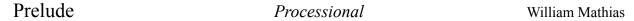


Alleluia! Christ is risen!

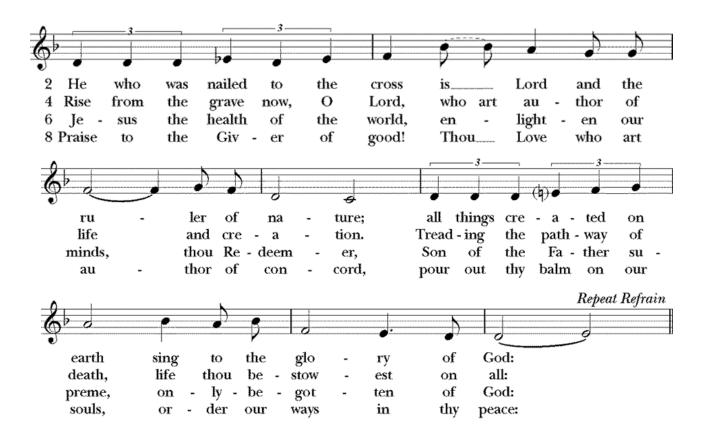
Easter Day

The Sunday of Resurrection

Festival Holy Eucharist, Rite II March 31, 2024, 10am







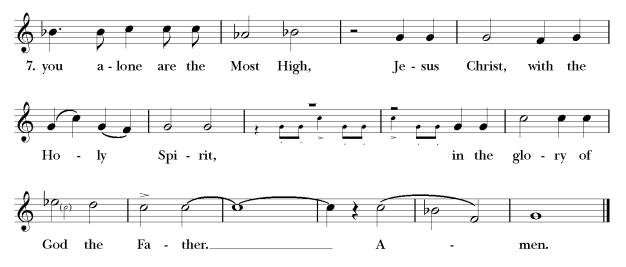
THE WORD OF GOD

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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





The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

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

The First Lesson: A reading from the Book of Acts.

ACTS 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Sung by all. Change notes at the words in bold.

Adapted from Truro by William Bradley Roberts



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is **good**; * his mercy endures for **ever**.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
 "His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my **song**, * and he 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 LORD has **triumphed!** * the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has **triumphed!**"
- 17 I shall not die, but **live**, * and declare the works of the **LORD**.
- 18 The LORD has punished me **sorely**, * but he did not hand me over to **death**.
- Open for me the gates of **righteousness**; * I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the **LORD**.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; * he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you **answered me** * and have become my salvation.
- The same stone which the builders **rejected** * has become the chief **cornerstone**.
- 23 This is the Lord's **doing**, * and it is marvelous in our **eyes**.

Sung to the second half of the chant:

On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Lesson

A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

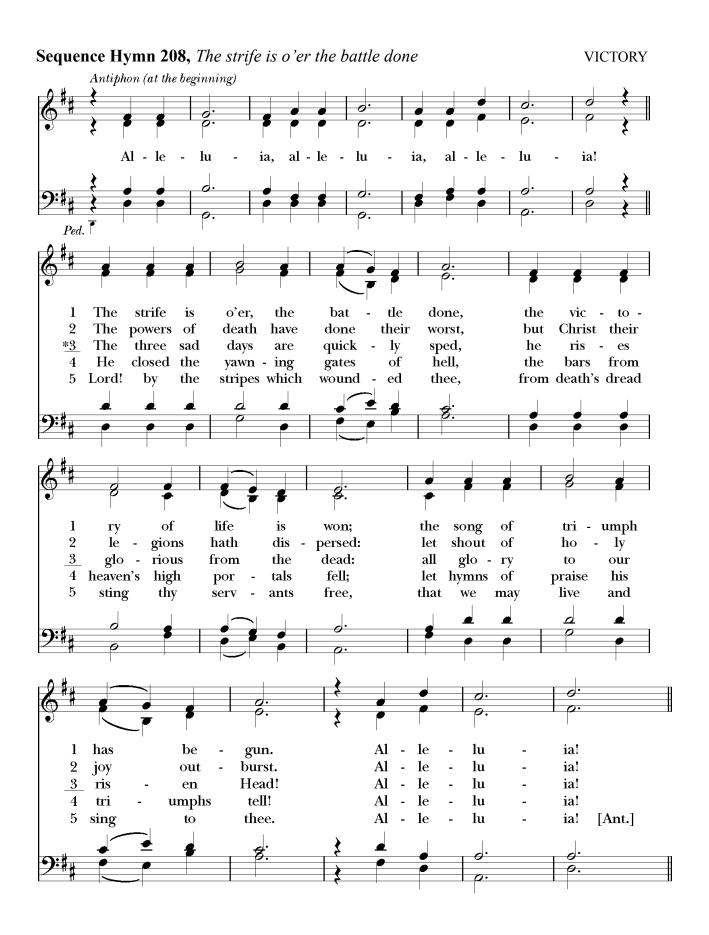
1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





