

**The Sunday of the Resurrection:
Easter Sunday**

April 5, 2026
8:45 & 11:00am



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

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Mission Statement

To know and love God as He is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, to bring others to His saving love, and to serve the world in His name.

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Happy Easter! We're so glad you're here to celebrate Christ's Resurrection with us.

Children are invited to join the Young Family Ministry across Rutledge Drive for an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15am. All are welcome to breakfast in the Parish Hall, which is being served from 9:30 to 11:30am.

We welcome you warmly to St. John in the Wilderness and invite you to share in our songs, prayers, and eucharistic feast. If you do not have a church family at this time, then we invite you to join in this fellowship of faith as we share life together as the Body of Christ. See the note to our visitors on the back inside cover for more information about receiving Communion and joining the church.

Special Easter Offering

This year, our special Easter offering will support scholarships for children and teens to attend programs at Camp Kanuga, a local faith-based summer camp affiliated with the Episcopal Church. These scholarships are crucial for providing youth of all socioeconomic backgrounds access to transformative, safe, and enriching camp experiences that build confidence, independence, and spirituality. Please designate "Special Easter Offering" in the memo line of checks or in the comment box for online giving to support this important ministry, or you can simply place cash in the offering plate. Donate online at www.stjohnflatrock.org/donate or by scanning the QR code with your mobile device. Please be sure to check the "Write us a comment" box and type "Special Easter Offering" if donating online.



Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:45 & 11:00am

Flowering of the Cross

As a symbol of the new life God has given us in Christ's resurrection from the dead, we invite you to add flowers to the cross at the back of the church. This instrument of shameful death has become for us the means of life. Flowers are available by the cross.

PRELUDE: I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

Georg F. Handel

Micah Arms and Guy Couture, trumpet

ENTRANCE HYMN: #207 Jesus Christ is risen today

Easter Hymn

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!

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THE WORD OF GOD

Acclamation & Response

BCP p. 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

GLORIA

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty 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, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

First Lesson: Acts 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."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation chants the Psalm in unison.



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- 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.

Sing second half of chant for verse 24.

Glory to the Father, and to the SON,*
and to the Holy SPIRIT:
as it was in the beginning, is NOW,*
and will be for ever, aMEN.

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4

If 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

As the music begins, all stand for the gradual hymn and reorient themselves to the Gospel of our Lord as it is processed into the congregation.

GRADUAL HYMN: #213 Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise

Middlebury

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 joyce 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.

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Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

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

The Gospel: John 20:1-18

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Kathy Hulin

After the sermon, there is a brief moment of silence. When the Celebrant rises, the congregation stands.

Holy Baptism is the sacrament by which God adopts us as members of Christ's Body, the Church, and makes us inheritors of the Kingdom of God (BCP p. 858).

If you have not been baptized and would like to learn more about it, please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment with a member of the clergy.

The Celebrant says

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.

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

People **I do.**

Celebrant 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 the 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 Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

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

The Leader and People pray responsively. The Leader begins

As we celebrate with joy the Good News of Christ's resurrection on this Easter Day, let us pray that we may trust in him to transform us into the risen Body of Christ so that his joy may be in us and our joy may be complete.

We thank you, Almighty God, for coming to be with us in Christ Jesus; for his teachings and example, for redeeming us through his death, and for allowing us to share in his resurrection; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God, be with your Church in this community and across the world: build in us a capacity to trust you and to care for each other, make us one as you and Christ are one, that your Kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us to not despair when we grow weary from the good work you give us to do or when our eyes grow dim and we struggle to see you at work around us. Remind us in each moment that you are with us always, even to the end of the age, and that your power is working in us to do far more than we can ask or imagine; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Be with all lay people in their ministry to represent Christ and his Church. Be with our clergy, especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and José, our Bishop, and be with Kathy and Josh, our priests. Inspire them, sustain them, and bless them in their ministry to us and to those in need; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of this fragile earth, our island home. The beauty of this world surrounds us with your goodness and we are sustained by your grace through her gifts. Helps us to be good and faithful stewards of this planet so that we may honor you in our care for all of your Creation; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Be with those nearby and around the world who are in need, [*especially _____*]. We pray for the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and those in danger. As your compassion is endless, renew us to respond with your love to our brothers and sisters who are hurting; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

