



Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025 **10:15 a.m.**



The Lord is risen indeed!
Alleluia, alleluia!

Welcome to Church of the Ascension

Church of the Ascension provides opportunities to
Connect with God and one another,
Grow in faith and understanding, and
Serve the Lord, one another, and the world around us.

We are an active community of faith committed to welcoming all
and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Christ-centered + Spirit-filled + Mission-minded

The Liturgy of the Word of God

✠ *Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome

Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson

Prelude

“Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord”
With the Children’s Choir

Hymnal #178

✠ **Processional Song** Christ The Lord Is Risen Today (He Is Not Dead)

1. Christ the Lord is risen today alleluia
Sons of men and angels say alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high alleluia
Sing ye heavens and earth reply alleluia

2. Lives again our glorious King alleluia
Where oh death is now thy sting alleluia
Dying once He all doth save alleluia
Where thy victory oh grave alleluia

Chorus:

He is not dead He is alive
We have this hope in Jesus Christ

3. 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

4. Soar we now where Christ has led alleluia
Following our exalted Head alleluia
Made like Him like Him we rise alleluia
Ours the cross the grave the skies alleluia

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The Opening Acclamation *(said 3 times)*

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

Hymn of Praise

Setting: Mass of Ascension
Donna Parker

1. Glo-ry Glo ry Glo-ry to God and peace to God's peo-ple on
Earth 2. Lord God Heav-en-ly King: al - migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we
wor - ship You we give You thanks we praise you for Your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus
Christ on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God Lamb of God you take a -
way the sins of the world have mer - cy on us. 1. Glo-ry Glo ry

Glo - ry to God and peace to God's peo - ple on Earth 5. You are
 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther re - ceive our prayer For
 You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord. 7. You a -
 lone are the mo - st high Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther A - men A - men 1. Glo - ry Glo ry
 Glo - ry to God and peace to God's peo - ple on Earth

The Collect

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 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 First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

- 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.
- 19 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.
- 22 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.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

A Reading from the First letter of Paul to the Corinthians

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

✠ Sequence Song

“There’s a Halleluia at the End of This Song”

Written by The Reverend Eddie Blue

You are invited to join in singing this new hymn. The lyrics are on the large screens.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee 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. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

The Sermon: The Reverend Pierre-Henry Buisson

✠ **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? **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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? **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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will, with God's help.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

On this joyful day, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

For the Church of Christ throughout the world, all the baptized, the clergy, and the bishops, trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

For our nation and its leader, for peace among nations that a spirit of respect and forbearance grows among all people, trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

For peace in Holy Land, and all countries devastated by war, trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

For the weary and the sick, and for those who are consumed with sorrow, for the weary and the sick, and for those who are consumed with sorrow, for Jenny, Jarrod, Jacques, Debbie, Jackie, Matt, Sue, Rich, Mary, Megan, Tony, Kip, Kathy, Kevin, Calvin H., and those in our prayer list, trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen. and those in our prayer list, trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

For Bill, Sarah, Brian, Blake, Joe, Charlotte, Jim, Lynn, and others and others, who celebrate their birthdays this week trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

For those who are oppressed or persecuted, for all the victims of violence, and all who suffer or are in danger, trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

For all the departed, especially Sherry Bair and Grace Huber, trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

For the needs of all gathered in this church today, trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant: Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

To make an online offering, please scan the QR code that is on the last page of the bulletin.

Offertory

"Alleluia Round"

Richard Proulx

✠ Presentation Hymn

"The Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia

Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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:

Sanctus

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker

Ho - ly Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord. God of pow - er God of might

8
Hea - ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry Ho - sa na in the high -

16
est. Blest is He, who comes in the name of the Lord Ho - sa - na

26
in the high - est Ho - sa na in the high - est

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:

Memorial Acclamation

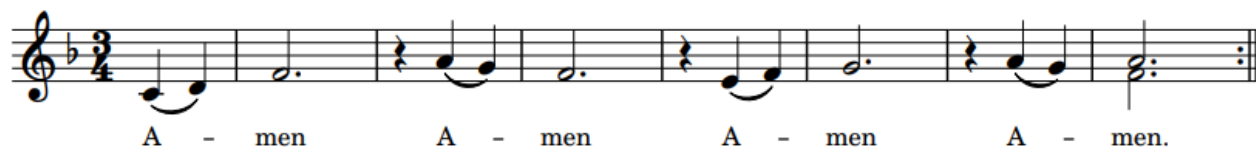
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Christ has died Christ is ris-en Christ will come A - gain