The congregation stands and turns to face the Gospel procession.

The Gospel

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

JOHN 20:1-18

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Victoria Geer McGrath

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

and was made man.

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,

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

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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 worshiped 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.

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The Prayers of the People

The Leader and the People pray responsively

LEM Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Let us lift our voices and pray,

LEM Risen Lord,

People Hear our Prayer.

LEM Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings he showers upon us: For our lives and for those whom we love, For the beauty of this home God has created for us, For our families and our friendships, Let us give thanks to the God of Life.

Special intentions are offered silently or aloud.

LEM Risen Lord,

People Hear our Prayer.

LEM Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God: For our clergy and our bishops, For the many lay people who serve the church, And serve the world through the church. For those gather here in worship and prayer.

Special intentions are offered silently or aloud.

LEM Risen Lord,

People Hear our Prayer.

LEM Let us pray for the newly baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith.

Special intentions are offered silently or aloud.

LEM Risen Lord,

People Hear our Prayer.

LEM Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, And that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

Special intentions are offered silently or aloud.

LEM Risen Lord,

People Hear our Prayer.

LEM Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle: and who have died: That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, And that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores.

Special intentions are offered silently or aloud.

LEM Risen Lord,
People Hear our Prayer.

Presider O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

Presider 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.

Presider

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.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome & Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Now the Green Blade Riseth All Saints' Choir

arr. John Carter

The Doxology, Hymn 380, vs. 3

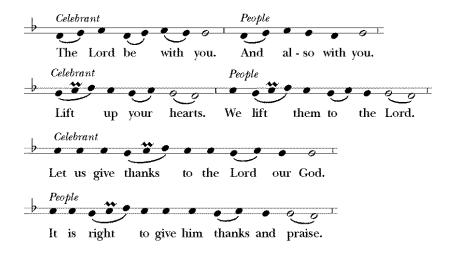
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing. The Presider faces them and sings:

Sursum Corda S-120

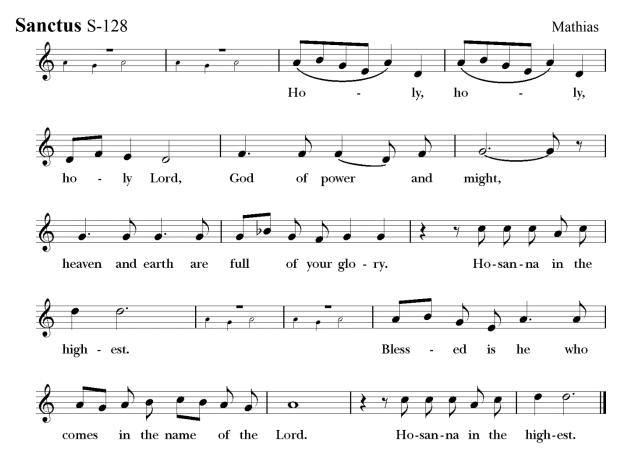


Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:



The people stand or kneel. Then the Presider continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

The Great Amen S-146

McNeil Robinson II (1943-2015)



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, *Presider and People*

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

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Let us pray.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation:

So come to this table

You who have much faith

And you who would like to have more.