O Lord our Sovereign, bless the leaders of our land, especially Donald, our president, and Josh, our governor, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us in our earthly citizenship to work together for the Common Good, to listen well to each other, to offer our hearts and hands in service to our community, and to seek the good of our neighbors and enemies alike; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Finally, we pray for all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; And be with those on our parish prayer list: Julie, EJ, Alicia, Jeff, Betsy, Tawana, Chuck, Chris, Nai, Brylin, Marilyn, and Edgar. Are there others?

The people may include the names of those for whom they are praying either silently or aloud.

We pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

And we remember on this Easter Day all who have died, especially Carol Black.

The people may include the names of those for whom they are praying either silently or aloud.

Continue to sanctify them and, through your Son Christ our Lord, may they rest in peace and rise in glory; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant offers a concluding prayer.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

The Celebrant then shares an offertory sentence.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

See the inside cover of the bulletin for information about our Special Easter Offering. The ushers pass the offering plates and present the gifts of the congregation at the Lord's table. Online gifts may be made using the QR code to the right.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing
Mtr. Kathy Hulin, French horn
Micah Arms and Guy Couture, trumpet

Melchior Vulpius
arr. Robert Benson

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord of life is ris'n today; sing songs of praise along his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord,
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son, to God the Spirit, always One,
We sing for life in us begun: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We invite our children to come forward with the ushers to gather around the altar as we celebrate the Eucharist.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea - tures here be -
 low; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
 host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP p. 372

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

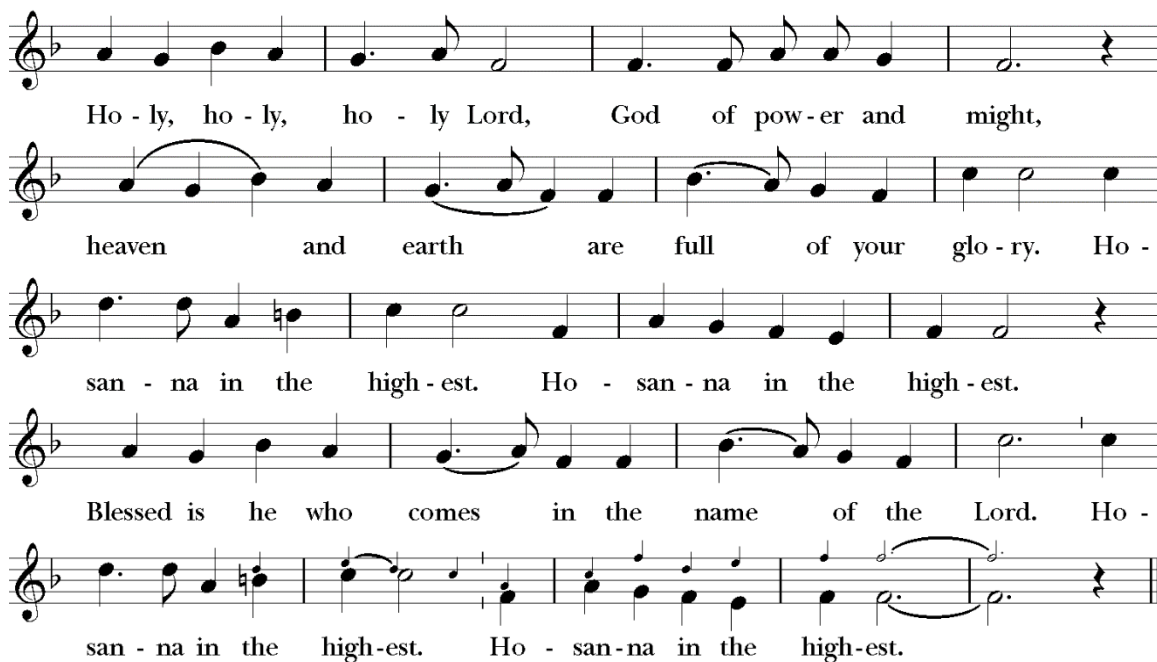
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-125



