

Christ HAS
BEEN *raised*
FROM THE
DEAD.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20a



A WARM WELCOME TO ALL CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION OF
THE LORD WITH US TODAY - THOSE GATHERED IN OUR PEWS AND
THOSE JOINED WITH US VIA OUR DIGITAL MINISTRY.

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Worship Schedule:

Saturday 5:00 pm - Vigil Holy Mass

Sunday 9:00 am - Holy Mass

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The Resurrection of the Lord—Easter Sunday ‘A’
April 5, 2026

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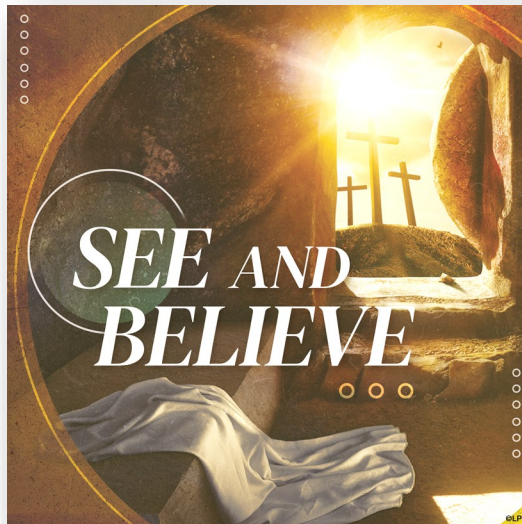
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Cantor: Jeff Staats

Mass Intentions:

Sun. April 5 - For all participating in this Easter Eucharist, both in person and via
livestream.





SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
The Liturgy and Mass of Easter

Opening of the Grave

KNEEL

The celebrant and assistants approach the Tomb in silence.

Then celebrant and all people kneel.

After short adoration the celebrant greets the faithful:

RISE

C. Christ is Risen. Alleluia!

R/. Truly, He is Risen. Alleluia!

C: My Brothers and Sisters, yesterday, during the Holy Saturday Ceremony of the Light, we have heard a call:

“Rejoice now, all you heavenly choirs of angels.

Rejoice all creation around God’s throne,

for this mighty King is victorious. Sound, o trumpet; tell of our salvation!

Rejoice too o earth, you are made brilliant by such splendor.

Rejoice, for you have been illumined.

Darkness everywhere has been overcome

by the brightness of this everlasting King.

Rejoice o holy Church! You are made radiant by so great a Light.

Let this place ring out with rejoicing,

with the song of all these people gathered here.”

O obeying that call we will go in solemn procession, following the risen Christ, to proclaim His victory over death and Satan.

We give thanks to the Risen Christ, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, for opening to us the Kingdom of Heaven.

*The celebrant removes the veil from the Monstrance
and incenses the Blessed Sacrament.*

KNEEL

C. In Your Resurrection, O Christ, Alleluia!

R/. Let heaven and earth rejoice, Alleluia!

STAND

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

C. Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
by Your resurrection You fulfilled all that was promised by the prophets:
as we honor Your resurrection in thanksgiving on this holy morning,
grant that we, who have been cleansed from sin through Your death,
may rise with You to a new life.

For You live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.



*The celebrant intones, “Come Rejoice, Our Lord is Risen”
and then all continue singing “Come Rejoice, Our Lord is Risen” (see next page).*

*The procession begins with Crucifer, ANS Ladies, YMSofR Men
(carrying the Pascal candle, the statue of the Risen Lord and adorned Crucifix)
followed by the Acolyte(s) and thurifer with a censer.*

*The procession circles inside the church three times,
the final time the celebrant proceeds up the center aisle.*

During the procession the Hymn “Come, Rejoice, Our Lord is Risen” is sung.

For the procession all remain standing.

