

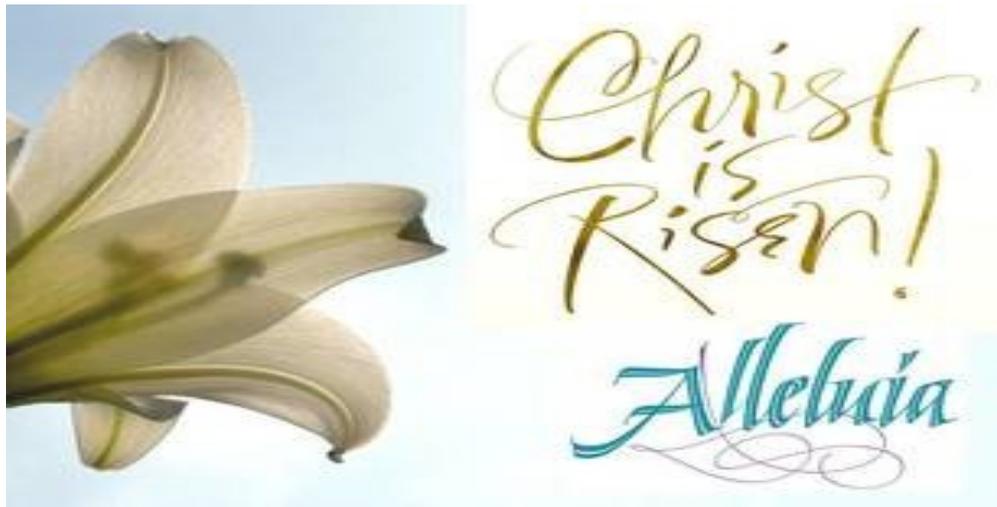
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# EASTER SUNDAY

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**Prelude**

**Organist**

**Processional**

*“Jesus Christ is Risen Today!” (vs 1-4)*

**Hymnal 207**

- 1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
- 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
- 3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
now above the sky he’s king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
- 4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

**Opening Acclamation**

- Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;
- People: **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**
- Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
- People: **One God and Father of all.**
- Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
- People: **And also with you.**
- Celebrant: Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by this glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same thy Son Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

Acts 10:34-43

**See Insert**

- Reader: The Word of the Lord.
- People: **Thanks be to God.**

3. Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,  
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

4. Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal:  
but today amidst thine own thou didst stand, bestowing  
that thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

**The Dismissal**

**BCP 366**

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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**THE BEAUTIFUL LILIES GRACING ST. CHRISTOPHER’S  
WERE GIVEN BY THE FOLLOWING.....**

- \*DON & SANDI ANDREWS  
IN MEMORY OF OUR MOTHERS:  
ALTHEA ANDREWS  
NELDA MULLENS
- \*BETH BODKIN  
IN MEMORY OF BILL
- \*BARNETT AND JOANN CARTHEY  
IN THANKSGIVING FOR OUR GREAT NEPHEW, BOWEN COOPER BRIDGES,  
BORN DECEMBER 2020  
IN THANKSGIVING FOR OUR GREAT NIECE, EVELYN LAYNE SMITH,  
BORN FEBRUARY 2021
- \*JIM & JANET CULVER  
IN THANKSGIVING FOR OUR FAMILY
- \* LUIS & JUDITH GONZALEZ  
IN MEMORY OF OUR DAUGHTER, SACCHIA GONZALEZ  
IN MEMORY OF JUDITH’S MOTHER, ROSARIO GARCIA

3. Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day; not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray, breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.

4. He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate: we are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state; and a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.

### Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and people:

**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 Blessing

BCP 339

The peace of God, which passes 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.**

### The Recessional

*"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise The Strain"*

Hymnal 199

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness! God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness: loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters, led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

2. 'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst his prison, and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen; all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

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

See Insert

### The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

See Insert

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sequence Hymn

*"The Day of Resurrection!" (v. 1)*

Hymnal 210

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.  
2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

*At the Gospel reading:*

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

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

### The Gospel

John 20:1-18

See Insert

*After the Gospel is read:*

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

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

### Sequence Hymn

*"The Day of Resurrection!" (v.2&3)*

Hymnal 210

3. Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

### The Sermon

The Rev. Steve Karcher

## Announcements/Newcomers/Birthdays/Anniversaries

### The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: By the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

### The Prayers of the People - Form III

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Celebrant: 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.

*Please come to Jesus' table for Communion or a Blessing.*

### Communion Music

*"At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing"*

**Hymnal 174**

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,  
who hath washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;  
praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred Blood for wine,  
gives his Body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
2. Where the Paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, Paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.
3. Mighty victim from on high, hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;  
thou hast conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall;  
thou hast opened paradise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
4. Easter triumph, Easter joy, these alone do sin destroy.  
From sin's power do thou set free souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory, songs of praise, Father, unto thee we raise:  
risen Lord, all praise to thee with the Spirit ever be.

*"He Is Risen!"*

**Hymnal 18**

1. He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:  
he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice:  
death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.
2. Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow!  
Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now,  
and the passion that he bore—sin and pain can vex no more.

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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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

Hymnal S-154

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

People:  Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

 there - fore let us keep the feast.

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

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

## The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: ***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

## The Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace *(all stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

### Offertory Music

Organist

# The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367/Hymnal S-120

*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 him thanks and praise.

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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:

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*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;***

*The Celebrant continues*

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 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.