

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 4, 2021 at 11am

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The People's responses are in bold.

Gathering Music *sung by the St. Paul's choir*

Christus vincit, christus regnant, christus imperat!
Gloria Patri et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto;
sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper et in saecula, saeculorum. Amen.

*Christ has conquered, Christ, our Sovereign, Christ reigns for evermore!
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever and ever. Amen.*

setting: Joseph Noyon (1888-1962), arr. Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People



The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

setting: *Ambrosian Chant*, adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)
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Opening Collect

O God of love, you are the true sun of the world, evermore risen and never going down: We pray you to shine in our hearts and drive away the darkness of sin and the mist of error. We pray that we may this day and all our lives long, walk without stumbling in the way you have prepared for us, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Song of Praise

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, 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!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, 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!
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

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of undying life, by your mighty hand you raised up Jesus from the grave and appointed him judge of the living and the dead. Bestow upon us who are baptized into his death the power flowing from his resurrection, that we may proclaim near and far the pardon and peace you give us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, first-born from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson *Acts 10:34-43*

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ-- he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He 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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-16, 23-24 *sung by the cantor*

Give thanks to God who is good; *
God's mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim: *
God's mercy endures for ever.

God is my strength and my song *
and has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Most High has triumphed; *
the right hand of the Most High is exalted;
the right hand of the Most High has triumphed!"

This is God's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Holy One has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Anglican chant: George Thalben-Ball (1896-1897)

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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.

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Hymn

1 Je - sus lives! thy ter - rors now can no long - er, death, ap -
4 Je - sus lives! to him the throne o - ver all the world is

pall us; Je - sus lives! by this we know thou, O
giv - en: may we go where he has gone, rest and

grave, canst not en - thrall us. Al - le - lu - ia!
reign with him in hea - ven. Al - le - lu - ia!

words: Christian Furchtegott Gellert (1715–1769); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812–1897), alt.
music: *St. Albinus*, Henry John Gauntlett (1805–1876)

The Gospel *Mark 16:1-8*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *The Rev. Daniel Simons*

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Affirmation of Faith and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

People of God: do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Creator?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten of God?

I believe in Jesus the 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

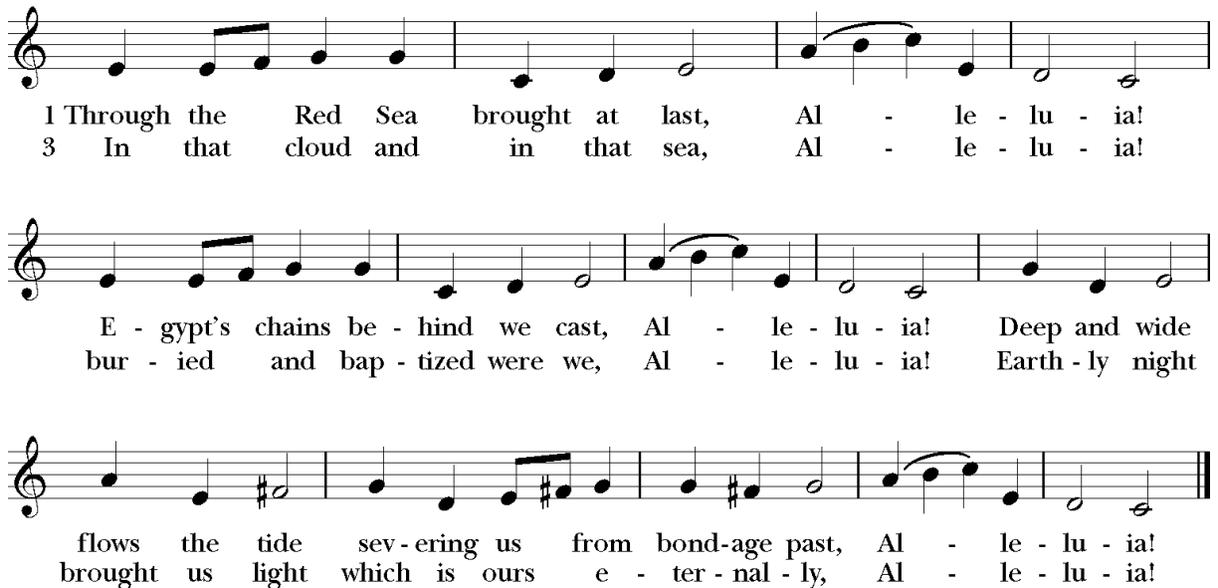
Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of creation?

I will, with God's help.

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: you have given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and you have bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins; grant that we may share the divine life of the one who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn



1 Through the Red Sea brought at last, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 In that cloud and in that sea, Al - le - lu - ia!

