

## EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 20, 2025



*Image: Hochhalter, Cara B. "Easter Morning"*

*As you arrive, you are invited to decorate the cross with flowers.*

### **8:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Book of Common Prayer – beginning page 67

### **10:00 AM THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

Prelude: *Entr'acte* (from *Carmen*) – Bizet

Welcome, Announcements & Territorial Acknowledgement

### **WELCOMING THE EASTER CANDLE**

*All stand and face the rear of the church as the lights are dimmed.*

<i>Presider</i>	Christ yesterday and today,
<b>All</b>	<b>the beginning and the end,</b>
<i>Presider</i>	Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;
<b>All</b>	<b>To him be glory and power,</b>
	<b>through every age and for ever. Amen.</b>

*The Easter Candle is lit.*

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Presider* This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear God's word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him forever. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world of the glory of God.

*The Easter Candle is brought in, with the acclamation (repeated 3x):*

*Presider* The light of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God!**

Opening Hymn: CP203 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

## GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Presider* May the grace and peace of Christ with you.

**All May our hearts be filled with joy.**

*We gather before the cross.*

Act of Praise:

**Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah! Praise ye, the Lord! (Repeat)**

**Praise ye, the Lord! Hallelujah! (repeat x3)**

**Praise ye the Lord!**

Collect for Easter:

*Presider* O God of the living,  
**you made the tomb of death the womb from which you  
bring forth your Son,  
the first-born of a new creation:  
make us joyful witnesses to this good news,  
so that all humanity may one day gather  
at the feast of new life in that kingdom  
where you reign for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: CP237 *Now the Green Blade Rises*

The Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

*Reader*        The Gospel of Christ.

**All**            **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel Acclamation: VU958 *Halle, Halle, Halle*

Halle, halle, halle-lu jah! x3

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Homily

Anthem: *Amazing Grace*

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

*Presider*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All**            **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: CP628 *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* (v1,2, 5, 6, 7)

## **WE SHARE THE SACRED MEAL**

Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider*        Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

**All**            **Day by day you shower us with blessings.**  
**As you have raised us to new life in Christ,**  
**give us glad and generous hearts,**  
**ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #3

*Presider*        The Lord be with you.

**All**            **And also with you.**

*Presider*        Lift up your hearts.

**All**            **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All**            **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise  
for the glorious resurrection of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb  
who has taken away the sin of the world.  
By his death he destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life.  
Therefore, joining our voices  
with the whole company of heaven,  
we sing our joyful hymn of praise  
to proclaim the glory of your name:

***All* Holy, holy, holy, God of power, of power and might,  
(See blue insert) heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. x2  
Blessed, blessed, blessed,  
Blessed is the one coming in the name,  
the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. x2**

*Presider* We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.  
For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of isolation into community, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted, 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.

**All**

**we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

*Presider*

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.  
In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ,  
and make them new, and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,  
almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (chant) – *see blue insert*

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

The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider*

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All**

**Now we are raised to new life.**

*Presider*

We were buried in your tomb.

**All**

**Now we share in your resurrection.**

*Presider*

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**All**

**Thanks be to God.**

*All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion. Please come forward to receive the sacrament, stepping into the circle around the altar. You may indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.*

*Healing prayer ministry is offered in the Lady Chapel during communion most Sundays. After you have received the sacrament, make your way to the chapel to receive prayer.*

Communion Music: *Agnus Dei / Lamb of God*—see blue insert (Bell, St. Bride setting)  
CP619 *Fairest Lord Jesus*  
CP 360 *Bless the Lord, My Soul*

Anthem: *God of the Sparrow* Lyrics: Jonathan Cook; Music: Craig Courtney

God of the sparrow, sing through us songs of deliverance, songs of peace.  
Helpless we seek you, God our joy, Quiet our troubles, bid them cease. Alleluia.

## **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD**

Prayer after Communion

*Presider* Life-giving God,

**All** in the mystery of Christ's resurrection

**you send light after the night, water to give new life,  
and the bread of life to nourish your people.**

**Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, so  
that we may show your glory to all the world, through  
Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

*Presider* Glory to God,

**All** whose power, working in us,

**can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

*Presider*

God the Father,

by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you  
the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a  
glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.  
**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God: Creator, Word and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: CP231 *That Eastertide with Joy was Bright*

Dismissal

*Assistant* Let us go forth into the world—rejoicing in the Risen Christ!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**All Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude: *Alleluia!* – Mozart

*Please note that a postlude is meant as a moment of quiet reflection. As such, applause is not expected.*



	8am	10am
Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Christine Conkin	The Rev. Christine Conkin
Music Director		Fran Pollet
First Reading	Jane Turpie	Andrew Armitage
Prayers	Helen Malcolm	Barbara Colebrooke Peace
Administrants	Leslie Glazier	Mike Bassett, Colin Millar
Liturgical Assistant	John Oldale	David Stuart
Greeters	Peter Malcolm	Sandra Moore, Angela Buckingham
Tech Assistant		Joy Warkentin
Counter		Angela Buckingham
Supervisor		Cedric Trueman
Flowers		Sandra Moore/ Margaret Hood
Chancel Guild		Darlene Fisher/Sue Vickers
Altar Bread		Kathleen von Kanel/Joan Collis
Healing Prayers		Sue Morrison/Patty Freeman

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