

EASTER

ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN!

APRIL 5, 2026
8:00AM & 10:00AM



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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"Joyfully Seeking and Serving Christ"

PRELUDE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today (*Robert Hobby*)

Please stand as you are able. (8:00am verses 1-2 only.)

HYMN 175 (*The Hymnal 1982 Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus Music: Salve festa dies*)

Hail Thee Festival Day

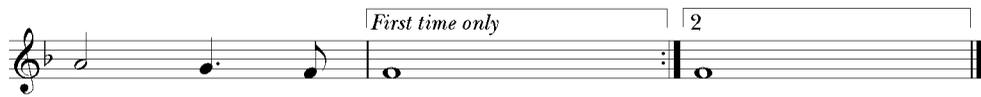
Refrain



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



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 - bide:

Repeat Refrain

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

Repeat Refrain

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:

The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

OPENING ACCLAMATION *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 355)*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

COLLECT FOR PURITY *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 355)*

All **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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

We will say the Gloria together at 8:00am. The Choir will sing the Gloria at 10:00am.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 222)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection 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 Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated for the readings.

FIRST LESSON

A reading from The Acts of the Apostles (10:34-43)

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.”

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

We will say the appointed Psalm antiphonally by half verse.

PSALM 118: 1-2, 14-24 (St. Helena Psalter)

Give thanks to God who is good, *
whose mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *
“God’s mercy endures for ever.”

God is my strength and my song *
and has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

“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!”

I shall not die, but live *
and declare the works of God.

God has punished me sorely, *
but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to God.

“This is the gate of the Holy One; *
those who are righteous may enter.”

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.

This is God’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

SECOND LESSON

A reading from the Epistle to the Colossians (3:1-4)

[Since] 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join in singing verses 1&2 before the Gospel and verses 3&4 after the Gospel.

HYMN 196 (The Hymnal 1982 Words: John Bennett Music: Petrus, William Albright)

Look There! the Christ, our Brother, comes



1 Look there! the Christ, our Bro - ther, comes re -
 2 Good Je - sus Christ in - side his pain looked
 3 Good Je - sus Christ, our Bro - ther, died in
 4 Look there! the Christ, our Bro - ther, comes re -



splen-dent from the gal-lows tree _____ and what he brings in
 down Gol - go - tha's ston-y slope _____ and let the blood flow
 dark - est hurt up - on the tree _____ to of - fer us the
 splen-dent from the gal-lows tree _____ and what he brings in



his hurt hands is life on life for you and me. _____
 from his flesh to fill the springs of liv-ing hope. _____
 worlds of light that live in - side the Trin - i - ty. _____
 his hurt hands is life on life for you and me. _____



Joy! (joy) joy! (joy) joy to the heart and all in this good day's dawn -



- ing! Joy! (joy) joy! (joy) joy to the heart and



all in this good day's dawn - ing!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20:1-18)

People **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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

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

SERMON *The Rev. John A. Mennell*

Please stand as you are able.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 304)*

Celebrant Let us join with all those who commit themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Jesus Christ is risen today, our triumphant holy day. Alleluia! So let us pray to our Creator, saying, “Risen Christ, to you we give undying praise.”

Leader Heavenly King, for us you endured the cross and the grave. When we were yet sinners, you redeemed and saved us. May we sing your eternal praises everywhere we go. *Silence.*

People Risen Christ,
To you we give undying praise.

Leader 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 your world. *Silence.*

People Risen Christ,
To you we give undying praise.

Leader Author of Life, you are the ruler of creation. All things created on earth sing to your glory. From the death of the winter, raise the fair beauty of earth. *Silence.*

People Risen Christ,
To you we give undying praise.

Leader Resurrected One, bring our neighbors from sadness into joy. Where they live in darkness, brighten their lives with a day of splendor and give to all that peace that passes human knowing. *Silence.*

People Risen Christ,
To you we give undying praise.

Leader Triumphant Lord, gladden the faces of all who are sad and fearful-hearted. May they rejoice in your victory over sin and pain—even as they share in your glorious triumph, especially *[insert prayer list]*. *Silence.*

People Risen Christ,
To you we give undying praise.

Leader Risen Christ, you have opened heaven’s gate. You have freed us from the power of sin and death. Through your resurrection, you give us the promise of resurrection to a holier state. Bless the dying and the dead. *Silence.*

People Risen Christ,
To you we give undying praise.

*When invited,
please offer your
prayer concerns
aloud.*

THE PEACE *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 360)*

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the offertory, a collection is gathered as we look to give back to God in thanksgiving for all the blessings in our life. Please remain seated during the Offertory to enjoy the anthem. You are invited to take advantage of the following options for giving electronically: Scan the QR codes below to donate through Venmo, Zelle, or our church database. Detailed information is available on the "Giving" tab of our website, slechurch.org.