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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

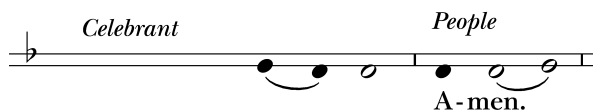
Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. John and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



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

People and Celebrant

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

The Celebrant continues

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ushers immediately begin releasing the congregation to share in the Eucharistic feast. A gluten-free option is available upon request. For further instructions about Holy Communion, see the note to our visitors in the back of the bulletin.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

| 1-4 | *Final Ending*

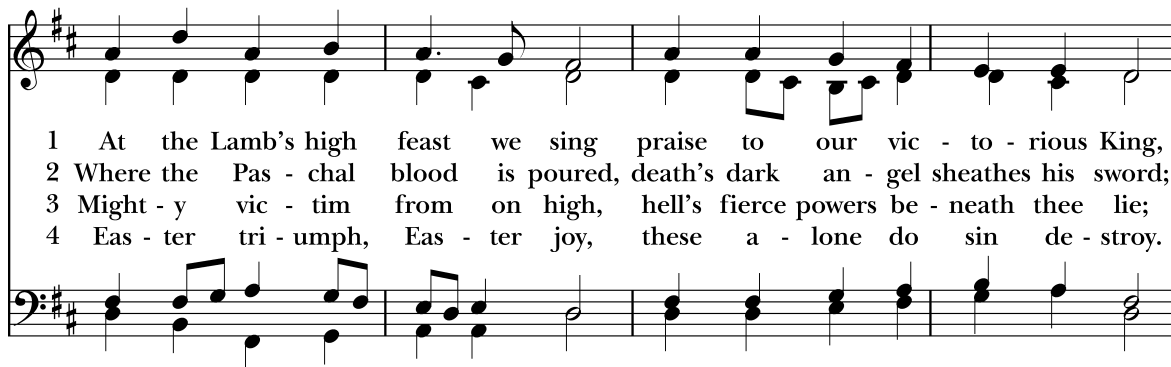
Praise to his Name. Name.

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,

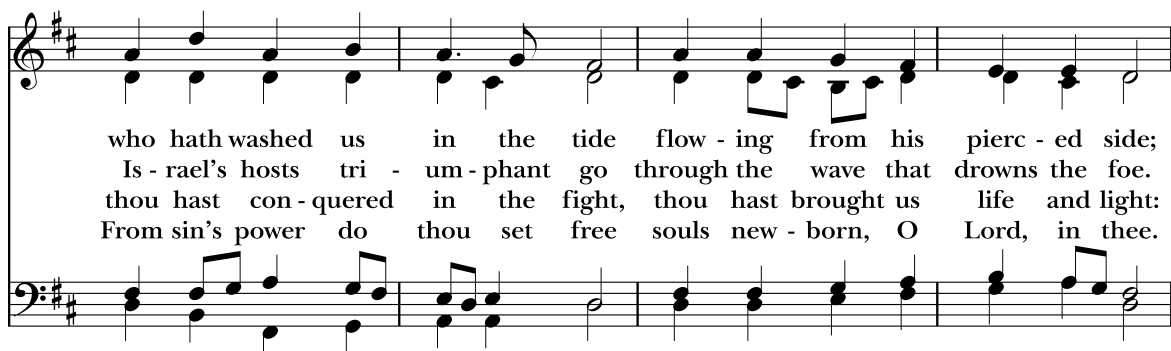
Repeat Refrain

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.

