster*
- Sara Coles: *Licensed Lay Preacher*
- John Magee: *8:00 Reader*
- Rebecca Bent: *10:00 Reader*
- Laura Daly: *Veejay (VJ)*
- Sara Coles, MB Witt: *Altar Guild*
- Natalie Dyer, Bob Futh: *Ushers*
- Rumsey Students (Karen Saxe): *Coffee Hour*

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- MB Witt, Sara Coles, Andris Kalnins
- Class of 2026
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- Class of 2027

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