

The Sunday of the Resurrection

Easter Day

April 9, 2023

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Cartersville, Georgia

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

The Organ Voluntary

Variations on "At the Lamb's High Feast"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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 (stanzas 1-4)

Salve festa dies

Refrain

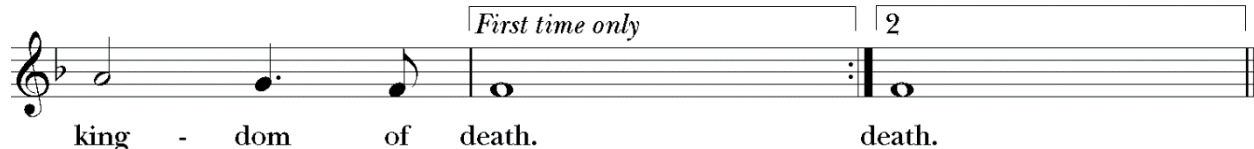


Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal-lowed for -




ev - er, day where-on Christ a - rose, break - ing the


First time only | 2




king - dom of death. death.



1 Lo, the fair beau - ty of earth, from the death of the

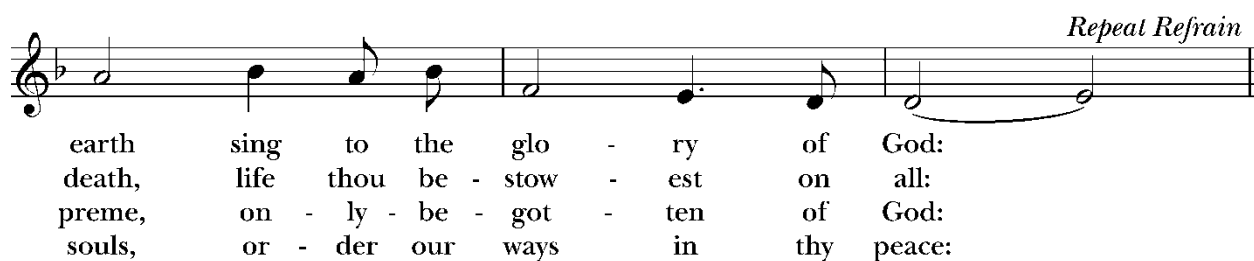
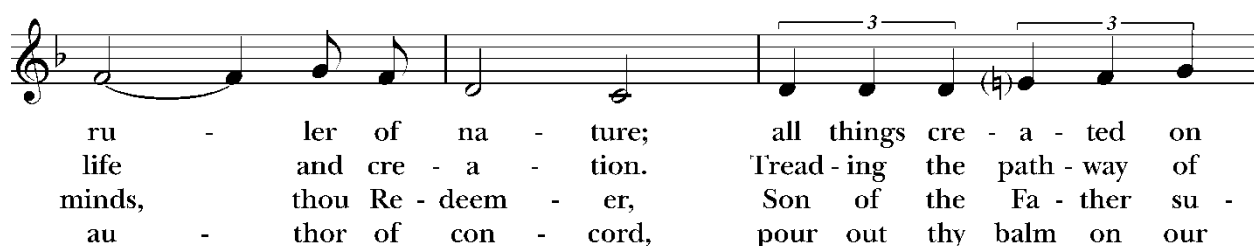
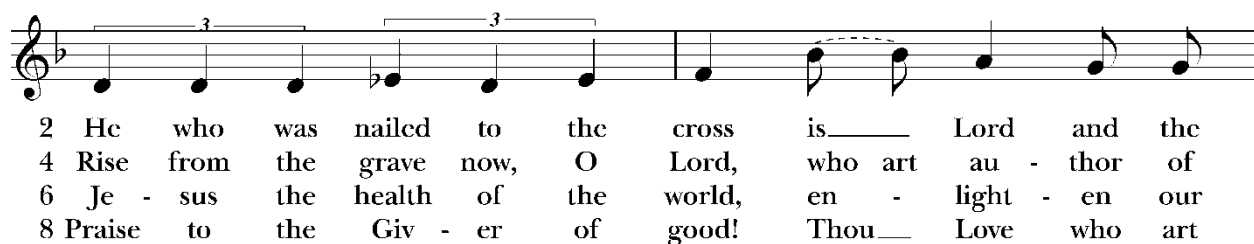
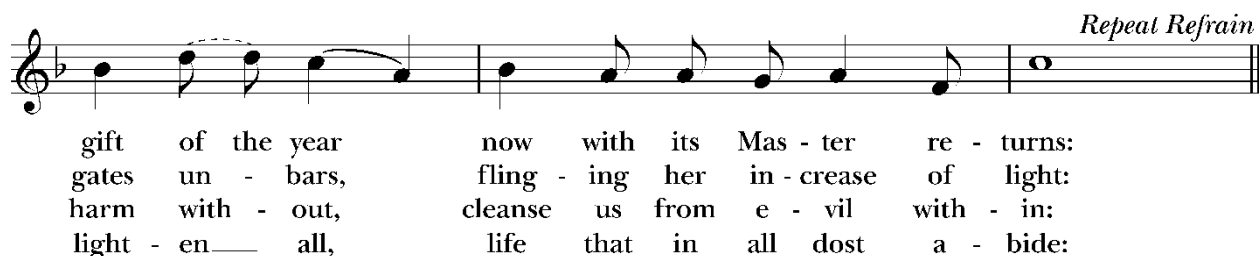
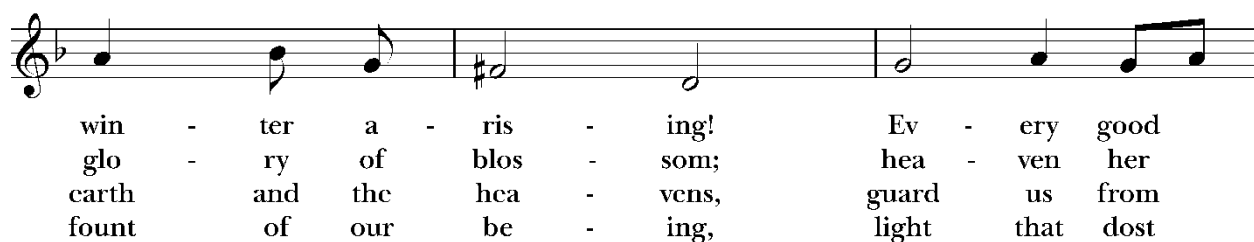


