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“He is not here:  
for He is risen,  
as He said.”

# The Sunday of the Resurrection

## Easter Day

April 5, 2026  
10:30 a.m., Mass ~ Rite II



### THE ENTRANCE RITE

#### Opening Voluntary Introit

*Chorale Prelude on Rockingham*

Craig Sellar Lang

*I am risen, and am still with thee, alleluia; Thou hast laid thine hand upon me, alleluia.  
Thy knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory be....*

[standing]

#### The Processional Hymn Opening Salutation

“Welcome, happy morning!”

Hymnal 179

Prayer Book 355

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

#### Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### *Gloria in Excelsis*

Hymnal S278

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

#### 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.*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

[seated]

#### The First Lesson

The Acts of the Apostles 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 com-

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*If you have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

#### At the Communion

“Love’s redeeming work is done”

Hymnal 188

#### The Postcommunion Prayer [Kneeling]

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*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 Easter Blessing [Stand]

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People: *Amen.*

Celebrant: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

People: *Amen.*

Celebrant: May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People: *Amen.*

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

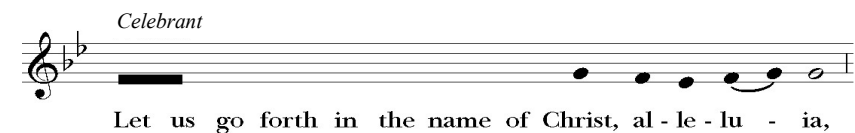
People: *Amen.*

#### Hymn

“Jesus Christ is risen today!”

Hymnal 207

#### The Dismissal



#### Concluding Voluntary

*March of the Priests*

Felix Mendelssohn

Scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words the Celebrant holds or lays a hand upon the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, he holds or lays a hand upon the cup or any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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."

**Memorial Acclamation** Therefore we proclaim the mystery the 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.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer** *[Music in the pews.]*

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem:** "Christ our Passover"

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

manded 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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**The Psalm** 118:1-2, 14-24

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, ... for [he] is good;\*  
his mercy en-[dures] forever.
- 2 Let Israel [now] proclaim,\*  
"His mercy en-[dures] forever."
- 14 The LORD is my [strength and] my song,\*  
and he has become [my] salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exul-[tation] 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 re-[joice and] be glad in it.

## The Epistle 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.

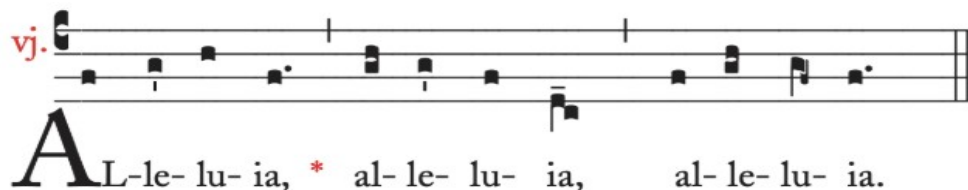
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

## The Sequence Hymn

“He is risen”

Hymnal 180



A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. Below the staff, the lyrics are written: "AL-le- lu- ia, \* al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia." The first letter 'A' is large and decorative. A red 'vj.' is written at the beginning of the staff.

**Alleluia Verse:** *Christ our Passover: is sacrificed for us.*

## ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint John 20:1-18

**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 Sermon *[seated]*

Fr. Benjamin George-Thoms

## The Nicene Creed *[Stand as able.]*

Prayer Book 358

## The Prayers of the People (Form I) *[kneeling]*

Prayer Book 383

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Offertory

**Anthem:**

“Blessed Be the God and Father”

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

**Hymn:**

“The day of resurrection!”

Hymnal 210

### The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer Book 361

### The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer A)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** *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.*

*[kneeling]*

Celebrant

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 and Benedictus:** Holy, holy, holy

Hymnal S128

*[Kneel as able, stand]*

*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.