The Sunday of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

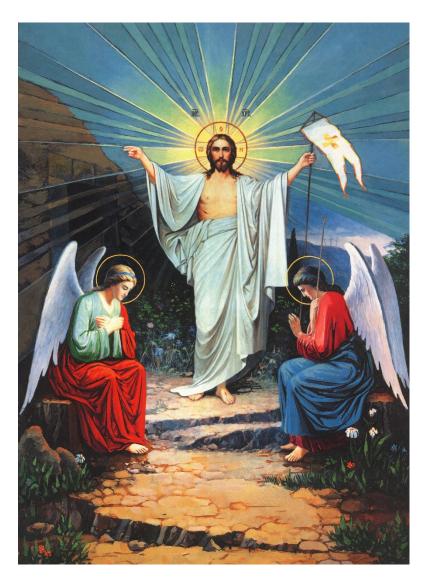


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The Episcopal Church of the Ascension Cartersville, Georgia

Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Ascension. Here "we challenge ourselves and the world to love like Jesus as we worship joyfully, serve compassionately and grow spiritually.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two The Word of God

Musical Prelude

The Organ Voluntary Elegy G.T. Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

St. Cecila Choir Teach Me Your Way Timothy Shaw (b. 1976)
Lord, Lead Us Day By Day G.F. Handel (1685-1789)

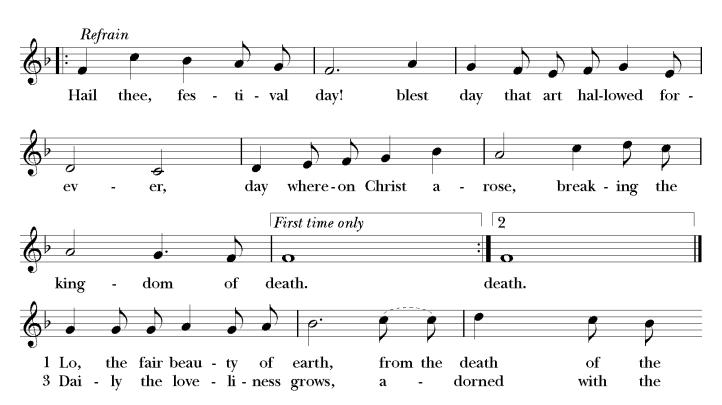
arr. Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

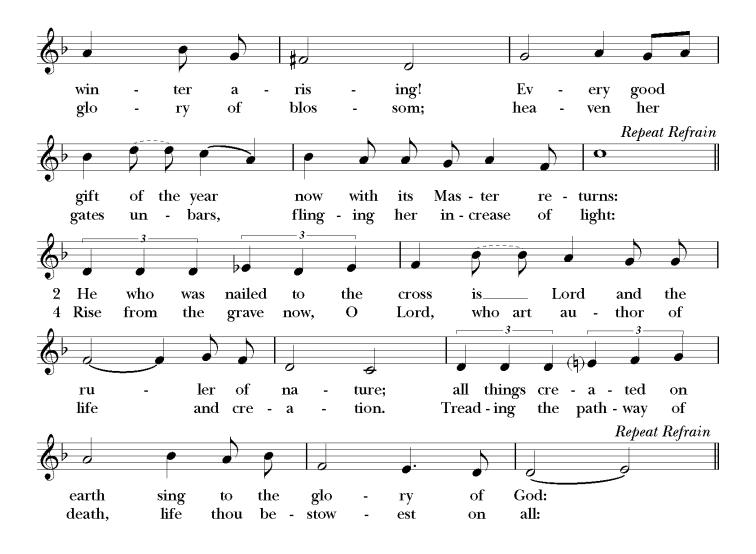
All stand at the ringing of the bell. Please remember to silence your cell phones. The people may make the sign of the cross (optional) when this sign † appears throughout the order of the service.