**When the Blessed Sacrament passes near you,
please genuflect.**

STAND

Come, Rejoice, Our Lord is Risen

1. Come re - joice our Lord is ris - en, Come sing out the pro - cla - ma - tion.
 2. Lo, our Heav'n - ly King comes to us, As a flow'r ar - rayed so - beau - teous.
 3. All the pow'rs of hell are bro - ken, All the foes of God are fal - len,
 4. Three days in the tomb He lay there, Man - kind's fate He glad - ly did bear,

Come sing of His re - sur - rec - tion, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 O - ver death He reigns vic - to - rious, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Yet us He has not for - sa - ken, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 That His life all man - kind might share, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

5. They who dwelt in sin's deep crevice,
 When at last they saw their savior.
 Called to Him in deepest sorrow.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

6. At hell's portal they cried to Him,
 "Son of God, O King Almighty,
 Save us from hell's awful forces.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

7. Waiting in anticipation,
 Great their joy and their elation,
 When at last they saw salvation.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

8. Through Your Holy resurrection,
 May we find from sin redemption;
 And at last know Your salvation.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

KNEEL

*Arriving at the Sanctuary,
the Celebrant places the Blessed Sacrament on the tabernacle throne;
the Resurrection Statue is placed on the mensa on the Gospel side; the Passion Crucifix
vested in a red stole is placed near the altar; the Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.*

*The Celebrant standing at foot of the altar, sings and the Choir
and the congregation respond to following versicle three times, each in a higher tone:*

C. The Lord is risen from the tomb, Alleluia!
R/. Who for us has hung on the wood of the cross. Alleluia! } 3 x

C. In Your Resurrection, O Christ, Alleluia!
R/. The heavens and the earth rejoice, Alleluia!

C. Let us pray.
Father, each year You gladden us by this celebration of the Lord's Resurrection.
Grant that, being risen in Christ
we may come to know the joy of eternal life in Your kingdom.
Where You live and reign with the same Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
R/. Amen.

The Benediction is given.

*The Blessed Sacrament is then reposed. The celebrant intones and the congregation continues
singing the following hymn (3 times):*



May we praise Thee and a - dore Thee, May we sing Thy last - ing glo - ry,
O most ho - ly Sac - ra - ment, Heav - en's prom - ised tes - ta - ment.
Now and for ev - er, and through - out all a - ges. A - men.

SIT

After the reposing the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle,
The Celebrant leaves the sanctuary to vests for Mass in the sacristy.

The choir/congregation will sing:

SIT

Christ is Risen

1. Christ is ris - en, Sing, O Christ - ian, Wipe the tears of grief a - way,
2. Use - less was the stone so heav - y, which they used to seal the grave.

All who would now seek Sal - va - tion, Come, re - joice with us this day.
Un - suc - cess - ful were the sen - tries, keep - ing watch o'er One Who saves

He has ris - en, Lord in glo - ry, As He had fore - told His vic - tory,
All for naught were their en - deav - ors to con - tain the Might - y Vic - tor.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Let us sing forth, Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Let us sing forth, Al - le - lu - ia.



STAND**INTRODUCTORY RITE**

C. In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

C. Lord bless us with the wisdom to praise You in spirit and in truth,
so that by following Your holy will we may gain eternal salvation.

R/. Amen.

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

The celebrant invites the faithful to join in the prayer of confession.

C. Jesus died and rose again to save sinners. Assured of God's forgiveness promised by the miracle of Easter, let us confess our own sins now. Please, make an examination of your conscience.

During a moment of silent reflection evoke spirit of contrition.

KNEEL or SIT

Silently confess your sins to God, and then join the celebrant in acknowledging your sins:

All: I confess to almighty God

**in the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints
and you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault**

striking the breast three times and continuing

**in my thoughts, in my words,
in what I have done or failed to do.**

**I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord, our God.**

Penance is given.

C. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

R/. Amen.