3 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the



5 God the cre - a - tor, the Lord, who rul - est the

7 Spi - rit of life and of power, now flow in us,



The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

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The Easter Acclamation

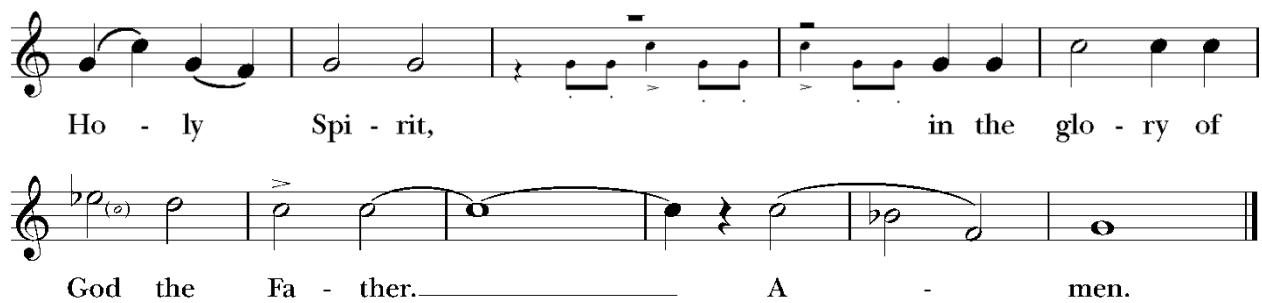
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria in excelsis

