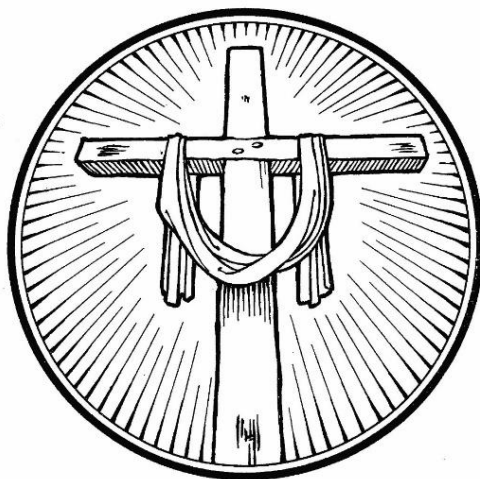


# Easter Sunday



## The Sunday of the Resurrection

April 20, 2025

9:30 am

**The Prelude** 2 *Airs for Trumpet and Organ by Georg Philipp Telemann*

*Glen Carliss on Trumpet*

**The Opening Hymn** *Welcome happy morning*

*The Hymnal 1982, 179*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen!

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 355*

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

**The Gloria**

*The Hymnal 1982, S 280*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



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## The Collect

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 forever. **Amen**

## The First Lesson

**Acts 10:34-43**

*In this lesson Peter realizes that the good news of the gospel is meant for all people, and he proclaims the crucified and risen Jesus. At first Peter was slow to believe that God wanted him to bring the word to a non-Jew. But God has shown this to be the divine will, and Peter gladly responds to Cornelius, a Roman centurion, together with his family and friends. The risen Jesus has appeared to chosen witnesses, and all who trust in him receive forgiveness of sins in his name.*

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## The Response Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

*Confitemini Domino*

*This is a festive hymn in praise of the Lord's salvation and deliverance from death.  
We will read the psalm responsively breaking at the half-verse.*

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.**

## The Second Lesson

**1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

*Paul describes the plan of the resurrection age: it has begun with Christ's rising, and this even gives us confidence that God will defeat death, the last enemy. Some of the Corinthians either doubted Christ's resurrection or held that Christians could already live a fully resurrected life of the spirit without any regard for the body. Paul insists on the reality of Christ's rising, which has made possible the hope of a new life in a world where all presently die.*

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.

The word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

**The Gradual Hymn** *He is risen, He is risen*

*The Hymnal 1982, 180*

**The Gospel**

**John 20:1-18**

*Then, all standing, as able,*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

**The Reverend Alan R. Hesse**

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Enriching Our Worship I*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People, Form III**

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 387*

Gracious God, 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 our bishop Julia, for our rector Alan and 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.**

We remember those on our prayer list, Mary, Lourana, Karen, Kim, Liliana, Suzanne, Dave, Margrete, Margaret, Jackie, Bruce, Presiding Bishop Michael, Charlene, Christy, Brian, Carolyn, John, Judy, Kristen, Andrew, Riley, Matt, Donny, Nicole, Herb, Mary Joe

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

We remember those remembered in memorials and thanksgivings for this Easter Sunday.  
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.***

We pray for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we give thanks for the members of the Churches of the Charles River Deanery: Church of the Redeemer (Chestnut Hill), Boston College Campus Ministry (Chestnut Hill), St. Dunstan's (Dover), Christ Church (Needham), and The Church Periodical Club).

I invite your own thanksgivings and petitions. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

**The Offertory Anthems** *Alleluia* by Andrew Miller, *Alleluia, He Lives Today* by Lucy A. Hirt **The St. John's Choir**

## **The Doxology**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise God, all creatures here below;***

***Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!***



## **The Great Thanksgiving -- Eucharistic Prayer A**

*The people remain standing.*

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 361*

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

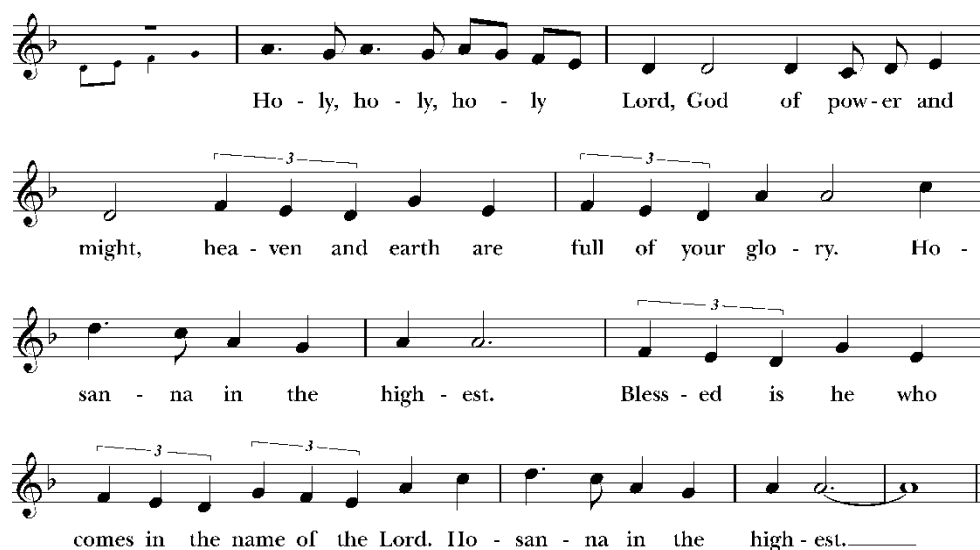
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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**