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in his 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 Luke and 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

Setting: Mass of Ascension
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And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

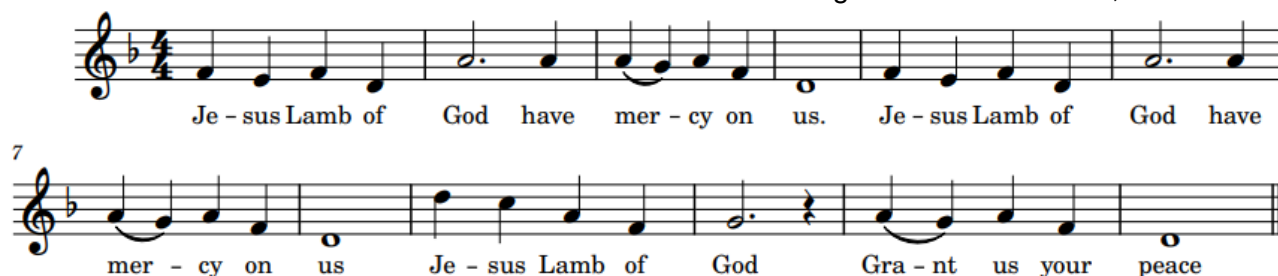
Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

“Lamb of God” Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker



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. **Amen.**

The Communion of the People

All baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When directed by an Usher, please come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest. To receive the wine you can either drink from the common cup or dip your host held by the second Eucharistic minister on both sides of the priest.

Communion Hymn

“Easter Hallelujah”

Leonard Cohen

Diana Baker, Luke Gore, Choir

“Glorify Your Name”

by Donna Adkins

1. Father, we love you, we praise you we adore you. Glorify your Name in all the earth.
Glorify your Name. Glorify your Name. Glorify your Name in all the earth.

2. Jesus, we love you, we praise you we adore you. Glorify your Name in all the earth.
Glorify your Name. Glorify your Name. Glorify your Name in all the earth.

3. Spirit, we love you, we praise you we adore you. Glorify your Name in all the earth.
Glorify your Name. Glorify your Name. Glorify your Name in all the earth.

☩ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

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 Solemn Blessing of Easter

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. Amen.

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. Amen.

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. Amen.

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

Recessional Hymn

"All Glory Be to Christ"



1. Should noth - ing of our ef - forts stand, no leg - a - cy sur - vive;
2. His will be done, His king - dom come, on earth as is a - bove;
3. When on the day the great I Am, the Faith - ful and the True

Un - less the Lord does raise the house, in vain its build - ers strive.
Who is Him - self our dai - ly bread, praise Him the Lord of love.
The Lamb who was for sin - ners slain, is mak - ing all things new.

To you who boast to - mor - row's gain, tell me what is your life?
Let liv - ing wa - ter sat - is - fy the thirst - y with - out price,
Be - hold our God shall live with us and be our stead - fast light,

A mist that van - ish - es at dawn, all glo - ry be to Christ!
We'll take a cup of kind - ness yet, all glo - ry be to Christ!
And we shall e'er His peo - ple be, all glo - ry be to Christ!

All glo - ry be to Christ, our King. All glo - ry be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ev - er sing, all glo - ry be to Christ!

☩ **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

| Worship Assistants | Easter Sunday: April 20 | April 27 |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Organist | Donna Parker | Mary Butler |
| Musicians | Praise Ensemble | Adult Ensemble |
| Ushers | Beatrice Howe, Emelia Howe | David & Jill Horn |
| Acolyte | <i>1 needed</i> | <i>1 needed</i> |
| Lector | Betsy Reinders | Buck Lyon-Vaiden |
| Chalicians | Betsy Reinders, John Holbert, Sandy White, Bobbie Gooding | Helen Lang, John Holbert, Sandy White, Kim Tompkins |
| Worship Slides | Lynn Lyon-Vaiden | Jeanne Cox |
| Audio Visual | Travis Collins | Gabriel Hoff |

April Altar Guild: Team 3

Ellen Anderson Dorothy Carpenter Jennie Grabill Lisa Jamison Melissa Leahy

Attendance April 13

8:00 am - 30 10:15 am In-person - 116 YouTube - 7 Facebook - 3 Total: 156

Readings for Next Sunday: The Second Sunday of Easter - C

Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 150 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31