The celebrant imparts the absolution, saying

C. May our Lord Jesus Christ absolve you and,
with His authority vested in me, I absolve you from all your sins:
in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit. **R/. Amen.**

THE KYRIE

The musical score for 'THE KYRIE' is presented in three systems. Each system consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system is for Soprano and Alto (S.A.), with lyrics: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' The second system is for Tenor and Bass (T.B.), with lyrics: 'Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.' The third system is for the Cantor, with lyrics: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' The score includes dynamic markings such as 'All' and 'Cantor'.

THE GLORIA

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 sins 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.

OPENING PRAYER

STAND

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. **And also with you.**

C. Let us pray.

Almighty God, our Father,

You have raised Christ, Your Son, Who conquered death
and opened for us the way to eternal life,

Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives
by the risen Christ Who is among us.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ,

Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R/. **Amen.**

SIT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading [Acts 10:34a, 37-43](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter proceeded to speak and said:

"You know what has happened all over Judea,

beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached,

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth

with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good

and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses of all that he did

both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,

not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance,

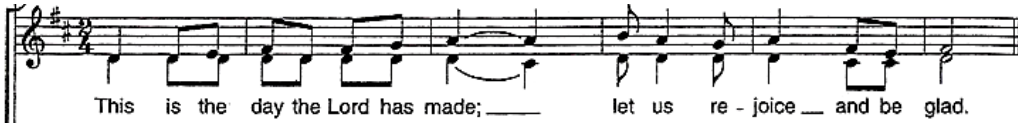
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commissioned us to preach to the people
and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.
To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

L. The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23](#)

Cantor:  This is the day the Lord has made; _____ let us re-joice ___ and be glad.

R/. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

R/. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

"The right hand of the Lord has struck with power;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted.
I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord."

R/. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

R/. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.



A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

L. The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Easter Sequence (Victimae Paschali Laudes), 11th century

Lector: Christians, to the Paschal Victim...

All: ... offer your thankful praises.

A Lamb the sheep redeems;

Christ who only is sinless,

Reconciles sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended

In that combat stupendous:

The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak Mary, declaring

What you saw, wayfaring.

“The tomb of Christ, who is living,

The glory of Jesus’ resurrection;

Bright angels attesting,

The shroud and napkins resting;

Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;

To Galilee he goes before you.”

Christ indeed from death is risen,

our new life obtaining.

Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

Amen. Alleluia!



Gospel Acclamation [Cf. 1 Cor 5:7b-8a](#)



Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R/. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;
Let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

R/. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel [John 20:1-9](#)

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

R/. Glory be to You, Lord!

On the first day On the first day of the week,
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.
So she ran and went to Simon Peter
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,
"They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don't know where they put him."
So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.
They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter
and arrived at the tomb first;
he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him,
he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,
and the cloth that had covered his head,
not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.
Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.
For they did not yet understand the Scripture
that he had to rise from the dead.

C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.
R/. Praise be to You, Lord, Jesus Christ!

Hymn Before the Homily
Christ Is Risen

KNEEL

Music & Lyrics by John Scarchilli

He walked up the hill called Calvary,
He did this to set us free.
He is the Savior of my soul
Now and forever.
We all know..

He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane,
Died under Pilate for all to see.
On the cross, He was crucified.
Now He has risen, Christ on High,
Christ on High.

SIT

◆ **HOMILY**

Pause for silent reflection after homily

C. I believe in One God,
All: the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
I 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 was born of the Virgin Mary (*here genuflect*)
AND BECAME MAN.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of 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.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of Life
Who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the + life of the world to come.
Amen.

