



## **Sundays of Easter**

2024

8.00 am

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*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.*

*People's responses are in **bold**.*

## **Opening Acclamation**

*A singing bowl is chimed three times. The congregation stands as the bowl is chimed.*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

## **Gloria**

*The Gloria, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.*

**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**

*The Collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.*

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

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **The First Reading**

*After the reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm**

*The Psalms are prayers that Jesus used and over every mood of humanity’s relationship with God and one another.*

*The Psalm is said responsively by verse.*

## **The Second Reading**

*After the reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God**

## **The Holy Gospel**

*This reading is taken from one of the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the reading*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: The Holy Trinity.*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for all the departed. We are reminded that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church - the Body of Christ.*

Christ has burst through the tomb of death, victorious over its power, revealing the triumph of light over every darkness. In thanksgiving, we offer our prayers:

God who rose,  
**Resurrect us.**

We've belonged to communities, workplaces, and spiritual spaces that have demanded our death far more than they ever advocated for our life.

**They ask us to “die to self,” the ambiguity of the command like grabbing a knife by its blade.**

No longer will we mirror the hands of neglect that the world uses daily.  
**Let joy find us today.**

Remind us that any spirituality which is always death  
**And never resurrection is a farce.**

What liberation we taste today, may we crave in full  
**as we refuse to wander back to the chains that once held us.**

May joy find us.  
**Not a joy absent of story or sorrow, but a joy whose allegiance is to memory.**

A joy that is not quick to forget the agony of Good Friday  
**or dismiss the doubt of Holy Saturday.**

May we remember and rise to meet hope nonetheless,  
**knowing our liberation is whispering up at us from its empty grave.**

*Breathe*

Christ is alive  
**And God's breath is freedom.**

*Breathe*

Liberation comes in a body  
**We will honor our bodies. Amen.**

Adapted from: *Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human*, Cole Arthur Riley

## **Confession & Absolution**

*Confessing our sins, receiving forgiveness (absolution), and showing signs of peace to one another prepare us to receive Christ in the Sacraments of Holy Communion.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**



**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **Announcements**

# The Holy Communion

## The Offertory

*Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.*

*Please be seated as the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward and the collection is received.*



*Your giving is vital in continuing our mission and ministry to be an instrument of God's unconditional love in the world! You may offer your gift as the plate is passed, online at [e-giving.stgeorges-maplewood.org](http://e-giving.stgeorges-maplewood.org), or by using the QR code.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer B

*Book of Common Prayer*

*In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum Corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."*

*The people remain standing.*

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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

... Who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider said the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayers, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.*

*The people stand or kneel.*

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**

*The Great Amen is when the congregation with a unified great voice concurs with all that the presider has prayed. It is the only “Amen” in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, signifying the greatness of the congregational response.*

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

*We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.*

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

As our Savior Christ has taught us,  
now we pray

**Our Mother and 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.**

**Our Mother and Father  
in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ;

**We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

## **The Invitation to Communion**

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please move at the direction of the ushers. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Receiving the bread only is a full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available. If you wish to receive through intinction (dipping the bread), please let the minister know when you come forward to receive the bread. The ministers will intinct for you. If you wish to drink from the chalice, after receiving the bread, please move to the chalice to the left or right of the minister.*

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*Please stand or kneel as we pray.*

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 Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Comforter, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

*The Celebrant now dismisses the people.*

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Join us in the Mary Lounge for Coffee Hour**



Looking to connect with a ministry?  
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