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1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y 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



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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

Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,
the LORD appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.
Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:

“Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

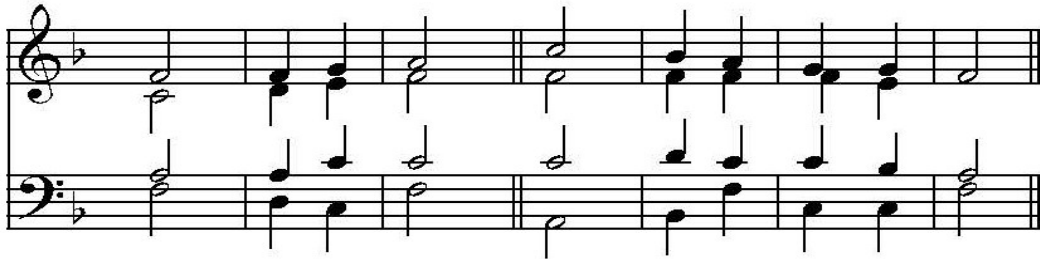
People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Confitemini Domino

Richard Farrant



- 1 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- | cōme | my sal- | vation.
- 15 There is a sound of exul- | tation and | victory *
in the | tēnts | 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 | wōrks | 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 | thānks | to the | LORD.
- 20 “This is the | gate of • the | LORD; *
he who is | rīght- | eous may | enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you | answered | me *
and have be- | cōme | my sal- | vation.

- 22 The same stone which the | builders • re- | jected *
 has become the | chief | corner- | stone.
- 23 This is the | LÖRD'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 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.

Hymn 210

Ellacombe

Descant

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

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 round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

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;

let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

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

for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

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.

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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 Sermon

The Rev. Richard H. Winters

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, 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

Sing Ye to the Lord

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

Sing ye to the Lord,
for He hath triumph'd gloriously.
Pharaoh's chariots and his host
hath He cast into the sea.

Now no more can death appal,
now no more the grave enthal;
Thou hast open'd Paradise,
And in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.

Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath Thee lie;
Thou hast conquer'd in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light.

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Thou hast open'd Paradise,
and in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.
Alleluia! Amen.

