



# The Episcopal Church of the Ascension

We believe in sharing love and grace with God and one another.

# Easter Day

Sunday, April 20, 2025

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda Curry, Bishop of Alabama The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, Assisting Bishop The Rev. Candice B. Frazer, Rector The Rev. Andrew S. Brislin, Associate Rector

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# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE TWO 11:00 AM

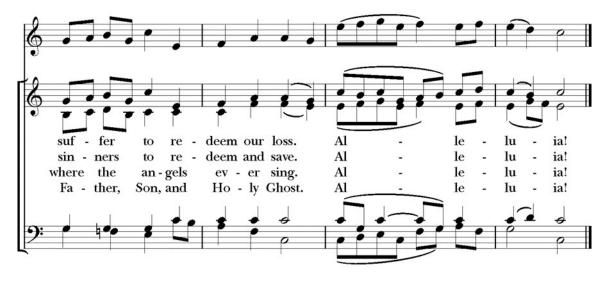
Voluntary: My Spirit Be Joyful (J. S. Bach)

Introit: Rise Up, my love, my fair one (H. Willan)

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn **207** *Jesus Christ is risen today* (*Easter Hymn*)





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Alleluia. Christ is risen. Officiant

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### The Celebrant says

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.

**Song of Praise** *Messiah: Hallelujah* (G.F. Handel)

#### The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. Celebrant 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 FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 65:17-25

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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.

## PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 Confitemini Domino



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- / come my • sal- /vation.

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 de- / clare 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 / en- / ter."

21 I will give thanks to you, / for you / answered me \* and have be- / come my • sal- / va- / tion.

22 **A** The same stone which the / builders • re- / jected \* has be- /come the / **chief** / cornerstone.

23 **B** This is the / Lord's / doing, \* and it is / marvelous • in / our / eyes.

24 **B** On this day the / Lord has / acted; \* we will re- / joice and • be / glad in / it.

#### THE SECOND LESSON: ACTS 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

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

**Sequence Hymn 208** The strife is o'er (Victory)





THE HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 24:1-12

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

**The Sermon** *The Rev. Candice B. Frazer* 

#### The Nicene Creed

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

The Prayers of the People are Form III found in your bulletin or on page 387 in the Book of Common Prayer. You are invited to respond appropriately.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.* 

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people.* 

We pray for all other bishops, priests, and deacons; *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.* 

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.* 

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight.* 

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; *That they may be delivered from their distress.* 

We pray for those who have died. Give to the departed eternal rest. *Let light perpetual shine upon them.* 

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.* 

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

The priest will offer a concluding collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

#### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### Announcements

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## Offertory Anthem

An Easter Carol (G. Near)

The whole bright world rejoices now, Hilariter (cheerfully, joyfully)
The birds do sing on ev'ry bough, Alleluya (Praise God0
Then shout beneath the racing skies
To him who rose that we might rise
And all you living things make praise
He guideth you on all your ways
He,, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Our God most high, our joy and boast. Hilariter!

The Presentation, **Hymn 380** vs. 3, with *Alleluias (Lasst uns erfreuen)* 

#### **Offertory Sentence**

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. *I Chronicles* 29:11

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People* And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

### **The Holy Communion**

# The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

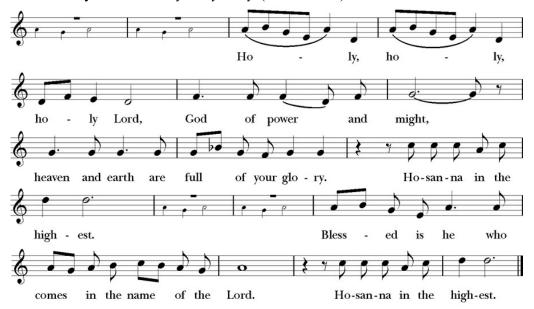
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

#### Celebrant and People

#### Sanctus Hymn S128 Holy, holy, holy (W. Mathias)



*The people kneel or stand.* 

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to 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.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 hath 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.

