

# EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026 – 9:30 AM



ST. PETER'S  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH

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*We seek to worship God, welcome all, and serve Christ in one another.*

# OPENING CHIME

*A bell will chime to signal a period of silence so that we can center ourselves and prepare for worship.*

## PRELUDE

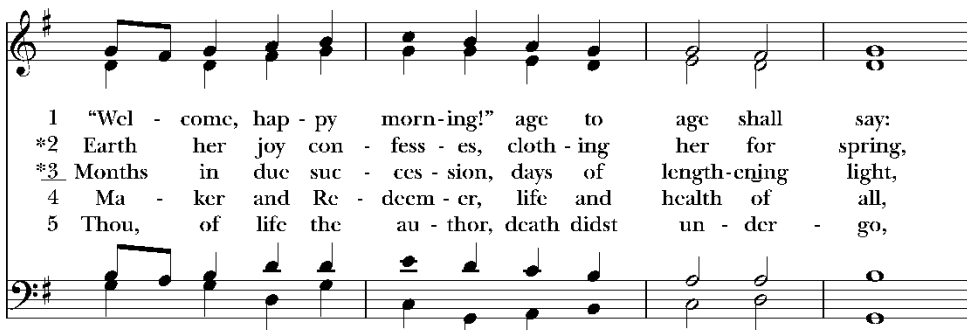
### Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell

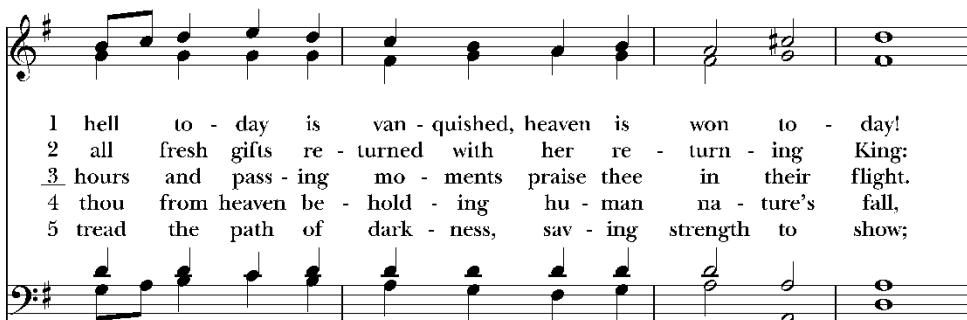
## PROCESSIONAL

### Fortunatus

Hymn 179



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 - ening 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).

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### OPENING SENTENCES

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People **The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! 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.**

**EASTER ACCLAMATION***Christ is risen from the dead*

Hymn (sung 3x)

Christ is ris-sen from the dead, tramp-ling down death by death and on  
those in the tombs be - stow - ing life, \_\_\_\_\_ be-stow-ing life!

**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.****FIRST READING**

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "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."

**PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*

**his mercy endures for ever.**

Let Israel now proclaim, \*

**"His mercy endures for ever."**

The Lord is my strength and my song, \*

**and he has become my salvation.**

There is a sound of exultation and victory \*

**in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*

**the right hand of the Lord is exalted!**

**the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"**

I shall not die, but live, \*

**and declare the works 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 thanks to the Lord.**

"This is the gate of the Lord; \*

**he who is righteous may enter."**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*

**and have become my salvation.**

The same stone which the builders rejected \*

**has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing, \*

**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

On this day the Lord has acted; \*

**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

## Second READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

## GOSPEL GRADUAL

*Celtic Alleluia*



## GOSPEL LESSON

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.

## SERMON

The Rev. Mary Beth Mills-Curran

*After the sermon, a bell will chime for a period of silence.  
The bell will chime a second time to indicate the end of the period.*

## 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. 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.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form III

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 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.**

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.

*You are invited to add your own prayers either silently or aloud.*

#### EXCHANGE OF PEACE

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*All who yearn to be transformed and fed by God are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive communion but feel called to come forward for a blessing, please indicate so by crossing your arms across your chest. We have gluten free Eucharistic bread for people who are gluten intolerant.*

## OFFERTORY CHORAL ANTHEM

*Alleluia, Sing This Day*

David W. Music

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS



The musical notation consists of two staves in 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter). The second staff continues the melody: D5 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter).

We seek to wor-ship God, wel- come all,  
and serve Christ in one a- noth - er.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where 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:

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.

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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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.*

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**  
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

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

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

1-4 Final Ending  
Praise to his Name. Name.

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.

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
 \*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
 ra - dant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,  
 Je - sus' wocs are o - ver now, and the pas - sion  
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the  
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.  
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.  
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680).

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## BLESSING

## RECESSIONAL

## Easter Hymn

HYMN 207

*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 heavn - 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!

The musical score consists of two systems of four-part vocal settings (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a descant. The descant is marked 'Descant' and is written in a single staff. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with the first line being the most prominent. The music is in a major key and 4/4 time. The descant is a melodic line that is repeated throughout the piece. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with the first line being the most prominent. The music is in a major key and 4/4 time.

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.

**DISMISSAL**

Deacon  
 People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Voluntary*

John Stanley

***Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!***

## Parish Prayers

### Our Parish Prayer List:

Patti Pzegeo, Barbara (Sargent) Johnson, Marjory Kelley, Liz Lannigan, Roberta Smith, Prakash and Santhi Mathews, Robert Bringhurst, Will Kullman, Ethel Neusch, Deanie Reinhardt, Justina Trevorrow, Brian Paciulan, Nancy Wood, Mary Sargent, Rebecca DuPont, Lauren Shultz, Paula Tammaro, Carol Jugenheimer, Shelley, Namira Evans, Kathryn Dunn, Bob Moore, Ruth Hobbs, Elizabeth Padd, Kyle Lane, Caroline and Charlotte Harrison, Nikki Golden, Michael LaGasse, Bob Furtado, Hank Gagnon, Monica, Dick Saikevicz, Scott Scifres, Charlie Roy, David Petroski, Callan Sanger, Stephanie, Judy Ackroyd, Nyria Shaw, Kate Wedemeyer, Zev Rieser, Mary Ellen McDonough, John Moynihan, Anne Harvey, Bette Wright, Brentley Lozzi, Carolyn Detato and Hannah Malik.

### Pray during this week for our parish families:

Michael and Colleen Ellek  
Elizabeth Flumignan  
Barbara Flattery

### Assisting in the service of worship today are:

<b>Lector</b>	Rita MacAuslan
<b>Lay Eucharistic Minister</b>	Penny Sullivan
<b>Altar Preparation</b>	Jane Parthum and Mickey Knox
<b>Usher</b>	Lisa Decker and Carol Bates
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