C. Let us pray for the Church and for the world, that all may know the power of resurrection life..

1. For the Church: May Christians be filled with new faith, and work with purpose for the coming of Christ's Kingdom. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For our world: for an end to violence, wars, greed and hypocrisy which make the world such a burden for so many of our brothers and sisters and belittle the value of creation. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For all who are sick, lonely or without hope: May the Easter message bring them healing, encouragement and trust. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For ourselves: May we bear faithful witness to the Crucified and Risen Lord, and be a sign to all people of His power to make all things new. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

5. For everyone who has died: That they may find peace and joy in their welcome by the Risen Lord, and that those who mourn the loss of their loved ones will find comfort. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

6. For our own intentions ... [long pause for silence]... . We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

C. Loving God, thank You for hearing our prayers. Help us to look and listen for guidance, so that we may be part of Your response to those prayers, always seeking to bring Your kingdom to its fulfilment on earth. We pray through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Zmarłychwstał Pasterz Dobry

Mosso

Zmar - twych-wstał Pan pra wdzi-wie, Zmar twych-wstał Pan pra - wdzi-wie, Zmar-
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 ja, Al - le - lu - ja, Al - le - lu - ja!

OFFERTORY Hymn #2:

O'er Death Victorious



1. O'er death vic - to - ri - ous, Christ the Lord is ris - en,
On the third morn - ing, from death's dark - est pris - on.
2. Struck by earth's quak - ing, fright - ened guards are shak - en.
Then, by an an - gel, joy - ous news is giv - en:



Fright - ened, un - faith - ful, know that death is con - quered
"Look there, O wom - en, see the grave, now emp - ty,



by the Mes - si - ah, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has a - ris - en", Al - le - lu - ia!



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The celebrant elevates the paten with host, saying:

- C. Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May it become for us the Bread of Life.

The celebrant pours wine and water into the chalice.

Then takes the chalice and elevates it above the altar, saying:

- C. Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through Your goodness, we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. May it become our Spiritual Drink.

The celebrant places the chalice on the corporal. Slightly bowing before the altar he says:

- C. Lord God, we ask You to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer You with humble and contrite hearts.

The celebrant blesses the bread and wine with his right hand, saying:

- C. Come, Holy Spirit, and bless + this sacrifice which we have prepared for the glory of Your Holy Name.

The celebrant washes his hands, then he returns to the center of the altar and continues:

- C. Receive this offering, most Holy Trinity, which we make in memory of the passion, resurrection and ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints. May they, whose memory we honor on earth, intercede for us in heaven.

Addressing the congregation with hands extended, the celebrant says:

- C. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
 R/. **May the Lord accept this sacrifice from your hands,
 for the praise and glory of His name,
 for our good and for the benefit of His holy Church.**

STAND

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

C. Almighty and Loving Father,
accept these sacrificial gifts we offer You with joy
in which Your Church is reborn and nourished, through our Lord Jesus Christ;
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

STAND

PREFACE OF EASTER

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

C. Lift up your hearts.

R/. We lift them up to the Lord.

C. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

R/. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

C. Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere
to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We praise You with greater joy than ever on this Easter Day
when Christ became our paschal sacrifice.

He is the true Lamb Who took away the sins of the world.

By dying He destroyed our death; by rising He restored our life.

Therefore, with the angels and archangels,
with all the saints and the entire Church,
we lift our hymn of praise to Your glory, repeating unceasingly:

R/. 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 celebrant says:

C. Father,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
we ask you to accept and bless + these gifts we offer you in sacrifice.
We offer them for Your holy Catholic Church,
asking you to defend and guide it throughout the world.
We offer them for Anthony, our Prime and Diocesan Bishop,
and for all bishops, priests, deacons and other ministers
who profess the true faith which comes to us from the apostles.
Remember Your people, Lord,
especially our brothers and sisters for whom we now pray.

The celebrant prays for them briefly. The faithful pray for those whom they wish to remember.

Remember all of us who are present here,
who truly believe and are devoted to You.
We offer this sacrifice of praise to You,
our living, eternal and true God,
for ourselves and all those we love,
for the redemption of our souls,
with hope for our salvation.

Together with the whole Church
we honor the Virgin Mary, the mother of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
We also honor the apostles and martyrs,
as well as all those who have lived and died confessing Your name.
In remembering them
we desire to follow their example
and so gain Your love and help.