The Processional Hymn

Hymn 175 (verses 1-4)

Salve festa dies

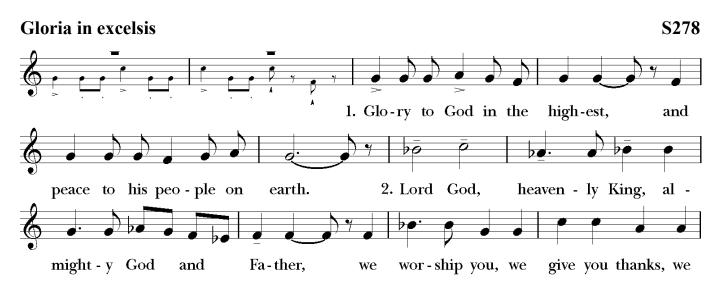




The Easter Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.





The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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 people sit.

The First Lesson Isaiah 65:17-25

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24



- Give thanks to the Lord, for | he is | good.* his | mercy en- | dures for | ever.
- 2 Let Israel | now pro- | claim,*
 "His | mercy en- | dures for | ever.
- 14 The LORD is my strength | and my | song, * and he has be- | come | my sal- | vation.
- There is a sound of exul- | tation | and | victory * in the | tënts | 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 | wörks | of the | LORD.
- The LORD has | punished me | sorely, * but he did not | hand me | over to | death.
- Open for me the | gates of | righteousness; *

 I will enter them; I will offer | thänks | to the | LORD.
- 20 "This is the | gate of the | LORD; *
 he who is | right- | eous may | enter."
- I will give thanks to you, for you | answered | me * and have be- | come | my sal- | vation.
- The same stone which the | builders re- | jected * has become the | chief | corner- | stone.
- This is the | LÖRD'S | doing, * and it is | marvelous | in our | eyes.
- On this day the | LORD has | acted; * we will rejoice | and be | glad in | it.

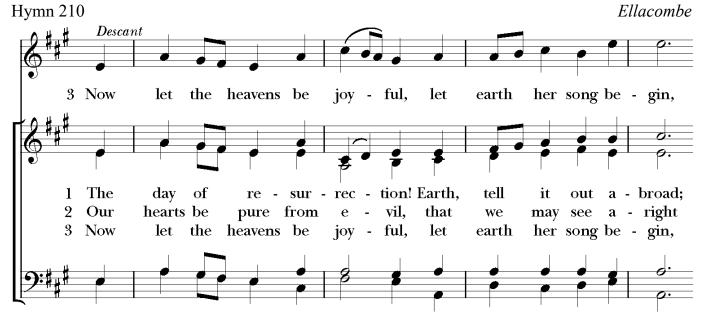
The Second Lesson Acts 10:34-43

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."

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Procession

The people stand and turn toward the Gospel as it is processing to the center of the people.





The Gospel John 20: 1-18

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Response

"Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah"

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Please be seated.

The Homily

The Rev. Terri Brice

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and People

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

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! At this the heavenly chorus of angels rejoice, the earth exults, and Mother Church is glad. Therefore I ask you, who praise the loving kindness of almighty God, to join in prayer for all God's people, and for all people everywhere according to their needs. That all may know the benefits of the Paschal victory of Christ, we pray,

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Almighty and merciful God, we give you thanks for those who have come through the waters of rebirth into the promised land of your eternal kingdom. Guide all your baptized people who struggle to know and to do your will in the kingdoms of this world, that by their lives they may show forth the new life in Christ to all nations.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for those who struggle for peace and justice in the world. Guide their efforts, that they may act with prudence and vision to plant the signs of your dominion in the earth.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for those in Holy Scriptures who found healing in their encounter with Jesus Christ. Give wholeness and peace to all those in need; the sick _____(congregation is invited to say names aloud or in silence), the unloved and the forgotten, the poor and the hungry, the dying and the bereaved.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the abiding presence of your Son in word and sacrament. As we feast this Easter Day on the true bread from heaven, set our minds on things above, that we may gain a new perspective on the things that are on earth.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The congregation may offer other intercessions at this time.

We give you thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith, who now rest from their labors awaiting the resurrection to eternal life. May we, like them, remain faithful to the end and share in the fruits of the victory of Christ, the Paschal Lamb who takes away the sin of the world.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Hear our prayers on behalf of those for whom we pray, and give us peace in this time of our Paschal rejoicing, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our risen and exalted Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant 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.