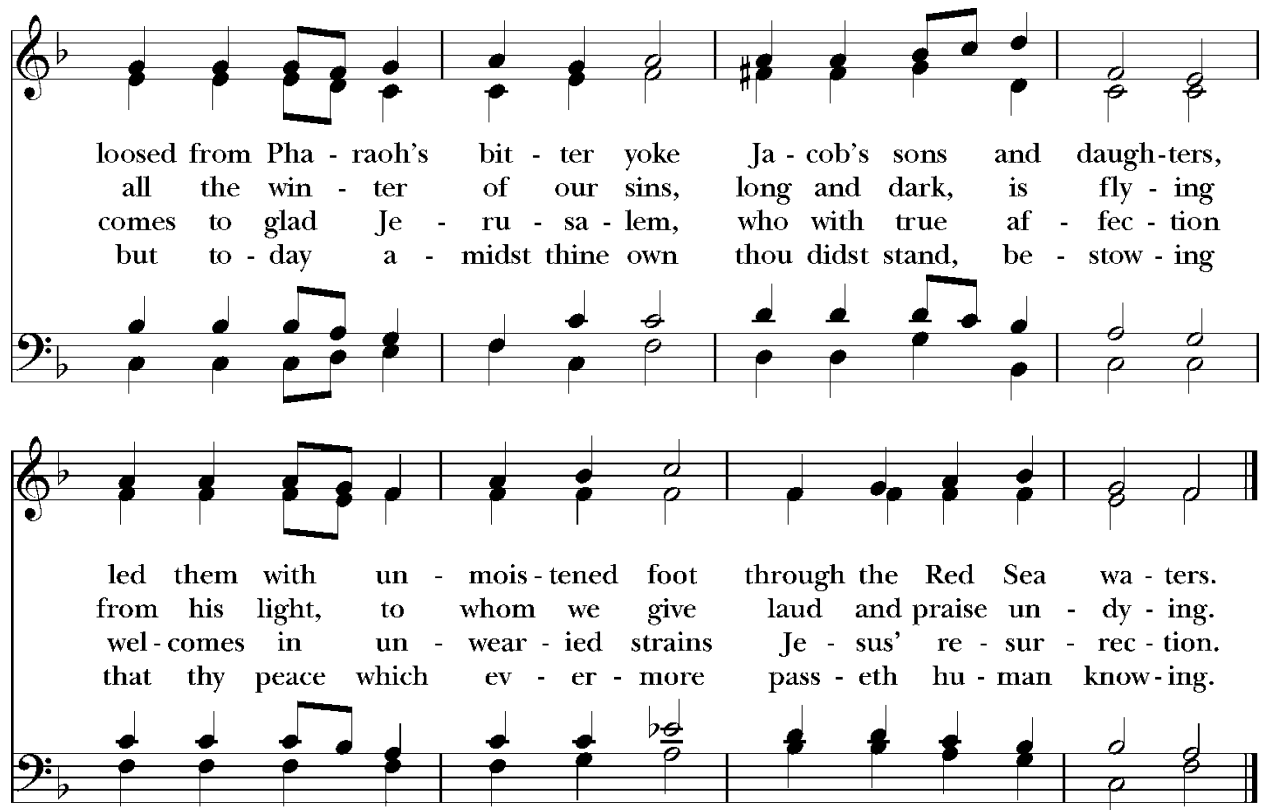
The Presentation

Hymn 199

St. Kevin

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phantly glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

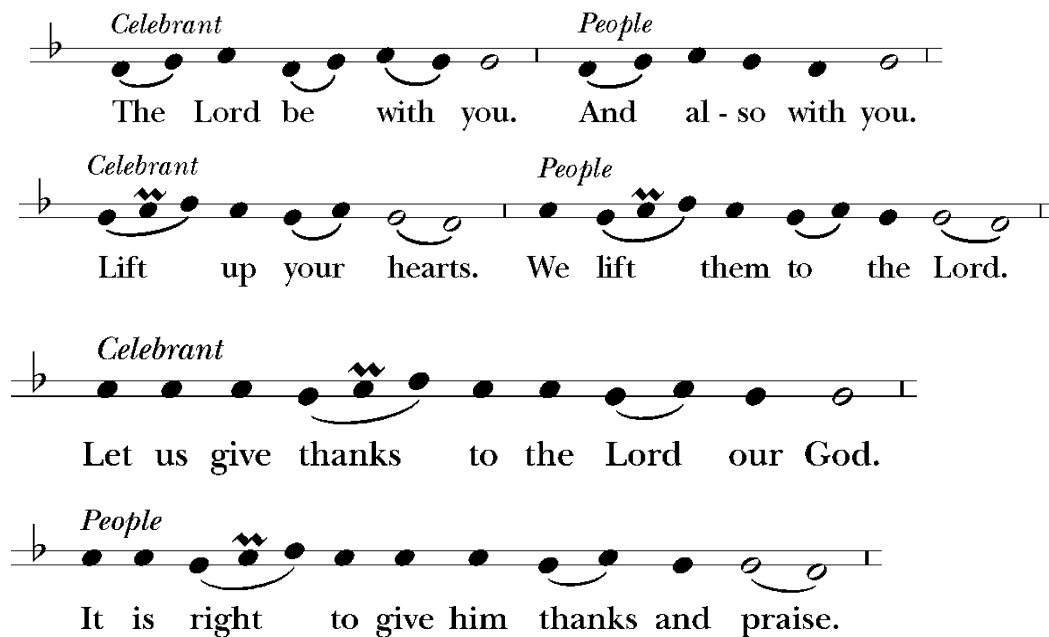
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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Sursum corda

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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.

