

# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION:  
EASTER DAY  
MARCH 31, 2024**

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OPENING RITE

Prelude: Introit for Easter Day

- Joel Raney

Handbells played by Celine Godbout, Jeanette Racine, Peggy Bonesteel, Nancy Roff, Jenny Ogelby

Processional Hymn: Hail thee, festival day!

Hymnal 175

*Refrain*

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for -

ev - er, day where - on Christ a - rose, break - ing the

king - dom of death. death.

1 Lo, the fair beau - ty of earth, from the death of the  
 3 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the  
 5 God the cre - a - tor, the Lord, who — rul - est the  
 7 Spi - rit of life and of power, now — flow in us,

win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - ery good  
 glo - ry of blos - som; hea - ven her  
 earth and the hea - vens, guard us from  
 fount of our be - ing, light that dost

*Repeat Refrain*

gift of the year now with its Mas - ter re - turns:  
 gates un - bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light:  
 harm with - out, cleanse us from e - vil with - in:  
 light - en — all, life that in all dost a - bid:

2 He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the  
 4 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art au - thor of  
 6 Je - sus the health of the world, en - light - en our  
 8 Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou Love who art

ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre - a - ted on  
 life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of  
 minds, thou Re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -  
 au - thor of con - cord, pour out thy balm on our

earth sing to the glo - ry of God:  
 death, life thou be - stow - est on all:  
 preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:  
 souls, or - der our ways in thy peace:

*Repeat Refrain*

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*During the last verse of this hymn, the children will unbury the Alleluia we buried on Shrove Tuesday and bring it forward to show the Congregation.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Opening Acclamation**

**Presider** Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**People** *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

**Collect for Purity**

**BCP 355**

*The Presider says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thought 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.*

**Song of Praise: Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord**

**Hymnal 178**

*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  
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,

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. Al - le -  
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

*Repeat Refrain*

*The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.*

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## Collect of the Day

**Presider** The Lord be with you.

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

**Presider** Let us pray.

*All are invited to say the Collect of the Day together*

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten One, Jesus Christ, overcame death and opened for us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy this day of resurrection may be

raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**First Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

**Lector:** 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."

**Lector** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

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

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

**St. Helena Psalter**

*Read in a manner chosen by the Presider: direct recitation (unison), antiphonally (side to side) or responsive recitation (leader and people) alternating either by verse or at the asterisk.*

- 1 Give thanks to God who is good; \*  
God's mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim \*  
"God's mercy endures for ever."
- 14 God is my strength and my song \*  
and 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 Most High has triumphed; \*  
the right hand of the Most High is exalted;  
the right hand of the Most High has triumphed!"

- 17 I shall not die, but live \*  
and declare the works of God.
- 18 God has punished me sorely, \*  
but did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to God.
- 20 “This is the gate of the Holy One; \*  
those who are 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 God’s doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Holy One has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

**Lector:** 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.

**Lector** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.  
**People** *Thanks be to God.*

**Anthem: Love Is Come Again**

**- Alan Smith Solo: Livy Hitchcock**

**The Gospel: Mark 16:1-8**

*The people stand as able during the reading of the Gospel lesson in a service of the Eucharist*

**Deacon** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**Deacon** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Kim Hardy**

**Renewal of the Baptism Vows**

*All stand as able*

*Presider* 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.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* I do.

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

*Presider* 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.

*Presider* 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.

*Presider* 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.

*Presider* 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.

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* 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 Presider then says*

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.*

## **Prayers of the People**

*The people remain standing as able and say the response in bold*

### **Deacon:**

Jesus Christ is risen today, our triumphant holy day. Alleluia! So let us pray to God, saying, “To you we offer praise forever; Alleluia! Alleluia!”

### **Intercessor:**

O Christ, for us you endured the cross and the grave. When we were yet afflicted by sin, you redeemed and saved us. May we sing your praises everywhere we go.

To you we offer praise forever;  
***Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Incarnate Love, where hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, call forth new life by your touch. Bring forth life in the barren places of the world.