The people sit.

Easter Greetings

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences from the Book of Common Prayer or with some other sentence of Scripture.

The Offertory Anthem

Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One

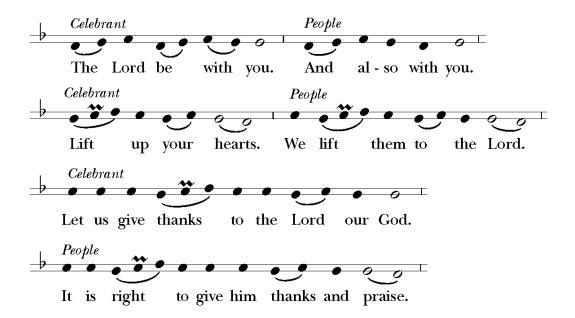
Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear upon the earth. The time of singing of birds is come. Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.

An offering of money is collected and brought to the Altar with the bread and wine. Please stand.

The Presentation





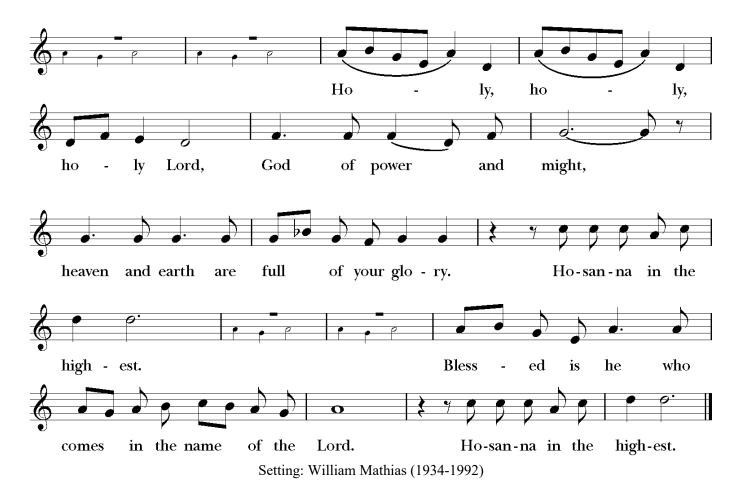
The Celebrant proceeds

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 S128



The Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this 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 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. **AMEN.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,



The Breaking of the Bread

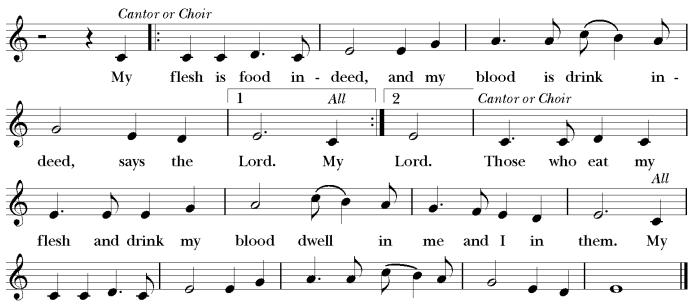
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

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

The Fraction Anthem S169



flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Setting: Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

A Note about Communion:

With our Bishop now restoring the use of the 'common cup' at Communion, we will be using two Eucharistic ministers and two chalices, one to be used for intinction and the other to be used as the common cup. We ask that you follow these simple directions:

Please come to the Altar rail as usual, following the Usher's directions, and kneel or stand, as is your preference.

- If you wish to receive the blessed bread only, please consume the wafer when it is placed in your palm and then return to your pew.
- If you wish to receive communion in the same manner as we have been doing for the past several months, please fold your hands together in a prayerful pose. That will be the signal to the Priest and the Eucharistic minister to intinct the wafer in the wine before placing it in your palm. After receiving communion, please return to your pew.

- If you wish to receive the wine from the common cup (chalice), then consume the wafer when it is placed in your palm and wait for the Eucharistic minister who follows the Priest to offer the cup. Please gently grasp the base of the chalice to help guide it to your lips. After receiving communion, please return to your pew.
- If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the sacraments, please cross your arms across your chest as a signal to the Priest who will offer a Trinitarian blessing.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

Celebrant The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

People Amen.

