

# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION:  
EASTER DAY  
APRIL 5, 2026**

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OPENING RITE

Prelude

Processional Hymn: He is risen

Hymnal 180 vs. 1,2,4

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 - jice: 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).

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 - lu - ia

*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.

1-4 *Final Ending*

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.  
 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

## St. Helena Breviary

**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: Colossians 3:1-4**

**Lector:** A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

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

**Anthem: Love Is Come Again**

**Alan Smith; solo: Pam Parshall**

**The Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10**

*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 Matthew.

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

**Deacon** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**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*

Gracious God whose love defeated even death, hear and answer our deepest hopes and needs as you did for the women who discovered the empty tomb and hear our prayers as we say, God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*

Your church is the Body of Christ, constituted and empowered to continue to proclaim Christ's resurrection, strengthen and embolden us to be persistent in our proclamation. We give thanks for the ministries of lay leaders and their families throughout the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our world still falls short of the full blossoming of human potential. Open the eyes and hearts of the world's leaders to pursue peace and human thriving for all people.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to see the risen Christ in the world around. Guide us into the work you have given us to do so that the ministries of Jesus might continue, that the world might know his healing and love

through our actions. We give thanks for Ron Belair who is celebrating a birthday this week and for Clinton and Carol Reichard celebrating their anniversary this week. I invite your prayers of thanksgiving.

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

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have placed us in a glorious creation and charged us with its care. Grant us wisdom and a willingness to protect our environment so that future generations might know the fullness of its beauty and abundance.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring healing and wholeness to our lives and to all who suffer in any way. Grant that they might feel Christ's caring touch on their hurts. We ask your prayers for Grace; Kristen; Tyler; Darcy; Foster Borch; Connie; Neil Eklund; Jim Larkin; Carl Runge; John; Matthew; Carol Reichard; Lindsey Huddle; and Sean, friend of Jeff Moskovics. We pray for all suffering injustice, fear and uncertainty. I invite your prayers of intercession.

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

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Christ's resurrection opened for us the way to eternal life. Grant that we all may continue on Christ's pathway and enter into your eternal reign and rise again with all the saints who have gone before. We pray especially for the people in whose memory the Easter flowers are given. I invite your prayers for those who have died.

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

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Presider*

Glorious God, you have promised to be with us always fulfill now your promises for us and grant our prayers as may be best of us and always in accord with your will. All this we ask through our advocate and redeemer, Christ Jesus who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, eternally one God.

**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: Welcome happy morning

Hymnal 179 1, 4-5

1 “Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!” age to age shall say:  
\*2 Earth her joy con - fess - es, cloth - ing her for spring,  
\*3 Months in due suc - ces - sion, days of length - ening light,  
4 Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,  
5 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,

1 hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!  
2 all fresh gifts re - turned with her re - turn - ing King:  
3 hours and pass - ing mo - ments praise thee in their flight.  
4 thou from heaven be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture’s fall,  
5 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;

1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!  
2 bloom in ev - ery mea - dow, leaves on ev - ery bough,  
3 Bright - ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,  
4 of the Fa - ther’s God - head true and on - ly Son,  
5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,

1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!  
 2 speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri - umph now.  
 3 Van - quish - er of dark - ness, bring their praise to thee.  
 4 man - kind to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.  
 5 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!

*Refrain*  
 "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say.

6 Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;  
 all that now is fallen raise to life again;  
 show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;  
 bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!

*Refrain*

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Fortunatus*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

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**Enriching Our Worship Prayer 3**

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

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Presider*

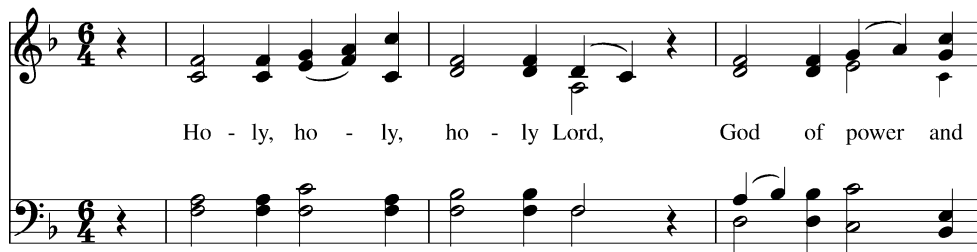
All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures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