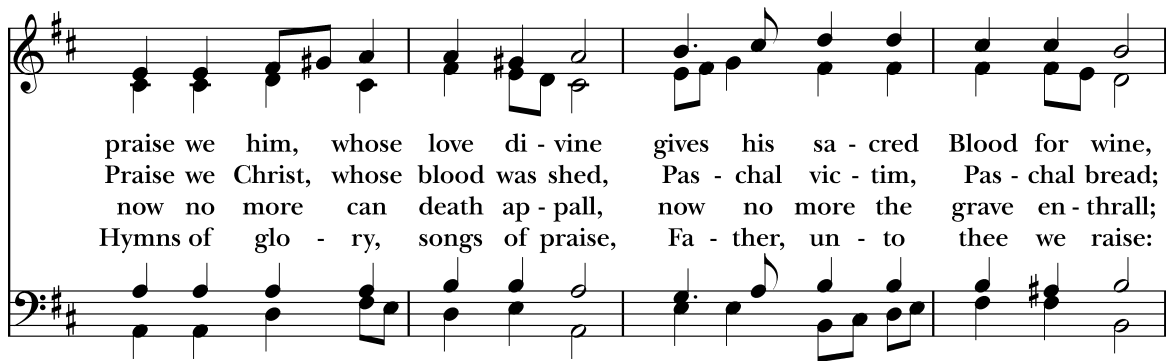
The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.




1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.



who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.



praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:



gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Celebrant and 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.**

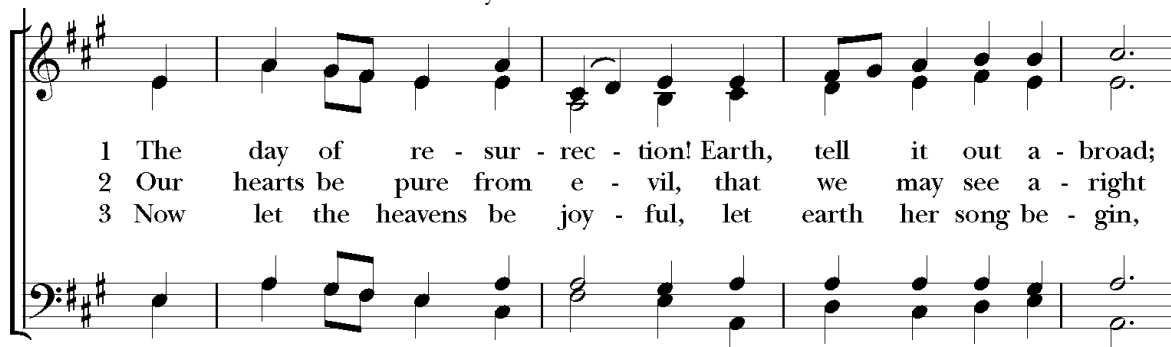
CHORAL BENEDICTION: Hallelujah, from *Messiah*

George F. Handel

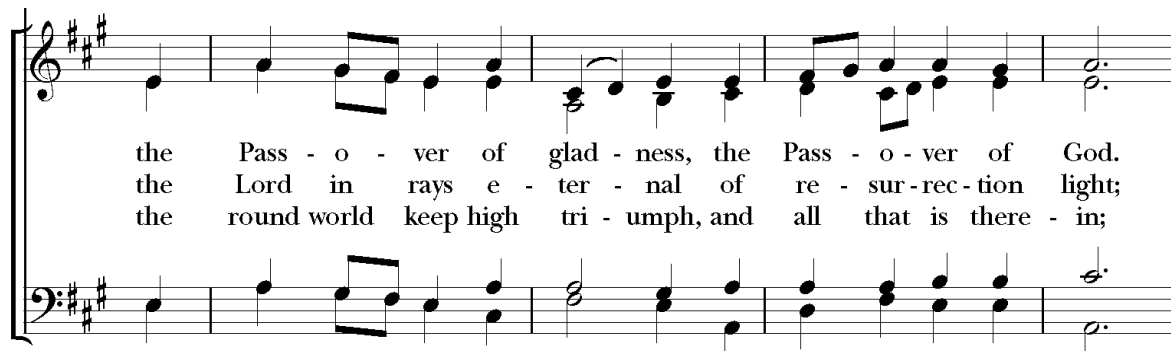
Hallelujah! For the lord God omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah!
The kingdom of this world; Is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ
and He shall reign forever and ever. Hallelujah!