Celebrant The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

People Amen.

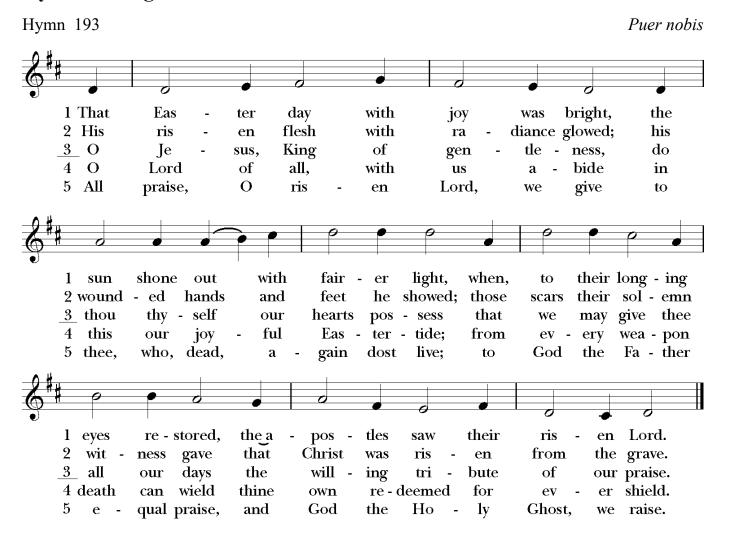
Choral Anthem

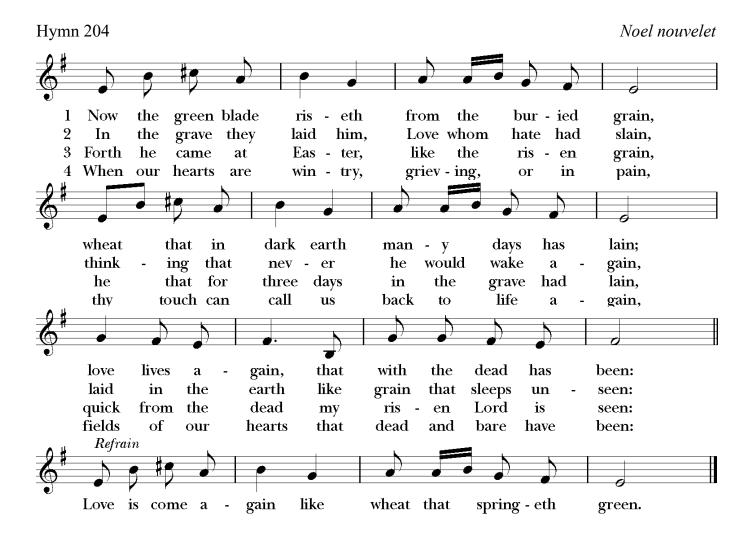
Magdalen, Cease from Sobs and Sighs (Choir only)

Peter Hurford (1930-2019)

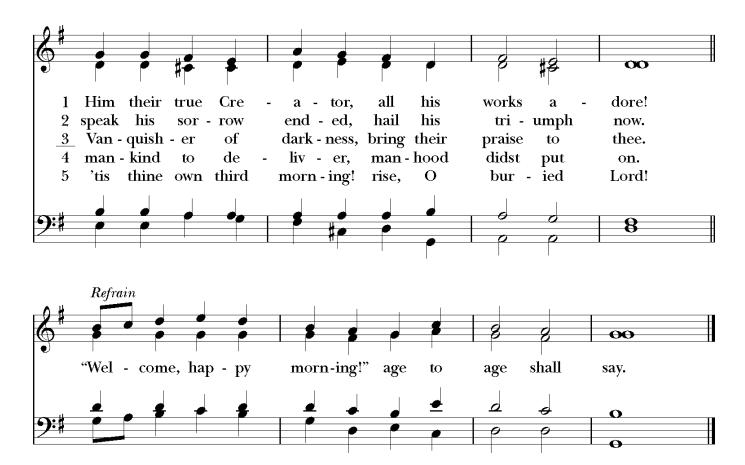
Magdalen, cease from sobs and sighs; Wipe the teardrops from off thine eyes: Simon the leper's feast is o'er; Christ today needs thy nard no more. Now thousand times may'st thou rejoice; Now thousand times uplift thy voice. Alleluya, Alleluya. Magdalen, bind upon Thee now Garland of gladness o'er thy brow: Banish'd afar is grief and pain: Welcome is sunshine after rain. For Jesu Christ the world hath freed, Triumphing over Death indeed. Alleluya, Alleluya.