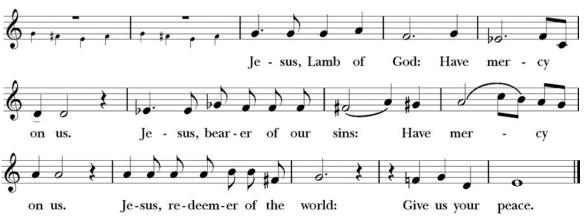
#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### Agnus Dei Hymn S165 Jesus, Lamb of God (W. Mathais)

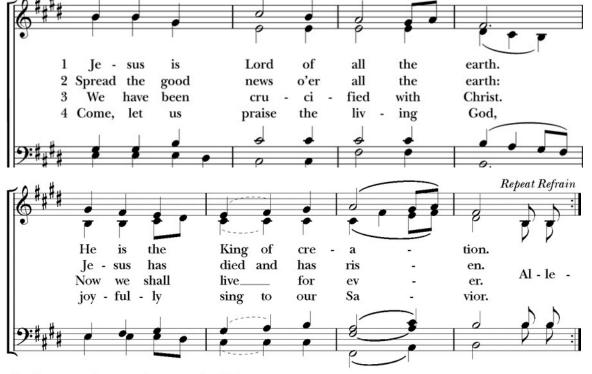


Celebrant

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.

Hymn 178 Alleluia! give thanks to the living Lord





The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

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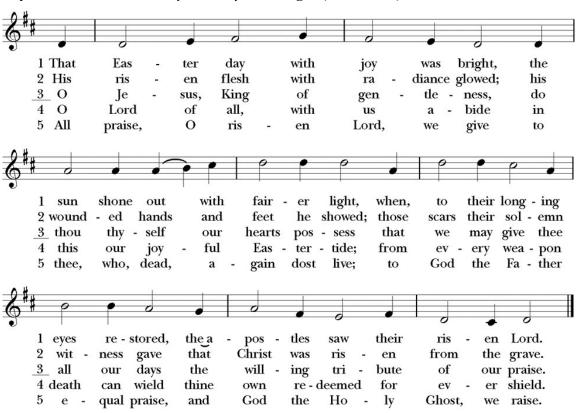
Hymn 192 This joyful Eastertide (G. R. Woodward)





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Hymn 193 That Easter Day with Joy was Bright (Puer nobis)



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#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The People join in saying this prayer

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*.

#### Blessing

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. *Amen*.

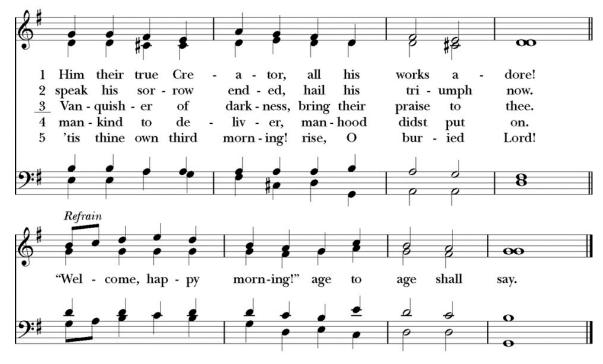
May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen*.

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. *Amen*.

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

Hymn **179** *Welcome*, happy morning (Fortunatus)





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)

#### **Dismissal**

Priest Let us go forth in the world rejoicing in the risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Voluntary Symphonie #5: Toccata (C. M. Widor)

# THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR AND CHAPEL ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF Elizabeth Hobbs Cole

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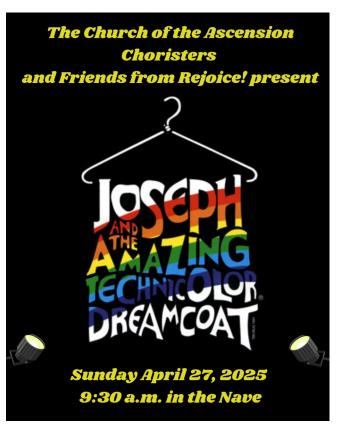
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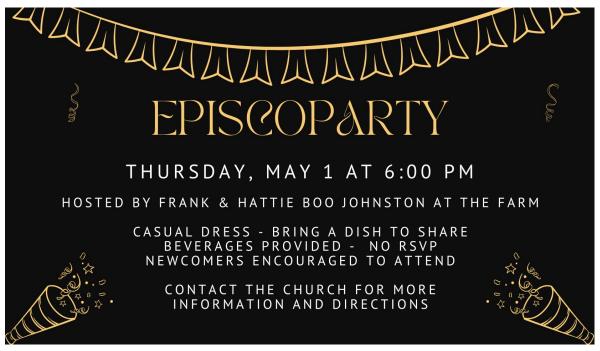
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