You who have been to this Sacrament often,

And you who have not been for a long time.

You who have followed Jesus.

And you who have failed. Come.

It is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

Wherever you are in your journey of faith,

You are welcome here at the Lord's table.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest at the altar rail.

If you need to receive Communion in your pew, please let an usher know.

If you are not receiving today, please come forward for a blessing.





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

The Post-Communion Prayer

Presider and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

Presider

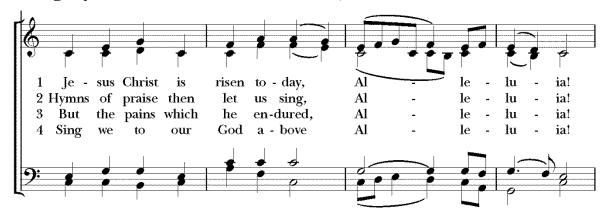
May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

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.

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

Closing Hymn 207, Jesus Christ is risen today

EASTER HYMN





The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of Christ's resurrection.

Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude Fanfare Kenneth Leighton

Clergy, Vestry & Staff

Rector: The Rev. Victoria Geer McGrath **Wardens**: Wendy Clarkson & Janet Gibbs

Vestry: Stewart Cunningham, Matt Dalmedo, Helen Mederos, Melissa Pagliaro, Betsy Wallace, Waring Webb

Clerk: Janet Gibbs Treasurer: Bob Jackson

Music Director: Alison Siener Brown

Administrator: Susie Harris

All Saints' Announcements

Easter lasts fifty days, until Pentecost. Keep celebrating!

Continue the Joy! Festive Coffee Hour

Come for a Coffee Hour/Reception in the Parish Hall after service.

New to All Saints'? Welcome, we're glad you are here.

Please sign the guest book by the front door with your name, address and email address. Browse our website www.allsaintsmillington.org Sign up for our weekly e-letter, *Saints Alive!*, through the portal on our website homepage.

Rummage Sale is now on the calendar for this year: September 28, 2024! We will start collecting on Sunday August 18, so begin putting your items aside now!

Fish & Chips Dinner – save the date of Thursday, May 23!!

- **Bible Study will not meet next week.** We'll resume on Wednesday, April 10 at 10:15am on Zoom. We always welcome new people to the group. Send an email to allsaints_rector @hotmail.com for details.
- All Saints' Choir and Bell Choir will not rehearse during Easter week. They will take a well-earned rest! Rehearsals begin again on Thursday, April 11. We always welcome people to sing with us or ring handbells no experience needed! We especially need tenor and bass singers. Interested? Want to know more? Speak with Director of Music Alison Siener Brown asienerbrown@gmail.com
- **Children and Youth Formation in April**. Confirmation Class meets on April 14 & 28 at 11:45am. Sunday School Workshop meets on April 21 after the 10am service.
- **Twelve Baskets Food Pantry** is our shared outreach with First Presbyterian Church of Stirling, Meyersville Presbyterian Church, and Long Hill Township Community Resources/CERT. Twice a month we distribute both fresh and non-perishable foods, personal hygiene and cleaning products to neighbors in need in the Long Hill area. In-kind contributions and monetary donations are always welcome. *Check the Twelve Baskets Facebook page or the parish website for more information or to volunteer.*

Office Schedule during Easter Week

The office will be closed from Mon., April 1—Wed., April 3.

The clergy and staff will be taking Easter sabbath time. The office will be open on Thursday, April 4, from 9am-5pm. The Rector will be available for pastoral emergencies by phone during the week: 973-886-4119.

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