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Risen Today *(Dan Forrest)*

Special guest pianist Jeanette Aufiero-Pena

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Earth in heav'n in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high! Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns and earth reply, Alleluia!
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise! Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, He all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave, Alleluia!
Soar we now where Christ has led! Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head! Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,
Alleluia!
Alleluia!

ANTHEM NOTES

Dan Forrest is a contemporary composer living in South Carolina. He studied at the University of Kansas under James Barnes and Alice Parker. Forrest has self-published a vast array of choral and orchestral works and become internationally renowned. In this anthem, Forrest takes the popular "Risen Today" hymn and tweaks it in an interesting way. He cleverly introduces changing meters to give the piece a feel of true "life and breath," perfectly suited for Easter. Forrest also writes for a duo of piano and organ which gives the anthem a percussive feeling while still being in the Anglican church tradition.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Eucharistic Prayer A, Book of Common Prayer, p. 361)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also 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.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:

SANCTUS *(Calvin Hampton) (said at 8:00am, sung by Choir at 10:00am)*

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious God: 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 Creator of all.

Jesus 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 God, now and for ever.

AMEN!

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 364)*

Feel free to pray in whatever language and words that bring you closer to God.

Celebrant

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

All

Our

Mother
Father
Creator

 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 364)*

Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

INVITATION *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 365)*

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.

All are invited to participate in communion at St. Luke's. On Easter, when we celebrate at the high altar, communicants are invited to come forward up the center aisle and stand or kneel to receive communion. Please note that our ushers start from the back and move forward to facilitate smooth movement and return to your seats. After receiving the bread and/or wine, move toward the outside and return to your seat down the side aisles. If you would prefer not to take the bread or wine, simply cross your arms over your chest and you will receive a blessing. If you would like to have communion brought to you at your seat, please let one of the ushers know.

HYMN 213 (The Hymnal 1982 Words: Anonymous, The Southern Harmony Music: Middlebury)

Come away to the skies

Unison or harmony

1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -
 2 Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our
 3 For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the
 4 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which hath
 *5 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King, and his

1 joice in the day thou wast born; — on this fes - ti - val day,
 2 hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed, — while his grace we re - ceive
 3 na - ture and king - dom di - vine! — Now cre - a - ted a - gain
 4 joined us to Je - sus' — Name; — so u - ni - ted in heart,
 5 rap - tu - rous prais - es, re - peat: — to the Lamb that was slain,

1 come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn. —
 2 from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God. —
 3 that our lives may re - main, through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine. —
 4 let us nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb. —
 5 hal - le - lu - jah a - gain, sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet. —

COMMUNION ANTHEM

This Joyful Easter tide (Harris)

HYMN 335 (The Hymnal 1982 Words Suzanne Toolan, adapt. of John 6 Music: I am the Bread of Life)

I am the bread of life



1 I am the bread of life; they who
2 (The) Bread that I will give is my
3 (Un-) less you eat of the
4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,
5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that



1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -
2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who
3 Flesh of the Son of Man and
4 I am the life. They who be -
5 you are the Christ, the



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
2 eat of this bread, they shall live for
3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
4 lieve in me, e - ven if they
5 Son of God who has



1 me unless the Fa - ther draw them.
2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.
3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.
4 die, they shall live for ev - er.
5 come in - to the world.

Descant

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. _____ 5 Yes, day.

last day. _____ 2 The
3 Un- day.
4 —
5 Yes,
(♯)

Final Ending

The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 365*)

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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, 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.

BLESSING (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 339*)

Celebrant May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of Christ, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

HYMN 207 *(The Hymnal 1982 Words: Latin, 14th cent. Music: Easter Hymn, from Lyra Davidica)*

Jesus Christ is risen today



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!

DISMISSAL (*Book of Common Prayer p. 366*)

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People

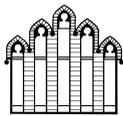
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Festival Toccata (*Percy Fletcher*)

JOYFULLY SEEKING & SERVING CHRIST



WORSHIP WITH US!

Sunday

8:00am Eucharist

9:00am Celebrate Service

for families with small children

10:00am Eucharist with Choir

Wednesday

7:00pm God in Our Midst

Monday

7:00pm Bible Study

Email info@slechurch.org for more information.



TONI'S KITCHEN
A ministry of St. Luke's Church

SERVE WITH US!

Dining Room Sit-Down Meals

Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 11:30am

Sunday at 5:00pm

Choice Pantry Grocery Distribution

Wednesday – Saturday 10:00am – 12:00pm



TONI'S CLOSET

Toni's Closet Thrift Shop

Wednesday – Saturday 10:00am – 4:00pm

Sunday 11:30am – 2:00pm

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