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The Second Sunday of Easter

EASTER LESSONS & CAROLS and
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

April 11, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome worshippers back into the church. To ensure everyone's safety, please observe the following guidelines, which apply to everyone regardless of vaccine status.

- **Wear a mask over your mouth and nose at all times.** We have disposable masks should you need one.
- **Congregational singing is not currently permitted.** Quiet humming is allowed.
- **Practice social distancing with members of other households.** Observe signs and the directions of vergers and ushers about where to sit. Greet one another from a distance with a nod, wave, peace sign, etc.
- **If you might need to get up during the service, please sit on the right side of the nave.** The first-floor restrooms are available should you need them. Please refrain from going into other areas of the building.
- **Children must stay with their accompanying adult(s).**
- **Enter through the red doors only, and leave through either the red doors or the side doors into the Cloister Garden portico,** as directed by a verger or usher.
- **We will not be passing the plate during the Offertory.** You may leave your donation in the wooden offering box. We can also receive donations through the mail or online via our web site. Thank you!

It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you need to participate in the service is found here in this bulletin.

Our ushers and vergers are here to help create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. We're glad you're here!

Cover image: He is Risen by He Qi.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Prelude & Fugue in C minor, BWV 549

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 208, vv. 1, 2, 5 Alleluia! The strife is o'er
All stand. Congregational singing is not permitted; you may hum quietly if you wish.

VICTORY

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt.

Music: Victory, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

Celebrant Let us pray. 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.


People **Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE, vv. 1 & 2

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

Congregational singing is not permitted; you may hum quietly if you wish.

Antiphon



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



1 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]
 2 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. [Ant.]
 3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. [Ant.]
 4 God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]
 5 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Final Antiphon



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

In the same tradition that we employ in Advent and Christmas, the story of Easter is illuminated through meaningful scripture readings punctuated by song. This liturgy is shared without commentary, allowing the words and music to dwell in your heart and reveal their meaning for you.

THE FIRST LESSON God's everlasting love is proclaimed to his people

Jeremiah 31: 1-6

All sit.

Reader: The Reverend Linda Spiers

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 458, vv. 1, 2 My song is love unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

*All stand. Congregational singing is not permitted; you may hum quietly if you wish.**Unison or harmony*

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
 *3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
 *4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
 *5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a

1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet

1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
 5 stead - fast he to suf - fer - ing goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

*6 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heaven was his home;
 but mine the tomb
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine:
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine,
 This is my friend,
 in whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 could gladly spend.

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt.

Music: Love Unknown, John Ireland (1879-1962)

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THE SECOND LESSON The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

Isaiah 52:7-10, 13-15

All sit.

Reader: Wes Winterbottom

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his

appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 178, vv. 1, 2 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

ALLELUIA NO. 1

All stand. Congregational singing is not permitted; you may hum quietly if you wish.

Descant
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 Praise to his Name. Name.
Praise to his Name. Name.

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,

Repeat Refrain
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.

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

Words: Donald Fishel (b. 1950)

Music: Alleluia No. 1, Donald Fishel (b. 1950); arr. Betty Pulkingham (b. 1928), Charles Mallory (b. 1950) and George Mims (b. 1938)

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THE THIRD LESSON Saint John speaks of the new Jerusalem

Revelation 21:1-7

All sit.

Reader: The Reverend Linda Spiers

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

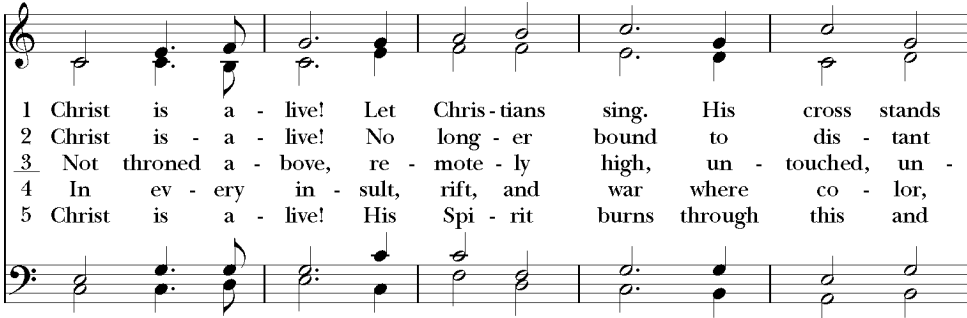
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 182, vv. 1 & 5 Christ is alive!