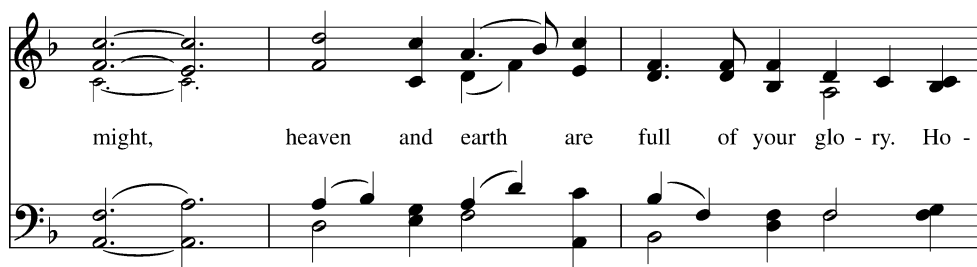
*Presider and People*

## Sanctus

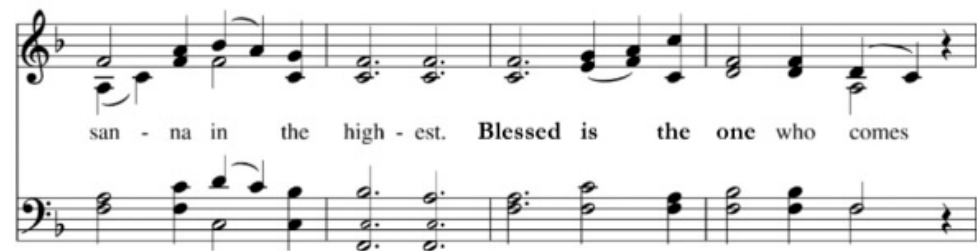
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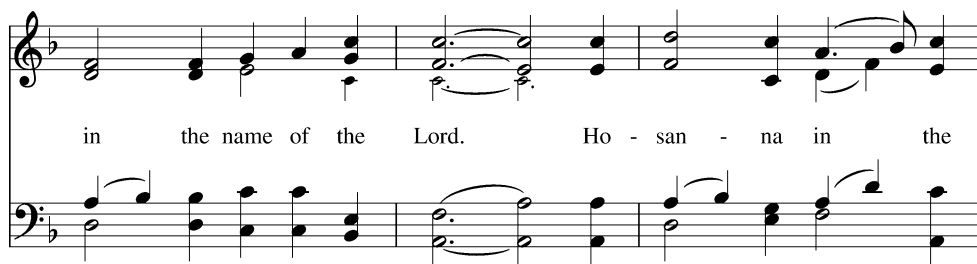
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



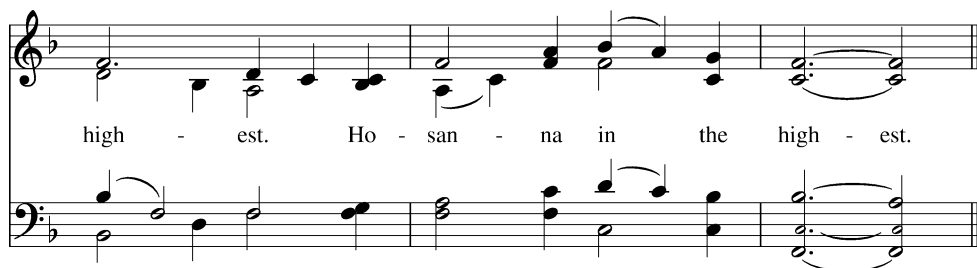
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Blessed 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.

Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

*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*

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

## The Lord's Prayer

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

*People and Presider*

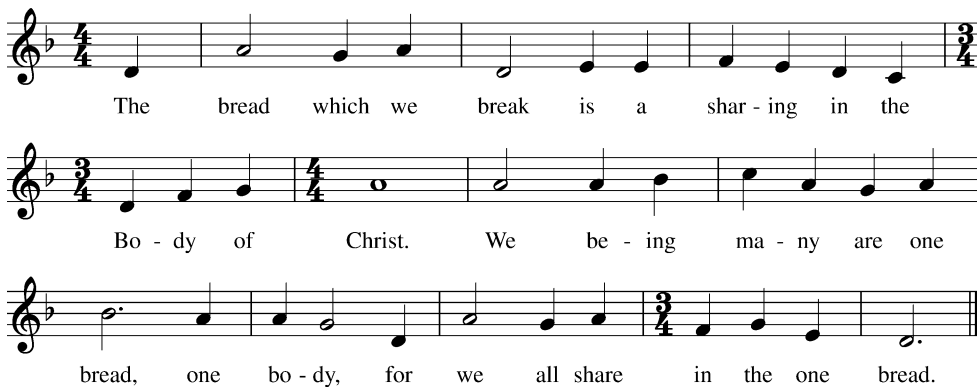
Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem: The bread which we break

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.

Music: Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Fraction Anthems, Canticles, and Chants*. Copyright © 1997 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. Please come forward to receive communion at the step. We receive communion in both kinds, bread and wine, using a Pouring Chalice and individual cups. If you would like to receive wine, pick up a communion cup in the tray on your right as you approach the steps and leave your empty cup in the other tray as you return to your seat. If you are unable physically to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Please also let the priest know if you need a gluten-free wafer.*

## Communion Hymn: At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Hymnal 174

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 eat 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 a Festive food and fellowship 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. Descant by permission of Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission.

## Postlude: The Hallelujah Chorus

- Handel

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**Deacon:** The Rev. Deacon Dave Ganter

**Lector:** Nancy Todd

**Intercessor:** Neal Robinson

**Eucharistic Minister:** Peggy Bonesteel

**Musicians:** Carol Reichard; St. James Choir

**In-Person Ushers:** Neal and Karen Robinson

**Minister of Technology:** Brian Garland

**Digital Usher:** Heather Winship

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

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 that 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."

Throughout the fifty days of Easter, a reading from the Acts of the Apostles is always used. 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 second reading reflects our share in the resurrection given us in baptism. The Gospel reading is the account of the women at the tomb and the angelic proclamation of the resurrection.

As we rejoice in our new life in the risen Christ on this day, he comes among us and is known to us in the Breaking of the Bread. We 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 the Ministries of lay leaders and their families throughout the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.

**We pray for those who are sick, recovering from injuries, lonely or grieving, and others who have asked for our prayers:** Grace; Kristen; Tyler; Darcy; Foster Borch; Connie; Neil Eklund; Jim Larkin; Carl Runge; John; Matthew; Carol Reichard; Lindsey Huddle; and Sean, friend of Jeff Moskovics.

**We pray for those who have died and those who mourn:** especially for the people who have died in global conflicts, especially in Ukraine, Sudan, and Israel and Gaza; the people who have died from violence; the people remembered by our Easter flowers; and for all the people who mourn these losses.

### **Birthday:**

Ron Belair, April 6

### **Anniversary:**

Carol and Clinton Reichard, April 10



## **Easter Flower Gifts are Given in Thanksgiving for:**

George and Molly Rudgers' children and grandchildren

## **And in Loving Memory of:**

Kim Willey  
Greg "Mitch" Mitchell  
Sandy & Bob Willey  
Ann Wavrek Develin  
Paul & Cathrine Wavrek  
Harry & Irene Reichard  
Grace & Martin Grimes  
Lillian & Thomas Tetreault  
The Rev. Ralph & Isabel Hutton  
Rob & Ruth Robinson  
Nancy Robinson McGlashan  
Norvin & Joyce Winship  
Frank Burnham  
Wyatt Hill  
The Rev. Alexander & Janet Smith  
Samuel & Dorothy Ogelby  
Dick and Dot Rochester  
Colleen Dolan  
David Leahy  
The Rev. Janet Brown

The Rev. Reed Brown  
Ginny Eklund  
Robert & Gertrude Rouleau  
Ellie Potter  
Michael Grady  
Chris Baker  
Elizabeth & Robert Laidman Sr.  
Florence & Donald Stricker  
Ann & William Sargent  
Cynthia Stricker  
Benjamin Walton  
Lois & Bill Soule  
Bill Geiger  
Anne C. Sangree  
John Donahey  
Lois Belair  
Nancy Roff  
The Rev. Fred J. Haskin  
Louisa Haskin  
Ruby Hitchcock  
Steve Moss



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