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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

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Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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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.

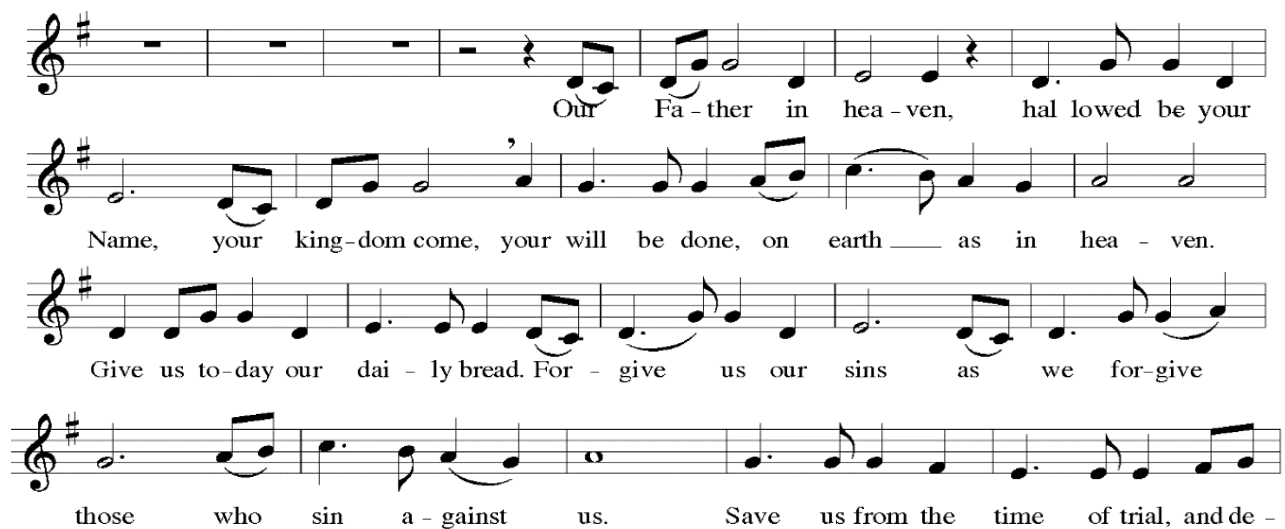
The Celebrant continues

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,



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal lowed be your
Name, your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give
those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de -



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The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem

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Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -
deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

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Celebrant 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:

All may receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist.

Come to the altar at the direction of the ushers.

Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Receive the wine either by drinking from the cup (guiding it to your lips) or by touching the wafer lightly to the wine.

If you desire to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest.

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.**

Hymns during Communion

Hymn 193

Puer nobis



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his
3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in
5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon
5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

Descant

3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay,
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met; thou
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who

