

Welcome to St. John's Church



Women at the tomb, by Annibale Carracci, 1598, Hermitage Museum in Saint Petersburg

The Sunday of the Resurrection: EASTER SUNDAY

*April 20, 2025
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

*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.*

The restroom is located in the basement, at the bottom of the stairs by the side door'

Extended Choral Prelude

Alleluia (from Exultate, jubilate, K 165) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
Text: *Alleluia.*

Benedictus (from Missa Papae Marcelli)
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

Text: *Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.*

Den das gesetz (from Jesu, Meine Freude, BWV 227)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Text: *For the law of the Holy Spirit who makes believers alive in Christ Jesus has made me free
from the law of sin and of death. Romans 8:1-2,9-10/Johann Franck*

O How Amiable Are Thy Dwellings

Thomas Weelkes (c.1576-1623), arr. Tom Brand

Text: *O how amiable are thy dwellings: Almighty God!*

My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

O Lord God of hosts: blessed is the one that putteth their trust in thee. Amen. Psalm 84: 1-2, 13

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Text: *For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies, For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise. For the
beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and
moon and stars of light: Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy
of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle
thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect
gift of thine To our race so freely given, Graces human and divine, Flowers of earth and buds of
heaven: Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.*

F. S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.

Alleluia Surrexit Dominus Vere

Jacquet de Mantua (1483-1559)

Text: *Alleluia. The Lord has truly risen and appeared to Simon, alleluia.*

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Opening Hymn # 207 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Descant

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!

The people standing, the Celebrant may say

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People **The 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 Hymn of Praise # 199

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

God 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 scroll of the Prophet Isaiah, we hear of a blessed time when God will overcome many of life's shortcomings and frustrations.

A Reading from the Scroll of the Prophet Isaiah (65:17-25)

I am about to create new heavens
 and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered
 or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

the congregation is invited to join in the Refrain

Refrain

On this day the Lord has act - ed;
we will re - joice 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.

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.”

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

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

1 Je - sus lives! thy ter - rors now can no long - er, death, ap -
2 Je - sus lives! for us he died; then, a - lone to Je - sus
3 Je - sus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his love shall
4 Je - sus lives! to him the throne o - ver all the world is

pall us; Je - sus lives! by this we know thou, O
liv - ing, pure in heart may we a - bide, glo - ry
sev - er; life, nor death, nor powers of hell tear us
giv - en: may we go where he has gone, rest and



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

INTRODUCTION: Our Gospel this morning tells how three women disciples first learn of Jesus' resurrection.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke (24:1-12)

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

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, Rector

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?

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."

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, and of our own government, that they may guide us to a greater fulfillment of our quest for freedom, justice, and peace for all people; 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 may free all who are suffering or imprisoned unjustly; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For the Church, for our leaders throughout the world, and especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Jeff and Laura, Bishops of our diocese; 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, 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 our prayers so that all may add their own petitions and thanksgivings, either aloud in our midst or silently in their hearts.

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 onto 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 God 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* Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)

Text: Sing ye to the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously.

Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath He cast into the sea.

Mighty Victim from the sky, hell's fierce powers beneath Thee lie;

Thou hast conquered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light.

Thou hast opened Paradise, and in Thee Thy Saints shall rise. Alleluia! Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

God 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 in F* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

*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.

Fraction Anthem: *Christ Our Passover*

Alessandro Scarlatti (1660-1725), arr. Tom Brand

Text: *Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Agnus Dei *Requiem K. 626* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Text: *O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
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

INSTRUCTIONS: Those wishing to receive Communion should come forward to the Altar rail as directed. Please speak with an Usher if you need to receive Communion in the pew. The consecrated host will be placed in the hands or upon the tongue of the recipient, as desired. If one wishes intinction, then either the chalice bearer or the communicant may take the host and dip it in the wine. Otherwise, communicants may sip from the chalice, assisting by taking hold of its base. If the communicant does not wish to receive the wine, one can simply cross their arms across their chest so to indicate.

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.

Communion Hymn # 324 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma-ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea-ven spreads its van-guard
 4 At his feet the six-winged ser-aph; cher-u-bim with
 trem-bling stand; pon-der noth-ing earth-ly
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu-man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de-
 sleep-less eye veil their fac-es to the
 mind-ed, for with bless-ing in his hand
 ves-ure, in the Bo-dy and the Blood
 scend-eth from the realms of end-less day,
 Pres-ence, as with cease-less voice they cry,
 Christ our God to earth de-scend-eth,
 he will give to all the faith-ful
 that the powers of hell may va-nish
 "Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
 our full hom-age to de-mand
 his own self for heaven-ly food.
 as the dark-ness clears a-way.
 Al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High!"

Choral Anthem *Halle Halle Hallelujah* Traditional Caribbean, arr. Tom Brand

Communion Hymn # 178 *Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*

Descant
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*
Praise to his Name. Name.
Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain
He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
Now we shall live for ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

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*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "He Is Risen, He Is Risen". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

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 - diant 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-joice: 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.

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

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

People

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

Piano Postlude: Piano *Sonata in A*, K331: III (“Rondo alla Turca”)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Spencer Yang, *pianist*

Worship Ministers Today:

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman: *Celebrant and Preacher*

Tom Brand: *Organist & Choirmaster*

Tom Hollinger: *8:00 Reader*

Michael Del Nin, MJ Del Nin: *10:00 Readers*

Laura Daly: *Crucifer*

MB Witt, Sara Coles: *Chalicers*

Laura Daly: *Veejay (VJ) and Crucifer*

Sara Coles, Susie Magee, Virginia Reynolds, MB Witt *Altar Guild*

Bob Futh, Wheeler Gum: *Ushers*

Corinne Johnson, Susie Magee, Susie Markert, MB Witt, Karen Saxe, Susan

McFeely, Mary Davis, et al: *Coffee Hour Hostess*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER COFFEE HOUR, all are invited after the service in the Parish Hall to a special holiday Reception, thanks to Corinne Johnson 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 the Ushers for more information.

THE ADULT BIBLE STUDY has chosen Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan's book "*The First Paul*" as our next subject for study. You should be able to find a cheap copy secondhand. We will start by discussing the first two chapters on **Friday, May 2nd at 10:30 in the Parish Library**. This is a great opportunity for newcomers' to join the group!

THE READING CLUB has chosen Ian Caldwell's, "**The Fifth Gospel: A Novel.**" The group will gather in the Parish Library to discuss the work on **Sunday afternoon, May 4th** following the 10:00 Service Coffee Hour. *Newcomers are always welcome!*

LENTEN AID FUND, St. John's, Washington, was collecting a special Lenten Aid Fund in support of the **Community Fuel Bank of New Milford**, mindful of the very cold winter we have all experienced and knowing that the now 6 refugee families that WRRP and NMRP have settled all live there, along with many of those who work in our community, who shovel our snow, clean our houses, and tend to our sick. If you missed contributing, it's not too late! Please make your checks out to "*Community Fuel Bank of New Milford*" and we will collect and pass them along. Thank you for thinking of others during this season.

**Altar Flowers on the High Altar for Easter
have been furnished in loving memory of
Sarah Taylor Payson**

Reception/Easter Egg Hunt

There is a Reception in the Parish Hall following the Service to which everyone is invited. Please join us, while the children go on their Easter egg hunt for some fellowship and community.

The Children wishing to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt should gather at the side door of the church for instructions after the Service.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Staff

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, *Rector*
Tom Brand, *Organist & Choirmaster*
Dawn Rosiello, *Parish Administrator*
Joan Burgess, *Foundation Administrator*

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