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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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

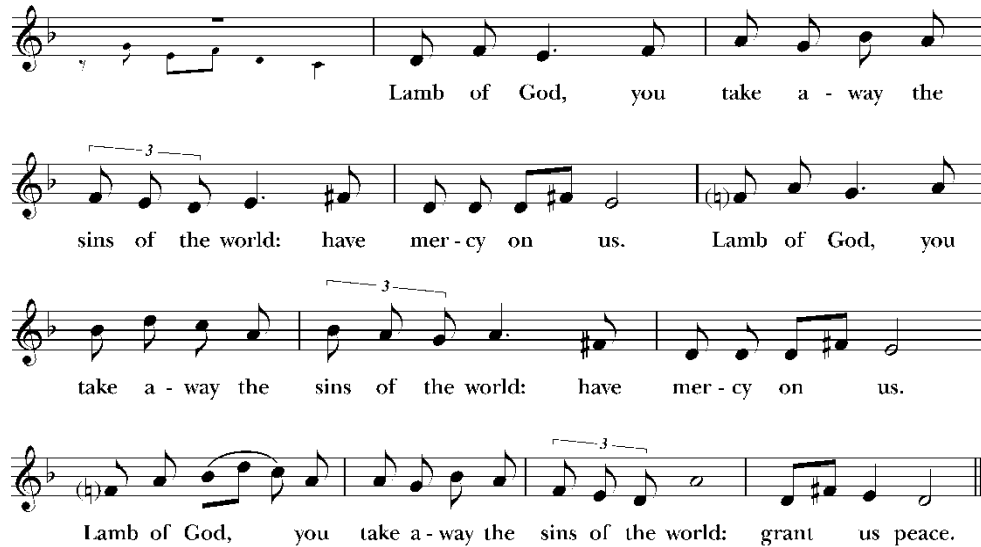
**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Fraction Anthem

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## Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

***All who seek God and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at the Lord's Table.***

*Please hold out your hand to receive the host. You may ask for the chalice or receive the wine in the small cups offered to you in a tray.*

*If you prefer not to receive the wine, please cross your arms and wait for the minister to say "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."*

*As you return to your seats, deposit your cup in the place provided.*

*If you **prefer to receive a blessing** you may cross your arms across your chest.*

*If you would like to **remain in your seat and receive communion**, please **let an usher know**.*

## The Communion Hymns *Alleluia! Jesus is Lord of all the earth* *Taste and see*

*The Hymnal 1982, 178*  
*Wonder Love and Praise, 764*

## The Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Easter Blessing

## Welcome & Announcements

## The Closing Hymn *Jesus Christ is risen today*

*The Hymnal 1982, 207*

## The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

## The Postlude *Hallelujah Chorus*

*from Messiah by G.F. Handel*

*The Confession may be omitted during The Easter Season.*

*From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to any of the dismissals.*

**Easter Floral Donations are given in loving memory of and in grateful thanksgiving for the following people:**

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In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for the members of the Churches of the Charles River Deanery: **Church of the Redeemer** (Chestnut Hill), **Boston College Campus Ministry** (Chestnut Hill), **St. Dunstan's** (Dover), **Christ Church** (Needham), and **The Church Periodical Club**.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, this nation and this world. *Please add your prayers silently or aloud.*

We pray for those on our prayer list: Mary, Susan, Christy, Brian, Steve, Charlie, Bruce, Dave, Alannah, MaryAnn, Dave, Luke, Bruce, April, Lyn, Henry, Steve, and Philip M.

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## **Welcome to St. John's!**

*Whether this is your first visit to St. John's or you are a long-time member, please know that there is a warm welcome for you here!*

Please feel free to participate fully in our service today and in the life of the parish. We are glad you have come and hope you leave feeling closer to God! At several points in the service, you may notice that some people are kneeling, some are standing and some are sitting. We are given this choice and you should feel free to do whichever is most appropriate for you. Please know that you are invited to fully participate in the Holy Eucharist as a Baptized Christian. *All who seek God and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

If you would like to know more about St. John's and may be interested in membership or interested in being placed on our email mailing list, please contact the church office.

**Please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt! Someone can show you the way. Welcome!!!**

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