Hymns during Communion









6 Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain; all that now is fallen raise to life again; show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see; bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!

Refrain

If you are worshiping with us virtually, please pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping at home, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart.

†I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Please stand as you are able.

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.

The Blessing

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

The Hymn in Procession





The Dismissal

The people are dismissed to follow the cross into the world.

The people respond, saying

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Closing Voluntary

Hornpipe from "Water Music Suite"

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

The order of service from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979 according to the use of the Episcopal Church.

A special "thank you" to our trumpet player, Jason Mirus. We appreciate your gifts.

Please join us in the Parish Hall for a festive reception.

We give thanks for everyone who has joyfully given many hours to make this day a glorious celebration.

Easter Flower Dedications

IN MEMORY OF:

- Andy Cao given by Natalie & Riley Barrington
- Beau Satterfield Kennedy given by Marty Knight
- Delores Morissey, George & Helen Tasker, and George A. Tasker given by Micky Tasker
- Parents and Grandparents given by Jimmy & Pam Hyde
- Harriet "Happy" Adams given by John C. Adams
- Louis & Naomi Wilson and Stanley & Barbra Brunt given by Linda & Neal Brunt
- Beau Gnann given by Porter & Kathy Gnann
- Robert, Cecilia, & Rosemarie Collins; Ernest, LaVerne, & Leona Ronn; and Hilda Simons given by David & Denise Ronn
- Caroline Hutchings given by Cynthia Clark
- Richard and Kathy Peek given by Keith & Candy Limardo
- Hank and Grace Pressley given by Jimmy & Pam Hyde
- Stanton & Betsy McKee and Harvey & Mytrice Knight given by Angee & Rick McKee
- George, Erika, & Patricia Behrens; Alfred J., Alfred K., & Ronald Adams; and Marie Susalla & Laura Lavigne given by Bill & Sandi Behrens
- James Shaw McLeod, Vicky & A.T. Lansdell; Rebecca Lansdell, and Benjamin George given by Barry & Susan McLeod
- Charles W. Cook, Jr. given by Annette Cook
- Santangelo & Erjavec Families given by John & Carolann Symonds
- Charles & Marie Symonds given by John & Carolann Symonds
- My wife Sandra given by Bill Davey
- Ned & Elizabeth, Edward, Lorraine Jeanne Privitera and Jimmy, Mary, Jim Nina Newton given by Erle and Donna Marie Newton
- Paula Garcia (her life and her stories) given by Valerie Burns

IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

- My family and Ascension Church given by Micky Tasker
- Adrian Cao given by Natalie & Riley Barrington
- Our Children and Grandchildren given by Carl & Branda Worley
- Our Children: Meghann, Jillian, and Rob given by Jim & Marcia Humphreys
- Our Grandsons: Hiller Mainor and Finn Zimmer given by Gale & Ernie Palmer
- Our Daughters: Elizabeth and Emily, and Our Grandchildren given by Joe & Kathi White
- Andrew Stanley Brunt given by Linda & Neal Brunt
- Robert & James Gnann given by Porter & Kathy Gnann
- Wonderful Family, Friends, and Church given by David & Denise Ronn
- Ascension Church given by Jack Almand & Cheryl Worley
- Anthony, Alison, Taylor, Lindsey, and Lincoln given by Keith & Candy Limardo
- The 96th Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on April 21st, 2022 given by Ivey Harris and Clive Smart
- Our Ascension Family given by Barry & Susan McLeod
- My Family and Church of the Ascension given by Pat Ashley
- Our Family given by Richard & Sandy Cunningham
- Our Family given by Jerry & Lola Thomas
- Anne Katherine & Michael Tekesky and Mary Durham Newton given by Erle & Donna Marie Newton