E - gypt's chains be - hind we cast, Al - le - lu - ia! Deep and wide
bur - ied and bap - tized were we, Al - le - lu - ia! Earth - ly night

flows the tide sev - ering us from bond - age past, Al - le - lu - ia!
brought us light which is ours e - ter - nal - ly, Al - le - lu - ia!

words: Ronald A. Knox (1888–1957)
music: *Straf mich nicht*, melody from *Hundert Arien*, 1694

Prayers of the People

The intercessor says

Loving God, in this season of new life, we pray:

For reconciliation between the violated and the violent,
That we may rest in your peace.

For generosity between rich and poor people everywhere,
That we may share the abundance of your creation.

For the growth of love between broken peoples and nations,
That we may shape our common life as your kingdom.

For mutual respect between immigrants and insiders,
That we may welcome your image in all who come to us.

For protection for the weak and humility for the strong,
That we may serve others as you serve us in Christ.

For all the joys and concerns of our hearts,
That we may live with gladness and trust.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers, saying

God our Deliverer, by water and the Holy Spirit we have been buried with Christ and raised to the new life of grace: Give us faithful and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Please share the peace wherever you are: with a comment posted on Facebook, a bow to those nearby, or some other distanced gesture of peace.

Announcements available at stpaulsnorwalk.org/sundaymorning

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Thank you for your generous support!



The Offertory

The Altar-Table is prepared with gifts of bread and wine for Communion. During this time, give thanks for all the ways God blesses you, and consider ways you can extend that blessing to others. Learn more ways to give in the "Giving to St. Paul's" box above.

Anthem at the Offertory *sung by the St. Paul's choir and soloists*

Cessate tympana, cessate praelia
Hodie organa triumphent
Alleluia.

Tubae omnes resonate,
Stellae pulchre decantate
Quia resurrexit mundi fax
Caeli dux qui nos dilexit.

O quam dulce mi Iesu videre
Tuos claros triumphos amoris
Posunt omnes mortales gaudere
Dum tuere liber es paena dolores.

In tanta felicitate
In tanta iucunditate
Portas empirei reserate.
O praeclarissimi,
O nobilissimi caeli habitatores,
Monstrate iubila spargentes flores,
Vertendos odores,

Cantate gloria
Quia resurrexit vera vita
quae nos dilexit.
Aleluia.

*Stop the drums, stop the battle, stop!
Today the organ triumphs.
Alleluia!*

*Let all trumpets resound,
Let all beautiful stars sing.
For the light of the world has arisen,
The leader of the heavens who loves us.*

*O how sweet it is, my Jesus,
To see your shining triumph of love.
May all mortals rejoice
So that they may be free from pain and suffering.*

*In such happiness,
in such joy
You carry unleashed fire.
O most shining,
O most noble inhabitants of the heavens,
Show jubilation by spreading the perfume
and scattering flowers,*

*Sing to the glory
For he that is risen is true life
Who loves us.
Hallelujah.*

words and music: Maria Xaveria Peruchona (c. 1652-p. 1709)

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores our broken world. You are unceasingly at work bringing order from chaos and filling emptiness with life.

Christ raised from the dead proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus and Benedictus



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.

setting: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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Glory and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the garden the truth shone clear that he whom they had loved and lost was with them in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishers on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence, and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on your daughters and sons.

On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat, this is my body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

Alive in him, we recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work for your praise of glory; that we may grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters, living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall - o - wed be your Name, your king - dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

The Communion

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

While the Celebrant communicates those in the church, the whole assembly shares in a time of reflection and prayer, contemplating the Presence of Christ in the gifts of bread and wine, along with the larger reality that we ourselves, along with all creation, are the Body of Christ. (Colossians 3:11)

Anthem at the Communion *sung by the cantor*

I got me flowers to strew thy way;
I got me boughs off many a tree:
But thou wast up by break of day,
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.

The Sun arising in the East,
Though he give light, and the East perfume;
If they should offer to contest
With thy arising, they presume.

Can there be any day but this,
Though many suns to shine endeavour?
We count three hundred, but we miss:
There is but one, and that one ever.

words: George Herbert (1593-1633)
music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Anthem at the Communion *sung by the St. Paul's choir*

Alleluia. Amen.

music: Calvin Hampton (1948-1984)

The Prayer after Communion

The People join the Celebrant for the final part of the prayer, in bold.

Ever-living God, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and revealed the way to life in his name. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope that you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.

The Blessing

The wonder and wildness of God, who shakes heaven and earth, whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us, bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the Gospel. **AMEN.**

Hymn in Procession

The image shows a musical score for a hymn in procession. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.
 music: *Ellacombe*, melody from *Gesangbuch...der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt.;
 adapt. *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude *Toccata from Symphony V* by Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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