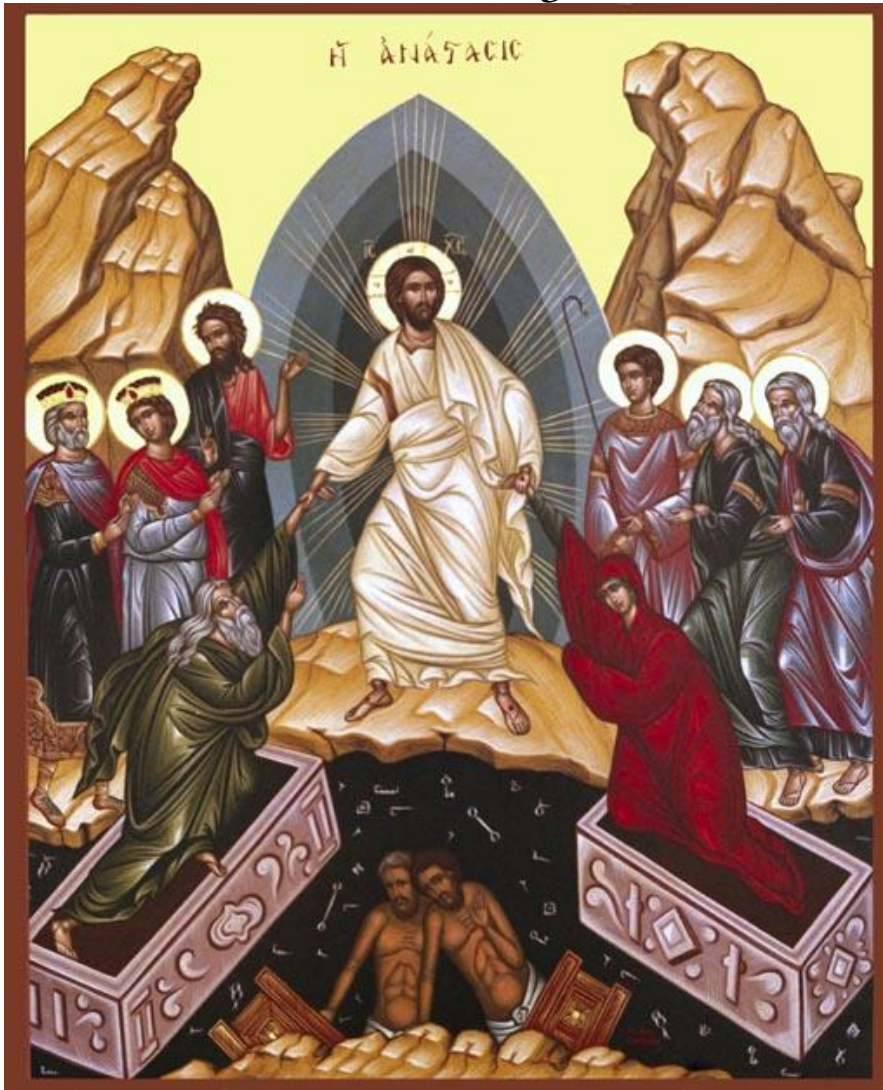


Easter Day



March 31, 2024 10:00 AM

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

Easter Day, the “Queen of Feasts,” is the celebration of the central truth of the Christian faith, that Christ is risen from the dead. The liturgy on Easter Day continues from, and crowns, the liturgy of the Easter Triduum Sacrum (the “Three Sacred Days”); we have moved from the anxious foreboding of the upper room, through the agony in the garden, to the horror of Jesus’ betrayal, condemnation, and brutal execution, and seen him laid lifeless in the tomb. Yet from the place of deepest darkness springs a ray of light that brightens into the glory of a new day—a light that shows an empty tomb.

It is an historical fact that Jesus was crucified. It is the core of the Christian faith that he rose from the dead. But in the liturgical tradition of the Church, these are not things of the past or abstract theories. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is remembered and made present in our worship, and manifested in our common life today and always.

*“Jesus Christ, yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, Alpha and Omega.
His are all times and all ages. To him be glory and dominion through all eternity.”*



The Holy Eucharist

THE WORD OF GOD

• All stand as are able. •

Prelude <i>Jesus Christ is Risen Today</i>	Healey Willan (1880-1968)
Processional Hymn 207	<i>Easter Hymn</i>
Introit	<i>Tone VII</i>

*I am risen, and am still with thee, alleluia;
thou hast laid thine hand upon me, alleluia;
thy knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me, alleluia, alleluia.
O Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me:
thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising.*

• The service continues on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). •

Opening Acclamation	BCP Page 355
Collect for Purity	BCP Page 355
<i>Gloria in excelsis Deo</i>	BCP Page 356, Hymnal S-280

The Collect of the Day

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

• *All may be seated for the readings and Psalm* •

The first lesson (Acts 10:34-43) is read, the Reader first saying

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Tone V*

*This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will be joyful and glad in it.
O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever.*

The second lesson (1 Corinthians 15:1-11) is read, the Reader first saying

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

• *All stand as are able* •

Alleluia *Tone VI*

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover: is sacrificed for us. Alleluia

The Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel (John 20:1-18), first saying

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not

understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

• *All may be seated* •

The Sermon The Rev. Deacon Len Roberts

• *All stand as are able* •

The Nicene Creed BCP Page 358
The Prayers of the People BCP Page 387
The Peace BCP Page 360

• *After the Peace, all may be seated for announcements.* •

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory..... *Tone II*

The earth trembled and was still: when God arose to judgement, alleluia.

As the Altar is prepared, the Choir sings Easter Anthem, William Billings (1746-1800)

The Lord is risen indeed, Hallelujah. Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. Hallelujah. And did He rise? Hear, O ye nations, hear it, O ye dead. He rose, He burst the bars of death and triumphed over the grave.

• *All stand as are able* •

Hymn 180..... *Unser Herrscher*

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda BCP Page 372, Hymnal S-120

Sanctus & Benedictus BCP Page 373, Hymnal S-130

• *All stand or kneel as are able.* •

The Eucharistic Prayer continues BCP Page 373

The Lord's Prayer..... BCP Page 364, Hymnal S-119

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei..... Hymnal S-164

The Invitation BCP Page 364

Reception of Holy Communion

All baptized persons are welcome and encouraged to receive Christ's Body and Blood at this altar. If for any reason you are unable or do not wish to receive communion, you are still welcome to come to the altar rail to receive a blessing and indicate this preference by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are physically unable to come forward, please notify an usher and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

Communion Tone I

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia.*

As the congregation receives communion, the choir sings Mary Magdalene, Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

*Early on that Easter Day to the grave came Mary Magdalene;
Lo, the stone was rolled away, and an angel bright was seen.*

*The angel unto Mary said: "Whom then seekest thou, Mary, blest indeed!
He is risen from the dead, and thine ointment doth not need."*

*"Mary," spake a voice so clear; Mary turned her at that joyful word;
'Tis no gardener she doth hear, 'tis the voice of Christ the Lord!*

Post Communion Prayer.....BCP Page 365

• All stand as are able •

The Priest blesses the people with the following Easter blessing.

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 208.....*Victory*

The Deacon or the Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia.
People
Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Postlude *Toccata (Symphony V)*..... Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

*Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Daryl and Daren Toppin.*

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