Father, accept this offering from your whole family.
Grant us Your peace in this life, preserve us from spiritual damnation
and count us among your chosen people.

The celebrant joins his hands and blesses the bread and the chalice, saying:

Bless, + accept and approve this offering we now make to You
and let it be pleasing to you.

The celebrant extends his hands over the bread and chalice and continues:

Fill it with the power of your Holy Spirit and let it become for us
the Body and the Blood of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

THE CONSECRATION

With hands joined the celebrant continues:

The day before He suffered and died,
our Lord desired to make His love known
to His disciples and all who would follow Him.
He, therefore, instituted these Sacred Mysteries
by which He joined Himself with them spiritually and bodily,
in His whole being, and abides with us forever.

At that moment, so sacred for all of humanity,
Jesus took bread into His holy hands and,
looking up to heaven to You, His almighty Father, He gave You thanks.
He blessed the bread, broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT:
FOR THIS IS MY BODY
WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.**

*The celebrant elevates the consecrated Host, replaces it on the paten,
And genuflects in adoration.*

All GENUFLECT and RISE with the priest

and then he continues:

STAND

When supper had ended, He took the cup.
In the same way He gave You thanks, blessed it and gave it to His disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT:
FOR THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT,
WHICH SHALL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
AS OFTEN AS YOU DO THIS,
DO IT IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.**

The celebrant elevates the chalice, replaces it on the altar and genuflects in adoration.

All GENUFLECT and RISE with the priest

The celebrant continues:

STAND

Father, in celebration of the memory of Jesus Christ, Your Son,
we, Your people, recall His passion,
resurrection from the dead and ascension into glory.
From the many gifts You have given us,
we offer You this pure, holy and spotless offering:
the holy Bread of Life and the holy Cup of Eternal Salvation.
Look favorably on these offerings and accept them
as You once accepted the gifts of Your servant, Abel,
and the sacrifice of our father in faith, Abraham,
and the bread and wine offered by Your priest, Melchisedech.

In humility we ask, Father,
that these offerings be carried by Your angel
to Your high altar in heaven
so that we, who receive the sacred Body and Blood of Your Son from this altar,
may be filled with Your grace + and blessing.

Remember, Lord, our brothers and sisters who have died
and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

*The celebrant prays briefly for those whom he desires to remember.
The faithful should likewise pray for the deceased whom they wish to remember.*

May these and all who rest in Christ find happiness, light and peace.

And we, who trust in Your love, also ask to be included
in the fellowship of Your holy apostles, martyrs and saints
who offered their lives to You.

They were filled with Your justice and mercy and,
because they lived in accord with the teachings of Jesus,
gained eternal joy. Count us among them, Father,
not because of what we truly deserve,
but because You are willing to forgive us.

We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ,
by Whom You give us all these gifts;
You fill them with life and goodness;
You bless them and make them holy.

Holding the Sacred Host above the chalice the celebrant elevates them and sings:

- C. Through Him, with Him and in Him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are Yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.



COMMUNION RITE - The Lord's Prayer

STAND

The celebrant sings the following introduction to the Lord's Prayer:

C. Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Mallotte

Our Fa - ther Who art in heav - en hal-low-ed be Thy
Name. Thy king-dom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in
heav - en Give us this day our dail - ly bread. And for -
give us our debts, as we for-give our debt-ors. And lead us not in-to temp-
ta - tion, but de - liver-er us from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom and the
pow - er and the glo - ry for - ev - er. A - men.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

C. The Cup of Blessing which we bless,
is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?

The celebrant fractures the Sacred Host saying:

C. The Bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?
**R/. Because there is one Bread, we who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one Bread.**

Dropping the particle of the Host into the Chalice, the celebrant says:

C. May the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ
bring us sanctification and eternal life.

R/. Amen.

