



Season of resurrection

Welcome

Welcome to St. John's on the **fifth Sunday in Easter**, April 28, 2024.

Easter is when everything changed. Easter is an event in the life of God and the world after which nothing was the same again. Nothing could be. In Jesus' rising, death was unseated as the end of existence, as the owner of the last word, and as the hardest wall of absolute certainty.

The empty tomb bears witness to a new truth. Now we live in a different world with different rules. Now we stand up. No longer bound by the limited laws dictated by death, we can live according to the terms of resurrection. We speak and sing and see the world with the language and lenses of this deep and destabilizing power that God has revealed in the risen Jesus.

This takes some getting used to, friends.

We need to practice. It's why we celebrate Easter every year, and why we take fifty days—7 Sundays—to do it. We gather Sunday after Sunday to share the news and tell the stories of the ordinary people and extraordinary power that continue to flow from the dark morning of Jesus' rising.

When we say "Christ is risen!" we don't mean again. We mean still. And this is a claim and a cry we offer a hurting and exhausted world. *Christ is risen still.*

Easter dawns in 2024 still shrouded in the smoke of war. Easter dawns this year on a planet that is still warming and on people who feel unable to slow or stop this creeping catastrophe. It dawns on plants and animals who will enter extinction this year because of human indifference and greed. It dawns on neighbors and neighborhoods who languish beneath and within structures shaped by cruelty and sustained by racism. The feast of Easter calls us to embrace and revel in the reality of resurrection—even as we deal daily with the real and ongoing forces of death at work in our world and in our lives. These are the terms of Resurrection.

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hallelujah !

Easter brings the return of the "Alleluias" in the service. The word comes from the Hebrew for "praise the Lord." It is a joyous announcement of the Kingdom of Heaven. For weeks we were anticipating the coming of that Kingdom, so we heard instead "Lord, have mercy." Now that it's Easter—and we celebrate the Kingdom made present through Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection—the **Alleluias are back in a big way.**

Ministers

Altar Guild	Barb Roberts
Sound	Scott Larsen
Liturgy Greeter	Cynthia Garhart
Hospitality Greeter	Laura Greathouse
Worship Leader	Steve Nickles
Musicians	Tom Walker
	Kathy Walker
	Mike Galagan
	Kasandra Fell
	Martine Grant
Reader	Jen Litterer-Trevino
Preacher	Rob Mason
Intercessor	Kim Dillivan
Presider	Susan McEvoy
Communion Server	Mary Dillivan
Communion Server	Charlotte Patrick
Communion Bread	Doug & Lynda Ramier
Coffee Hour	Diana Anderson

Prayer concerns

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Bangladesh
 Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocesan Standing Committee; Diocesan Staff;
 St. James', Riverton

<p>Hunter, Charlotte & Mike; Martha & Family; Richard & Jennifer; Richmond & Rich; Nelson & Nancy; Carolyn & Family; Laurel & Rusty; Lee & Kelly; Hugh B. & Marge; Tim & Alex; Margie & Josey; Tim & Lynnae; Bobbi & Bentley; Bob & Charlotte Don who resides in an assisted living facility.</p>	<p>Kim, Tuti Rosita, Marlynn, Kathy R., Douglas, Mickey, Mike G., Cynthia, Carra, Rob R., Kathy E., Tammy, Rob K., Bobby B., Larry, Irene, Nancy, Alan, Katy, Sue, Kahli, Ron and Jane Daryn, Justin, Jacob, Patrick, Reece, Coleman, and Bryce who are serving in the military.</p>
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Celebrations

Birthday: Harleigh Riley—30th, Wendy Glatzer—30th

prelude

“Alleluia,” Akademiska Damkören Lyran.

hymn *Verses 1-2*



1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
2. O what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has
3. Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who
4. Life e - ter - nal! O what won - ders Crowd on faith; what



rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing,
once was dead; Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!
joy un - known, When, a - midst earth's clos - ing thun - ders,



To the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the
Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
Child of God, lift up your head! Pa - tri - archs from
Saints shall stand be - fore the throne! O to en - ter



clouds are break - ing, Soon the storms of time shall cease;
Christ pre - pares it, There on high our wel - come waits;
dis - tant a - ges, Saints all long - ing for their heav'n,
that bright por - tal, See that glow - ing fir - ma - ment,



In God's like - ness, we a - wak - en,
Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it,
Proph - ets, psalm - ists, seers, and sag - es,
Know, with you, O God im - mor - tal,



Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
All a - wait the glo - ry giv'n.
Je - sus Christ whom you have sent!

acclamation

From the darkness of the grave
Christ the Lord is risen today.

Alleluia!

From the triumph that is won
over the power and fear of death:
Christ the Lord is risen today!

Alleluia!

Walking from the empty tomb,
opening wide the gates of life:
Christ the Lord is risen today!

Alleluia!

Lord of life,
you defeated death to show that we can rise
from all that binds us to the world:
pride, envy, anger, fear,
the debt of sin that holds us here.
Christ the Lord is risen today!

Alleluia!

Lord of life,
You defeated death to demonstrate a love that is
beyond our understanding, that reaches out to all.
Saving grace to all who hear.
Christ the Lord is risen today!

Alleluia!

Lord of life,
We pray for all who bring your word of life
as a light to those in darkness;
for those who bring your word of peace
to those enslaved by fear;
for those who bring your word of love
to those in need of comfort.
Lord of love and Lord of peace,
Lord of resurrection life,
be known through our lives
and through Your power.
Christ the Lord is risen today!