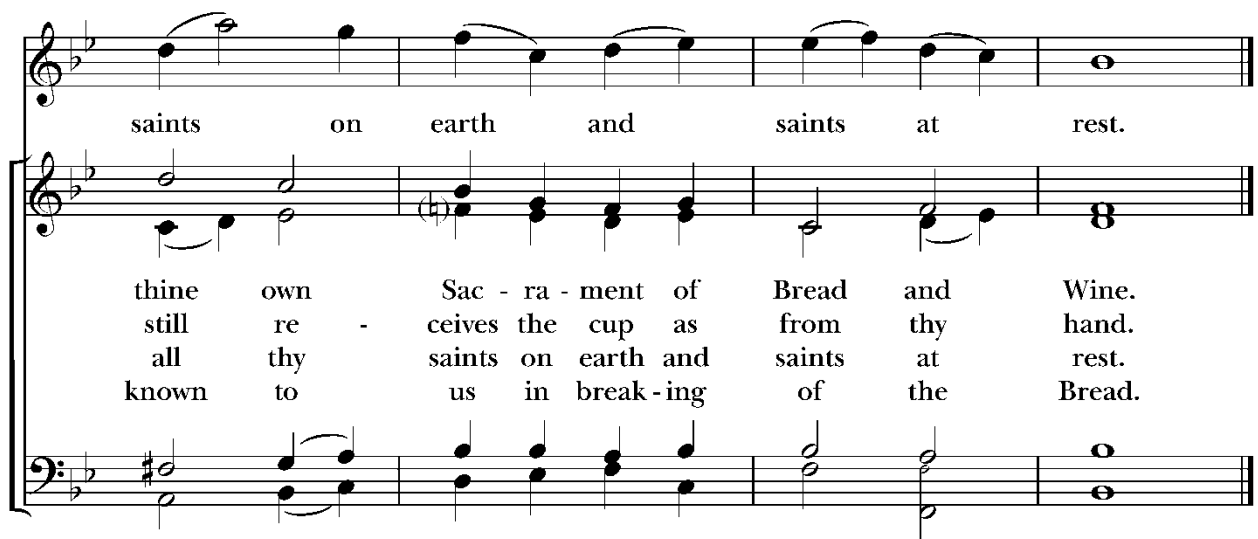
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Church u - nit - ed in com-mun-ion blest; one Name we

let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
 at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:
 Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest;
 art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

bear, ——— one Bread of life we break, with all thy

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest in
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet: faith
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break, with
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see; be



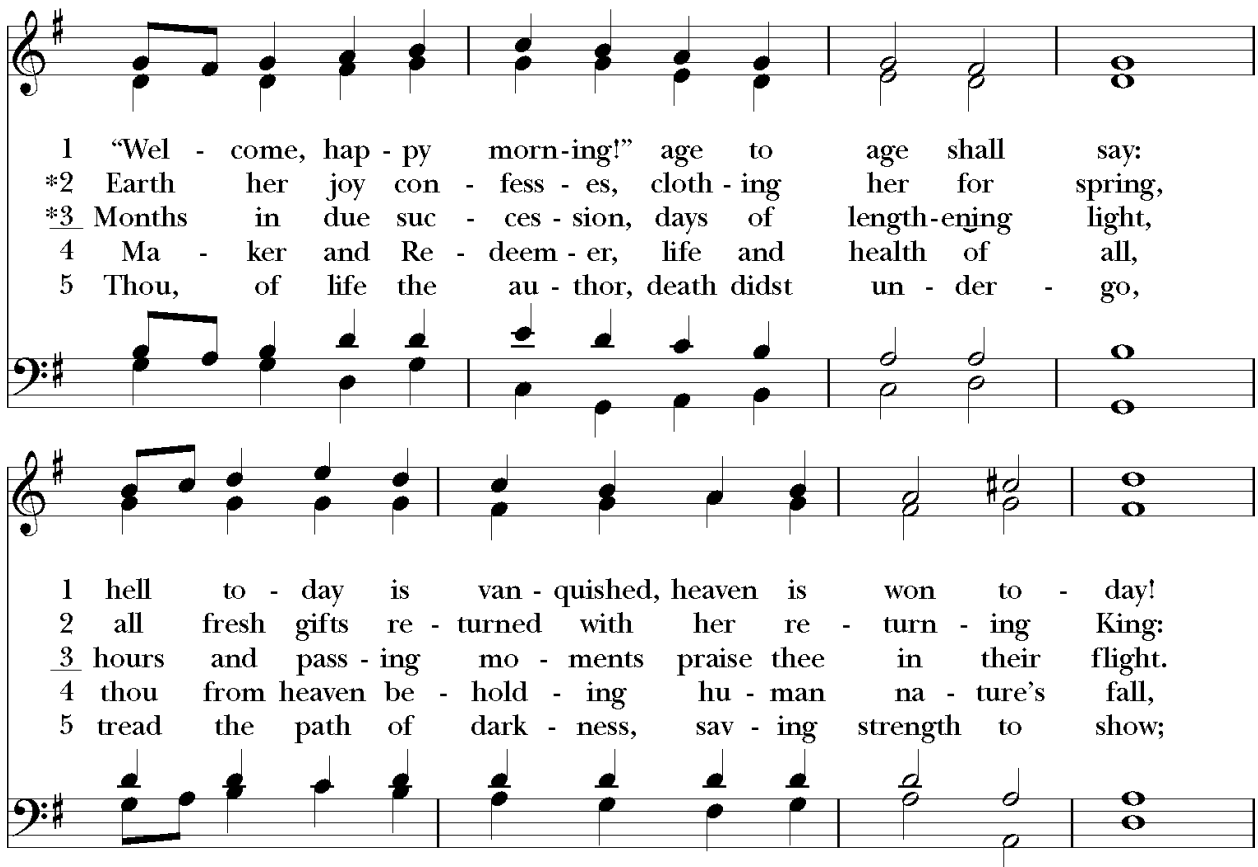
saints on earth and saints at rest.

thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

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Hymn 179

Fortunatus



1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn-ing!" age to age shall say:
*2 Earth her joy con - fess - es, cloth - ing her for spring,
*3 Months in due suc - ces - sion, days of length-en-ing light,
4 Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
5 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,

1 hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!
2 all fresh gifts re - turned with her re - turn - ing King:
3 hours and pass - ing mo - ments praise thee in their flight.
4 thou from heaven be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,
5 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;

1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!
 2 bloom in ev - ery mea - dow, leaves on ev - ery bough,
 3 Bright - ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,
 4 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,
 5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,

1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!
 2 speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri - umph now.
 3 Van - quish - er of dark - ness, bring their praise to thee.
 4 man - kind to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.
 5 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!

Refrain

"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say.

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

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Fortunatus*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

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

Hymn 207

Easter Hymn

Descant

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!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749, alt., desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, Revised, 1950. Descant by permission of Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission.

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

Toccata in F

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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 guest organist, Daniel A. Beck.

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:

- Hank & Grace Pressley by Jimmy & Pam Hyde
- Fred & Margaret Knight, Robert & Susan Stiles, and Beau Satterfield Kennedy by Marty Knight
- Jackson & Davis family by Mike & Jane Davis
- Our parents and grandparents; Leon & Mildred, Bob & Margaret, Thomas & Emma, Jefferson & Effie by Bob & Sandy Rutters
- Houston Suggs by Kerry Suggs
- Cindy Chastain Wade by Marcia, Jim, Meghann, & Jillian Humpreys
- Mr. & Mrs. James Gilbert, Sr. by Julia Gilbert
- Harriet (Happy) Adams by John Adams
- Sandra Davey by Bill Davey
- Charles William Cook, Jr. by Annette Cook
- Jim Tindall, Jimmy King, and Suzanne Yunis by Karen Tindall
- David L. Ronn, Rosemarie Collins McDonald, and Robert & Cecilia Collins by Denise Ronn
- Our parents and grandparents by Carl & Brenda Worley
- Betsy & Stanton McKee, Myrtice & Harvey Knight and Ted McKee by Angee & Rick McKee
- John Wade by Susan Wade

In Thanksgiving for:

- Our grandsons; Hiller, Finn, & Milo by Ernie & Gale Palmer
- Our children, and grandchildren by Mike & Jane Davis
- Tom, Susan, Vanessa, and Connor by Bob & Sandy Rutters
- All God's blessings by Bill & Sandi Behrens
- Angee McKee by The St. Cecilia Choir
- Red Door Food Pantry volunteers by Karen Tindall
- My children, my grandchildren, and my Ascension family by Denise Ronn
- Our new grandchildren, Noah Benjamin & Cash William by Susan & Barry McLeod
- Our children and grandchildren by Carl & Brenda Worley
- My children and grandchildren by Susan Wade