With hands extended the celebrant says:

C. Lord Jesus Christ, You said to Your apostles:
I leave you peace, My peace I give you.
Do not look at our sins, but on the faith of Your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom
where You live for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

C. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R/. And also with you.

C. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

An appropriate sign of peace is made by all (in church by bowing)

AGNUS DEI

The celebrant and people say together:

**All: Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

KNEEL

C. Let us pray together:

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit
Your death brought life to the world.
By Your holy Body and Blood free me from all my sins and from every evil.
Keep me faithful to Your teaching and never let me be parted from You.**

The celebrant takes the Sacred Host, saying:

C. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

The celebrant and congregation together say once:

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive You,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The celebrant says:

C. May the Body of Christ bring me to everlasting life.

The celebrant reverently consumes the Sacred Host. Taking the Chalice, he says:

C. May the Blood of Christ bring me to everlasting life.

The celebrant reverently consumes the Blood of Christ.

THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Holding a Host above the ciborium, the celebrant says:

C. This is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to the table of the Lord.

Now, taking the ciborium, the celebrant distributes Holy Communion.

KNEEL or SIT

COMMUNION HYMN (1)

The Strife Is O'er

soprano solo *Faster*

The strife is o'er, Al - le - lu ia, The vic - t'ry won, Al - le - lu

The song of tri - umph be - gun

Duet Sopr. & Alto The song of tri - umph be -

Death could not con - quer God's Son *Choir* Al-

gun, Death could not, con - quer Him

le - lu - ia

Al - le - lu - ja, al - le - lu ja, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia.

Sopr. Solo adagio

In His love He suf - fered for us, Gave His life for

Mo - ther, who had wept for our Lord, Near the cross in

rit. *Choir Allegro*

us on the cross. Sing tid - ings of res - sur - rec tion,

sor - row there stood,

Sing of our Sav - ior's Sal - va tion, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu -

Choir Allegro

ia, al - le - lu ia. Let us re - joice in com - mu - nion, With all the


an - gels of heav - en Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

ia, al - le lu - ia.

COMMUNION HYMN (2)

Come, Ye Faithful

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1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise your voi - ces, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
2. When the wo - men would an - noint Him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
3. Now with tears of joy and glad - ness, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

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For this day the world re - joi - ces, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Lo an An - gel said un - to them, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Learn, O Man of God's for - give - ness, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,




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Sing the song of Res - sur - rec - tion, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
He is not here, He is ri - sen, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Let us wor - ship Our Re - deem - er, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



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Christ would grant to us Sal - va - tion, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.
Go, pro - claim His Re - sur - rec - tion, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.
Praise the Lord, our God and Sa - vior, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.



COMMUNION HYMN (3) - SOCL Children

Sing, Sing, Sing Alleluia

*Words and Music by
Joseph M. Martin*

Sing, Sing, Sing Alleluia! Sing, Sing, Sing Alleluia!
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Sing, Sing, Sing Alleluia! Sing, Sing, Sing Alleluia!
This is the day that the Lord has made.

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the day that the Lord has made.
Alleluia, alleluia! I will rejoice and sing praise!

Sing, Sing, Sing Alleluia! Sing, Sing, Sing Alleluia!
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Sing, Sing, Sing Alleluia! Sing, Sing, Sing Alleluia!
This is the day that the Lord has made.

Alleluia! Lift your voice! Bring to the Lord a joyful noise.
Lift your voice and sing! Lift your voice and sing!

Sing, Sing, Sing Alleluia! Sing, Sing, Sing Alleluia!
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Sing, Sing, Sing Alleluia! Sing, Sing, Sing Alleluia!
This is the day that the Lord has made.



SIT

POST COMMUNION HYMN

The Easter Alleluia Canon

*Music and Arrangement by
Patrick M. Liebergen (ASCAP)
Based on a canon by W.A. Mozart*

Alleluia! He is risen! Alleluia! He is risen!
Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord is risen, hear the joy we sing!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to the Lord and King!