Alleluia!

acclamation

We sing together, repeating at the double bar

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

scripture

We sit.

Holy One, by the power of your Spirit
roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life. **Amen.**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

After the reading

Word of God, word of resurrection.

Thanks be to God.

sermon

intercessions

Risen Christ, on the first Easter morning, you appeared in a garden,
showing us that your death and resurrection have implications for all of creation.
As flowers bloom and trees come to life,
as grass springs from the ground and birds signal the morning,
may we rejoice and sing with all living things
that you have overcome death and the grave.

You have risen from the dead, and so will all the earth.

We sing together

God of mer-cy, hear our-pra-yer. God of mer-cy hear our-pra-yer. We pray - to the
Lord, God of mer - cy hear our - pray - er.

The Intercessor continues, closing with these words

May we live with courage, knowing that through your death and resurrection,
you have erased the power of the grave, giving hope to all of creation,
and may our lives share your life-giving love with the world. **Amen.**

lord 's prayer *We sing together.*



Our Fa - ther - in - hea - ven - hal - lo - wed be your - name. Your
King - dom come - your - will be done - on earth as it is in - hea - ven. Give us to - day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us - our sins, as - we for - give those who - sin - a - gain - st
us. Save us from the time of - trial. De - li - ver us from e - vil, for the
king - dom, the power and the glo - ry - are yours now and - for ev ver! A -
men.

peace

We stand.

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet each other in the name of God.

announcements

offertory

God of hope, you poured out your life and rose from the grave,
and you call us to live according to the terms of resurrection.

**Terms of generosity and kindness,
terms of hope poured out in abundance for the world.**

Move us, O God, toward love, service, and lives that are open.

**Bless the gifts we bring and multiply them
to bring hope to a world in need.**

music

“The Old Rugged Cross,” George Bennard.

The great thanksgiving

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Glorious God, we give you thanks and praise,
for on this day creation sings, Christ is risen from the dead!

He has burst forth from the tomb
to break the tangles of despair and death.

Love is come again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices
with the eternal chorus of rejoicing who forever sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God - Al - migh - ty. Hea - ven and earth are -

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -

san - na - in the high - est. Bles - sed is He who -

comes in the name - of the - Lord! _____ Ho

All-embracing God, we give thanks for Jesus, the risen Lord of life,
 who rose victorious from the grave and made the whole creation new.
 He broke bread with sinners, fed the hungry, and healed the oppressed,
 then he poured out his life in death that we might live in love.

Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

We thank you that 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 poured out for you and for all
 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,
 do this for the remembrance of me.

Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

Recalling his life, death, and glorious resurrection, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine, and our lives in thanks and praise. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Breathe your Spirit upon the whole earth, that we may proclaim good news to all the world and rise together as children of your new creation. Then bring us to that new heaven here on earth, O God, where death and pain are no more and you dwell with us forever. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you eternally in songs of pure unbounded praise.



The leader breaks the bread. Silence is kept.



The risen Christ is our host, and he bids us come and celebrate the feast, to know the power of resurrection, the joy of heaven, the glory of God's grace. We come to the table for the gifts of God.

communion

We approach the altar beginning with those sitting in the last rows; they shall be first. Approach the rail from the left aisle and take a cup; used cups go on the tray on the right. You may receive only bread or only wine. Our Eucharistic bread is handmade and robust. If you prefer a wafer,

music *ad and wine is a central act of worship in the Episcopal Church. We invite lay to the table.*

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less,” Edward Mote.

“The Love of God,” Fredrick M. Lehman.

prayer of thanks

We stand.

Holy, gracious God,

here at this table your promise of life is made tangible.

We have rested in the depth of your love;

We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence;

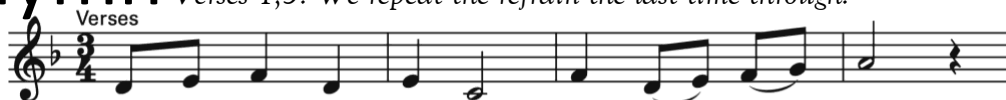
We accept you into our bodies, into our lives.

Together, at this table, you have offered us life.

Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer.

And we give you thanks. Amen.

hymn *Verses 1,3. We repeat the refrain the last time through.*



1. To the Pas - chal Vic - tim Give thank - ful praise!
2. Ma - ry, speak, con - fess - ing What you have seen.
3. Chris - tians, sing his glo - ry with ev - 'ry breath;



1. Christ, ev - er sin - less, his sheep now he saves.
2. "Christ's tomb lies emp - ty where once he had been;
3. Sing of his king - dom, vic - to - rious o'er death!



1. Death and life con - tend - ed In dread - ful strife;
2. An - gels bright, con - firm - ing; Shroud laid a - side;
3. Je - sus, grant us mer - cy: New life from heav'n!



1. Death did not hold him, im - mor - tal his life.
2. He goes to Gal - i - lee, he lives though he died."
3. Christ ev - er reigns! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Al - le - lu - ia, his tri - umph we sing!



Christ is a - ris - en, the Vic - tor, the King!

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sending

Lift up your heads, Beloved.
Christ Jesus has opened your graves.
Walk in freedom and life.
Go out in peace.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

postlude

“Alleluia,” Josh Garrels.

sources

Acclamation

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Intercessions

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Confession, Offertory, and Sending

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