TRURO

All stand. Congregational singing is not permitted; you may hum quietly if you wish.



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and



1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion



1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), rev.

Music: Truro, melody from Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

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THE FOURTH LESSON The women find the empty tomb

Luke 24:1-9

All sit.

Reader: Wes Winterbottom

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 204, vv. 1 & 4 Now the green blade riseth

NOËL NOUVELET

All stand. Congregational singing is not permitted; you may hum quietly if you wish.



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain,
 thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

Words: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958), alt.

Music: Noël nouvelet, medieval French carol; harm. Marcel Dupré (1886-1971); adapt. Roy F. Kehl (b. 1935); alternative accompaniment George Mims (b. 1938)

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THE GOSPEL LESSON Jesus reveals himself to the disciples and Thomas

John 20:19-31

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But

Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HYMN 206, vv. 1 & 2 O sons and daughters, let us sing

O FILII ET FILIAE

Congregational singing is not permitted; you may hum quietly if you wish.

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!
 2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
 3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,
 4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;
 5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,
 6 How blest are they who have not seen,

1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,
 2 a - midst them came their Lord most dear,
 3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,
 4 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
 5 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 6 and yet whose faith has con - stant been,

1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
 6 for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Meter: 888 with Alleluias

Words: Att. Jean Tisserand (15th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Music: O filii et filiae, melody from Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noëls, 1623; acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

THE NICENE CREED

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 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in bold.

Risen Christ, our eternal Savior, we gather as the disciples did the week after Easter, wondering whether it is true, marveling at the possibility, and daring to hope. In spite of our doubts, may we recognize you in our midst as we pray.

We pray to the Risen Lord that we, the Church, will have the courage to live as witnesses to Christ's resurrection. When we struggle to believe, may the presence of Christ remove all fear and grant us renewed faith, great courage, and boundless peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray to God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, for those in positions of power and authority, that they will lead with humility, wisdom and compassion, and embrace God's spirit of peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray to God who makes all things new, for those who are wounded in body, mind and spirit, and those who live in fear behind locked doors. May God bring about the new heaven and the new earth where violence, poverty, disease, and prejudice are no more. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray to Christ, the wounded healer, for those who are sick and in pain, especially for those on our parish prayer list. May they be comforted by God's presence in the midst of their suffering, and healed by God's resurrection power. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray to the God of the empty tomb for all who have died, that they may be raised with Christ and live forever with him, in that place where mourning and crying and pain will be no more. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Receive our doubts, O God, and let the Risen One visit us and fill us with your joy, that we may be grateful witnesses of Christ's resurrection, for to you is glory and dominion for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE WELCOME

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All stand.

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues.

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 SANCTUS

Congregational singing is not permitted; you may hum quietly if you wish.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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All remain standing or kneel.

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.

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

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

Congregational singing is not permitted; you may hum quietly if you wish.

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver has been
 sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast,
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant Gracious and risen Lord, we believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. We love you above all things and we desire to receive you into our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you and unite ourselves wholly to you. Never may we be separated from you. **Amen.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN 180, vv. 1, 2, 4 He is risen! He is risen!

UNSER HERRSCHER

Congregational singing is not permitted; you may hum quietly if you wish.

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 - dant 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.

THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

THE VOLUNTARY Carillon de Longpont *from* Pièces en style libre

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

*The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say **Amen** at the end of the voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.*

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Linda Spiers**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Wes Winterbottom**Cantor:** Brendon Gallagher**Organist:** Scott Lamlein**Assisting Organist:** Ted Babbitt**Vergers:** Steve Crocker, John Roche**Usher:** Laura Roche**Livestream Oversight:** Francis Lamlein**Altar Guild:** Buffy Ineson**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

Go to our web site at <http://www.sjparish.net/> for details.

Sunday School (K–5), 9:30 a.m. Sundays on Zoom

Sunday service of Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m., in-person with limited attendance and livestreamed on YouTube, Facebook and the web site

Sunday EYC (middle and high school), 5 p.m. outdoors

Online Bible study, Mondays at 7 p.m. on Zoom

Online Family Happy Hour, Tuesdays at 5 p.m. on Zoom

In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence. The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti. Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Patricia
Kim Green	Sue	Beth	Enid
Janet Ray	Billy Ulrich	Chris	Zachary
Brad Babbitt	Jonah Dahlstrom	Ellie Brown	Kimberley
Robert E. Eikel	Whitney Lynch	Judy Gardiner	Kent Lawrence
Gwain Gillespie	William Bittinger	Anita Winters	Clark Hendley
Ward Farrell	Mary A. Looney		

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Brooke Hayes
Benjamin Cesca
Daphne Donofrio
Dana Crocker

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Virginia Van Dyk & John Wilcox
Sarah Burke & Gary Cesca

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Andrew's, Madison; St. Mary's, Manchester; St. Andrew's, Marble Dale; All Saints', Meriden; and for hospital chaplains, Stephen Ministers, pastoral care groups, ministries of healing, nurses, wellness programs, and recovery ministries.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

Spring Chamber Music Concert, Friday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. – Livestreamed and in-person with limited attendance

Join Music at the Red Door on April 16 at 7:30 p.m. for our Spring Chamber Music Concert featuring violinist Leonid Sigal and friends. This concert will be livestreamed, and also available to a limited in-person audience. The concert is free admission, with a suggested donation of \$20. To learn more, make reservations to attend in-person, or make a donation, visit <https://www.reddoormusic.org/event/spring-chamber-music-leonid-sigal-and-friends/>

Women Together begins new book study on April 27, 2 p.m. on Zoom

On April 27th, Women Together will begin a six-week study of *The Gnostic Gospels* by Elaine Pagels, “an intellectually elegant, concise study” evoking the world of early Christianity. Women Together meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays from 2 to 3:15 p.m., bringing together women from St. John’s, Trinity, St. Monicas, and other friends. This series will be the last of the program year. If you’d like a link for these Zoom meetings, please contact Sarah Kieffer at kieffer2468@gmail.com. Newcomers are always welcome!

Choral Evensong, Sunday, April 25, 5 p.m. – Livestreamed and in-person with limited attendance

Available in-person to a limited audience and livestreamed, we will host the ancient and beautiful service of Evensong on April 25 at 5 p.m. with music by the St. John’s Schola. Sign-up is required for in-person attendance. Go to <https://www.reddoormusic.org/event/choral-evensong-st-johns-choir/> for more information and to sign up.



**LEONID
SIGAL** . and friends

FRIDAY APRIL 16, 2021 7:30 PM

Limited in-person seating
Livestreamed at www.reddoormusic.org

 MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR

Let's Grow Together

Every year, St. John's provides fresh veggies to our neighbors in need. We are always looking for volunteers to help prep, plant, weed, water, and harvest. Join us on the following Saturdays at 9am, and stay tuned for weekly garden hours.

No experience necessary. Questions? Email margie@sjparish.net

Saturday, April 10 mulching and prepping beds

Saturday, May 1 planting (early crops)

Saturday, June 5 planting



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Sunday service of Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

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VESTRY

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Tim Goetz and John Roche *Co-Treasurers*

2019–21: Ellen Flynn, David Grimaldi, Teresa Lohr

2020–22: June Aziz, Jyothsna Diaz, Anne Harney

2021–23: Robert Eikel, Kara Hart, Julia O'Brien, Martin Wheeler