Praise the risen Lord who set us free, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the King who reigns in victory, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! He is risen! Alleluia! He is risen!
Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord is risen, hear the joy we sing!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to the Lord and King!

Rejoice, Rejoice! The Lord is risen, hear the joy we sing!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to the Lord and King!
The Lord is risen! Alleluia!



STAND

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C. Let us pray.

Almighty and Loving Father,
accept these sacrificial gifts we offer You with joy
in which Your Church is reborn and nourished,
through our Lord Jesus Christ;

Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you

C. Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

C. May almighty God bless you on this solemn feast of Easter,
and may He protect you against all sin.

R/. Amen.

C. Through the resurrection of His Son God has granted us healing.
May he fulfill His promises, and bless you with eternal life.

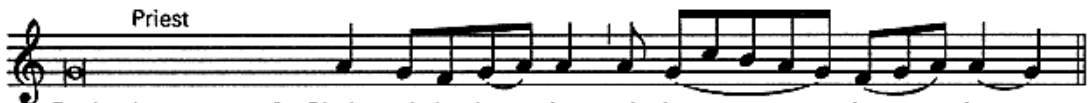
R/. Amen.

C. You have mourned for Christ's sufferings;
now you celebrate the joy of His resurrection.
May you come with joy to the feast which lasts for ever.

R/. Amen.

C. May almighty God bless you, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.



C. Go in the peace of Christ, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



R/. Thanks be to God, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



RECESSIONAL HYMN
CHRIST, THE LORD, IS RISEN TODAY

LLANFAIR



1. Christ, the Lord, is ris'n to - day,
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King;
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, } Al - le - lu - ia!



1. All on earth with an - gels say.
2. Where, O death, is now thy sting?
3. Fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
4. Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed head; } Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
2. Once he died our souls to save,
3. Death in vain for - bids him rise;
4. Made like him, like him we rise, } Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Sing ye heav'ns and earth re - ply,
2. Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
3. Christ has o - pen'd par - a - dise.
4. Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. } Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: 77 77 with alleluias; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: Robert Williams, 1781–1821.



Happening at BVMC



Saturday, April 11

5:00 pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sunday, April 12

9:00 am Holy Mass

Altar Servers: Abby, Parker

Lector: Justine Cantor: Don

Greeter: Stephanie Trustees: Justine, Jim

10:15 am Sunday School



DATES TO REMEMBER

April 26 - Walk with God Concert at 3PM

May 10 - Crowning of Mary—Mother's Day

May 24 - Pentecost Sunday

May 25 - Memorial Day

EASTER MESSAGE 2026

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14:27)

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

"Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!"

Today, our hearts overflow with the greatest joy known to humanity. This is the day the Lord has made - the day when the shadow of the tomb was forever dispelled by the brilliance of the Risen Christ.

Yet, as we gather in the beauty of this Easter Mass, we are mindful that we live in a world that feels increasingly fragile. We carry in our hearts the weight of current wars, the cries of the displaced, and the quiet anxieties of an uncertain future. Like the first disciples who huddled in fear behind locked doors, we often find ourselves wondering where peace can be found in such troubled times.

It is precisely into this uncertainty that the Risen Jesus steps today. He does not wait for the world to be perfect before He appears; He enters into the very midst of our struggles and says, **"Peace be with you."**

Our Easter joy is not a turning away from the world's pain, but a courageous look right through it to the victory of the Cross. We are spiritually hopeful because we know the end of the story: **Love has already won!** The Resurrection is God's "Yes" to life and His "No" to the powers of destruction.

As **"Easter People,"** let us carry this defiant joy out of these doors. Let us be the light in the darkness and the calm in the storm, trusting that the One Who conquered death is walking beside us every step of the way.

May the peace and radiant joy of the Risen Lord fill your hearts, your homes, and our entire world this Easter.

In Christ's Love,
Fr. Mark, Pastor

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