To you we offer praise forever;  
***Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Living Savior, you hold the future. You bless and restore families, communities, and our world. Help us to trust those for whom we care to the certainty of your endless and eternal love.

To you we offer praise forever;  
***Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Author of Life, all earthly created things sing to your glory. From the death of the winter, raise the fair beauty of earth. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. James' Church, Essex Junction; the Rev. Kim Hardy; and the Rev. Deacon Dave Ganter and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies. We thank you for all the blessings of this life especially for Ron Belair who is celebrating his birthday this week. I invite your prayers of thanksgiving.

*During a pause the Intercessor invites prayers to be offered aloud, first from the in-person group and then from online worshippers. After all prayers have been offered, the Intercessor continues.*

To you we offer praise forever;  
***Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Jesus, healer of the world, pour out your balm of healing on our souls and the souls of all in pain or sorrow. Be the source of life for all. We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, especially Mitch; Grace; Sarah; Chris; Connie; Marie; Foster Borch; Jennifer Wilkins Borch; Kristen; Nancy Bloomer; Dot Rochester; Sarah; Kevin; Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; Bishop Tom Ely; Hisham Awartani; Eric Fenton; Barbara; Diane Montague; and Al Proulx. We pray for peaceful and just resolutions to the conflicts in Gaza and Israel, and in Ukraine. We also pray for the people of Haiti that they may find stability and peace. I invite your prayers of intercession.

*During a pause the Intercessor invites prayers to be offered aloud, first from the in-person group and then from online worshippers. After all prayers have been offered, the Intercessor continues.*

To you we offer praise forever;  
***Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Deliver us, O Christ from all that would keep us from rightly seeing you in the light of your resurrection. By your grace, bring us from death to life. We remember and pray for those who have died, especially those who are honored today with gifts of Easter flowers; for those who have died in global conflicts, especially in Haiti, Ukraine, Sudan, Israel and Gaza. I invite your prayers for those who have died.

*During a pause the Intercessor invites prayers to be offered aloud, first from the in-person group and then from online worshippers. After all prayers have been offered, the Intercessor continues.*

To you we offer praise forever;  
***Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*The Presider says the concluding Collect*

### **Presider**

Blessed are you, O God, who in great mercy has given us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading. We share this hope as we share in Christ's resurrection, living out our baptismal covenant in service to you now, and looking to nearer presence with you and all the saints in glory in the life to come.  
**Amen.**

*The Confession is omitted during the Season of Easter.*

### **The Peace**

**Presider**     The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**People**       *And also with you.*

*If you are in person, please feel free to share the peace with those near to you. Please be mindful that some may want a “touchless” peace. In this case, the peace may be shared in various ways such as the prayer to heart position. On Zoom, please either open your microphone to share the peace aloud or visually give a sign of peace or share your peace in the chat box.*

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*Presider*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*The people’s offerings are gathered and brought to the altar by the ushers to be offered to God. All stand as able.*

**Offertory Hymn: He is risen**

**Hymnal 180**

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 - dian 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.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

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### Enriching Our Worship Prayer 3

*The people remain standing. The Presider faces them and says*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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*Presider*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The people remain standing as able. The Presider continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

“Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Presider and People*

Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

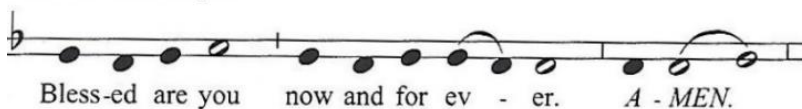
*The Presider continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Saint James and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Presider and People*



## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Presider** As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Presider*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem

WLP 867

The bread which we break is a shar - ing in the  
Bo - dy of Christ. We be - ing ma - ny are one  
bread, one bo - dy, for we all share in the one bread.

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Carl Haywood.*

*The Presider invites the people to Communion*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*and adds*

All are welcome at God's table.