Easter Blessing

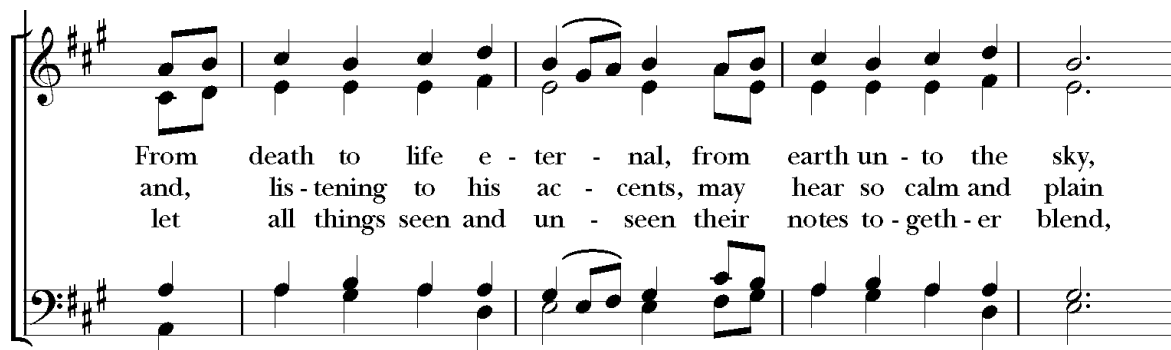
DISMISSAL HYMN: #210 The day of resurrection

Ellacombe


1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and, lis - ening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,



our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: Psalm XIX: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God
Micah Arms and Guy Couture, trumpet

Benedetto Marcello

THE EASTER LILIES ARE GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Jim Gibbs
by Susan Gibbs

The Dethero Family
by David Dethero

Bettie Friedell Watford
by Bettie Watford Orr

Bill & Ann Trotter and
Robert & Eleanor Waterfill
by Will & Dorothy Trotter

Caleb James Hoffman
by Missy Craver Izard

Gene Staton
by Debby Staton & family

Marshall Spry
by Jim & Bonni Spry

Jim Gibbs
by Jim & Bonni Spry

Turner Morton
by John, Paula, & Ruthie Morton

Walter Scott Montgomery, Jr.
by Edward Lilly & Lillian Montgomery Lilly

Nancy Cobb Lilly
by Edward & Lillian Lilly

Richard & Jane Zecher
by their family

Peggy Page Pennock
by Carol Spencer

Our parents
by Robert and Joan Odean

Steve & Brenda Hutcherson
by their family: Matt, Ann, & Rhett

Our parents
by Bill & Laurie Morris

Tom Darnall & our families
by Betsy Darnall

AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

The opportunity to serve Christ in Flat Rock
by the Rev. Dr. Kathy Hulin

The Prayers of the People is that part of our liturgy which offers intercessions and thanksgivings to God. **Worshippers, wherever they are in the church, are encouraged to offer aloud or silently their own such prayers during the appropriate part of the Prayers of the People.** As we pray, please remember those who are ill or with other needs: Julie Morse; EJ Albergotti; Alicia Wallace; Jeff; Betsy Thagard; Tawana Gibbs; Chuck King; Chris, Nai, and Brylin Price; Marilyn Jones; and Edgar Ham.

Eucharistic Visitors share the Body and Blood of Christ with those who receive care from our Visitor Ministry. We thank God for the ministry of Clint Adams, Art Mack, Judy Petersen, Anita Reid, Stan Rogan, and Bill Taylor.

