



Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025 **8:00 a.m.**



The Lord is risen indeed!
Alleluia, alleluia!

The Liturgy of the Word of God

✠ *Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome

Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson

Prelude

“Procession (Easter Suite)”

Charles Callahan

✠ **Processional Hymn**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Hymnal #207

1. Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia.
Our triumphant holy day. Alleluia.
Who did once upon the cross. Alleluia.
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia.

3. But the pains which he endured. Alleluia.
Our salvation have procured. Alleluia.
Now above the sky he's king. Alleluia.
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia.

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing. Alleluia.
Unto Christ, our heavenly King. Alleluia.
Who endured the cross and grave. Alleluia.
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia.

4. Sing we to our God above. Alleluia.
Praise eternal as his love. Alleluia.
Praise him, all ye heavenly host. Alleluia.
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia.

Opening Acclamation *said 3 times*

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

Hymn of Praise:

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.** Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto 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 thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lessons

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.**

Psalms 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.**

<p>♠ Sequence Hymn</p> <p>Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.</p> <p>1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. (<i>Refrain</i>)</p> <p>2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth. Jesus has died and has risen. (<i>Refrain</i>)</p>	<p>"Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord"</p> <p>3. We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. (<i>Refrain</i>)</p> <p>4. Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior. (<i>Refrain</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Words: Donald Fishel (b. 1950) Music: <i>Alleluia No. 1</i> Donald Fishel (b. 1950)</p>	<p>Hymnal #178</p>
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✠ **The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:1-12**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.** 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 be to thee, O Christ.**

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 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 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 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. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

For Bill, Sarah, Brian, Blake, Joe, Charlotte, Jim, Lynn, 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 with thy spirit.**

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.

Announcements

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

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The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Organ Offertory

“Lift Your Voice Rejoicing, Mary”

Thomas Foster

✠ At the Presentation

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

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

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **Grant us thy peace.**

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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 persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

When directed by an Usher, please come forward to receive Holy Communion kneeling or standing at the Communion Rail. If you would prefer a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Music

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thine everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. 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**

“The Day of Resurrection”

Hymnal #210

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

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

Words: John of Damacus, tr. John Mason Neale
Music: *Ellacombe*, William Henry Monk

The Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

“This Joyful Eastertide”

David Lasky

Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025 8:00 am

Worship Assistants	Easter Sunday April 20	April 27
Organist	David Kreider	
Usher(s)	Don & Janice Hobart	Bill Sears
Acolyte	Jennie Grabill	Jennie Grabill
Lector	David Kreider	Cheryl Vecera

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

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