

# Easter Day

Holy Eucharist Rite II

April 4, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.



Saint Theodore's Episcopal Church  
The Right Reverend Larry R. Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas

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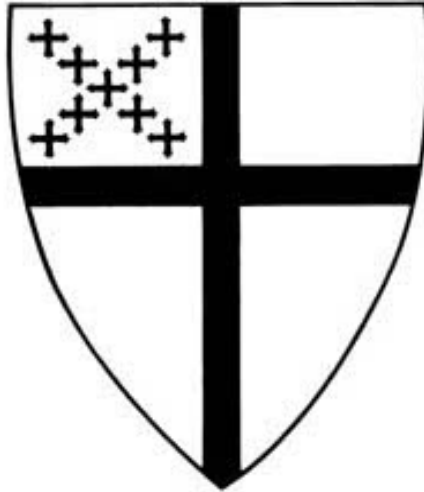
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All of the following service can be found in the  
1979 Book of Common Prayer  
Scripture lessons are taken from the  
Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) for Year B and are  
from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

Prelude

*Opening Voluntary*

Zundel

**Processional Hymn** (*Stand as able*)

**Hymnal 207**

*The people standing, the celebrant says*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

## **Collect for Purity**

*Celebrant* **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.*

## **Glory to God**

*Said in unison*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
    have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
    receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
    Jesus Christ,  
    with the Holy Spirit,  
    in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*The people standing, the celebrant says*

*Celebrant*   The Lord be with you.

*People*      *And also with you.*

*Celebrant*   Let us pray. (*Remain standing as able*)

## **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*   **O GOD**, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Lessons** (*Sit and remain seated until the Gospel hymn.*)

### **FIRST READING:** Acts 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.'

*Reader*        **The Word of the Lord.**

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

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

*Sung by the cantor*

*Antiphon*

On this day the LORD has acted;

We will rejoice and be glad in it. Hallelujah.

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim,  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation 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 rejoice and be glad in it. Hallelujah

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you-- unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Hymn**

*He is risen*

**Hymnal 180**

## **The Holy Gospel** (*Stand as able*) John 20:1-18

*Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.**

**Sermon** (*Sit*)

Father Grisham

***Celebrant:*** Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

## **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows** (BCP 304)

*Officiant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Officiant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Officiant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
                  was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Officiant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Officiant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Officiant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Officiant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Officiant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,  
loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Officiant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all  
people, and respect the dignity of every human  
being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## **Prayers of the People – Form III** (BCP 387)

*People may stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray for the Church and the world.

*Litanist* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* ***That we all may be one.***

*Litanist* Grant that every member of the Church may truly  
and humbly serve you;

*People* ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

*Litanist* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word  
and Sacraments.***

*Litanist* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in  
the nations of the world;

*People* ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

*Litanist* Give us grace to do your will in all that we  
undertake;

*People* ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Litanist Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Litanist Give to the departed eternal rest; especially all those who have succumbed to the Corona virus.

*People* ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Litanist We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Litanist Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; for those of our parish family for whom prayers have been asked: Don, Rose, Gene, Julia, Angie, Amanda, Marianne, Becky, Karen Kay, Valerie, Elwin, Sue, the Rector Search Committee, and all those who have contracted Covid-19 and all who care for them. ***(Pause)***

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Organ music is played and the people may sit  
as the Celebrant prepares the Table.*

*After the Table has been prepared, the People stand  
and the Celebrant says:*

All things come of thee, O Lord  
**People:** **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## The Holy Eucharist

### The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer A (BCP 361)

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and the following is said.*

*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.**

*Then facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

*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 we are 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*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*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:



**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and the following is said.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## **Invitation**

***Celebrant:*** The gifts of God for the People of God.

*Celebrant receives Communion in both kinds and then invites the online congregation to receive a spiritual communion.*

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional to express one's desire to receive Holy Communion when circumstances prevent them from actually receiving the consecrated elements.*

*Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

***Celebrant and Online Congregation***

*Congregants in attendance may pray silently.*

**Beloved Jesus,  
I believe that you are present  
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.**



**I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you  
in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,  
come spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you.  
Let me never be separated from you  
in this life or in the life to come. Amen.**

*Celebrant distributes communion to the congregation. Please remain  
in your pew, either standing or kneeling as you are able.*

## **Closing Prayer**

*Celebrant says*

Let us pray

*Celebrant and People* (BCP 365)

**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 right hand of God has triumphed! The right hand of  
God is exalted!

Christ is risen from the tomb and become your salvation.  
Rejoice and be glad!

God's Spirit lives and breathes resurrection into your life.

And the blessing of our wondrous God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and raise you, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## Dismissal

*The Celebrant says the words of dismissal*

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

## Recessional

*Christ is alive!*

**Hymn 182**

## Postlude

*Christ the Lord is risen today*

Johnson, arr.

Participants in the Services:

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Reverend Lowell Grisham
<i>Organist</i>	Robbie Hubbard
<i>Cantor</i>	Mary Addington

8:00 Service:

<i>Acolyte</i>	John Winter
<i>Readers</i>	Joyce Winter, Nancy Nagle
<i>Ushers</i>	Jerry Schaefer, Nancy Nagle Al Addington

10:00 Service:

<i>Acolyte</i>	Wayne Whitney
<i>Readers</i>	Sue Williams, Anne Streeter
<i>Ushers</i>	Al Addington, Mike Sheets
<i>ERP Volunteer</i>	Sam Weaver