To Our Visitors: We welcome you with all our hearts! You are also invited to come forward at the time of Communion to receive the Sacrament or a blessing. All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive Communion, including infants and children. To receive Communion, simply come forward to kneel at the altar if you are able. Put one hand in the palm of the other and the Celebrant will share the Body of Christ with you. You may then intinct or drink from the Chalice. A gluten-free option is available upon request. If you are not baptized, please come forward and kneel at the altar while crossing your arms over your chest to receive a special blessing, and we invite you to talk to the priest at any time about entering discernment for being baptized. Won't you join with Christ and his Church on this journey of faith?

If you do not have a church home at this time, then we hope you will make St. John in the Wilderness your church family. We find that through sharing life together as the Body of Christ, we are made whole and renewed daily. Talk to an usher or member of the clergy about joining this parish, or you are welcome to simply fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate. We welcome you!

THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Easter Sunday April 5		The Second Sunday of Easter April 12	
	8:45am	11:00am	8:45am	11:00am
Lay Readers/ Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Petersen	Candace Lewis	Mark Delk	Will Rodriguez
Acolytes	Danielle Pharr Joey Saltz Sofia Ridgeway	Anita Reid Arlo Stephens Emily Ann Caldwell	Laura Teel	Stan Rogan
Ushers	Jodi Sundeen Jim Spry	Bettie Orr Lisa Kauffman Ned Curtis	Debby Staton George Grzenda	D. Christenbury Karen Conley
Greeters	Worth Gordon Cathryn Harrell	Diane & Sandy Skelton	Annabelle Hurd Lois Karcher	Becky & Scott Petersen
Cart Drivers	Jim Vint	John Knapp	Marlin Sanders	Chris Kanipe
Videography (<i>Service</i>)	Jennifer Shelton	N/A	N/A	David Burge
Videography (<i>Formation</i>)	N/A – Breakfast/Egg Hunt		BJ McKee	
Altar Guild	Candace Lewis Kathy Newbold Gibson Sims (<i>Brass</i>)	Laurie Morris Becky Petersen Elaine Harris (<i>Sat.</i>) Cathryn Harrell (<i>Sat.</i>)	Brenda Hillyer Laurie Morris (<i>Sat.</i>)	Lynn Savage Lucie Earhart Slava Morris (<i>Brass</i>)
Flower Guild	Flower Guild & Friends			
Opening Gatekeeper	George Grzenda & BJ McKee		George Grzenda & BJ McKee	
Closing Gatekeeper	Lynne Miller		Lynne Miller	



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Worship Services: 8:45 & 11:00am | Office Hours: 9:00am-4:00pm M-F

Sunday School for Adults, Youth, and Children: 10:00am

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service: Wednesdays 10:30am in the Wilderness Room

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The Rev. Josh Stephens, Rector: rector@stjohnflatrock.org

The Rev. Dr. Kathy Hulin, Associate Rector for Formation & Pastoral Care: associate@stjohnflatrock.org

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Missy Izard, Director of Christian Education: missy@stjohnflatrock.org

Kevin Hunt, Sexton: sexton@stjohnflatrock.org

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Jill Owen, *Senior Warden (2026)*
Jim Cooper, *Junior Warden (2027)*

2026

Jon Fitzpatrick
Sandy Skelton

2027

Kitty Olson
Catherine Popp
Steve Sittnick

2028

Liz Carson
Mark Delk
Worth Gordon
Lynne Miller

PARISH OFFICERS

Marlin Sanders &
Bill Williams, *Treasurers*

Kim Sanders, *Clerk*

STANDING COMMITTEES

Appointments: Carol Rector

Buildings and Grounds Committee: Jerry Tanner

By Laws, Canons & Insurance: Jim Olson

Christian Formation: Missy Izard

Communications & Publicity: Joey Popp

Finance: Gary German

Historic Churchyard Committee: Sandy Rex

New Member Ministry: Brenda Hillyer & Judy Petersen

Outreach: Jennifer Shelton

Personnel: Margaret Barker

Stewardship: Jim and Jann Cooper

OTHER COMMITTEES AND MINISTRIES

Acolytes: Laura Teel

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Endowment Trustees: Mike Teel

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