*A moment of silence is observed.*

*Ushers will guide the congregation to communion. We receive communion in both kinds, bread and wine, using a Pouring Chalice and individual cups. Please come forward to receive communion at the step. Pick up a communion cup in the tray on your right as you approach the steps and leave your empty cup in the tray closest to the organ as you return to your seat. If you wish to receive in one kind only (bread) you are welcome to do so. If you wish only a blessing and no communion, please indicate this with your arms crossed over your chest as the priest passes by. If you are unable physically to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Also, please let the priest know if you need a gluten-free wafer.*

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;  
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;  
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,  
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;  
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;  
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love cat we man - na from a - bove.  
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.  
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt. Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).



## Postcommunion Prayer

*The people stand as able. The Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.

*Amen.*

***Please see This Week at St. James*** for announcements of upcoming activities and join us for coffee and conversation in the Parish Hall

## CLOSING RITE

### Blessing and Dismissal

*The priest blesses the people.*

May you be a new creation, Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. Amen.

*--A New Zealand Prayerbook*

*The Deacon then dismisses the people*

**Deacon** Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

**People** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

*Come forward for bells to ring during the last hymn. Ring especially on the Alleluias!*

*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!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749, alt., desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950 Copyright © Hymns Ancient and Modern Limited. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

## Postlude: Trumpet Voluntary

- Henry Purcell

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**Lector:** Karen Robinson

**Intercessor:** Jenny Ogelby

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## Easter Day: The Sunday of the Resurrection —Year B

Welcome to St. James Church on the Feast of the Lord's Resurrection. Today the Church completes its three great days of celebrating redemption. Since Maundy Thursday we have been involved in an extended liturgy which will be brought to its conclusion today. This is the celebration of the Passover of Christ from death to life. It is also the celebration of our own Passover in Holy Baptism in which "we were buried with Christ in his death and raised with him." Today the Nicene Creed is replaced with the renewal of our Baptismal Covenant. In every baptism, we, the Church, give birth to new members by water and the Holy Spirit. As the newly baptized rise from the waters, the resurrection is made new in our midst. Throughout the fifty days of Easter,

the first reading on Sundays is from the Acts of the Apostles. These weekly readings from Acts describe the life of the first Christians and their proclamation of Christ's resurrection. So today we hear a portion of the sermon Peter preached to Cornelius, the first Gentile Christian. The passage from 1 Corinthians contains Paul's witness to Jesus' resurrection as it was told him by the other apostles. He concludes with his own experience of Jesus' appearance to him. The Gospel reading from Mark describes the women coming to the tomb and finding it empty. A young man clad in a white robe – a baptismal symbol – tells them that Christ is risen and sends them to tell the disciples. As we rejoice in our new life in the risen Christ on this day, he comes among us and is made known to us in the Breaking of the Bread. We, like Mary and the other women, are sent forth to tell others of his resurrection.

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## In Our Prayers

**Diocesan and Anglican Cycles of Prayer:** In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. James' Church, Essex Junction; the Rev. Kim Hardy; and the Rev. Deacon Dave Ganter. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

**We pray for those who are sick or have asked for our prayers:** especially for Mitch; Grace; Sarah; Chris; Connie; Marie; Foster Borch; Jennifer Wilkins Borch; Kristen; Nancy Bloomer; Dot Rochester; Sarah; Kevin; Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; Bishop Tom Ely; Hisham Awartani; Eric Fenton; Barbara; Diane Montague; and Al Proulx. We pray for peaceful and just resolutions to the conflicts in Gaza and Israel, and in Ukraine. We also pray for the people of Haiti that they may find stability and peace.

**Birthday:** Ron Belair, April 6



## **Easter Flower Gifts are Given in Loving Memory of:**

Kim Willey	Dick Rochester
Ann Wavrek Develin	Colleen Dolan
Paul & Cathrine Wavrek	Virginia Eklund
Harry & Irene Reichard	Robert & Gertrude Rouleau
Grace & Martin Grimes	Donald & Lois Hardy
Lillian & Thomas Tetreault	Th Rev. Robert P. Hardy
Ralph & Isabel Hutton	The Rev. Fred Haskin
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