



EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.

Holy Baptism *and* Holy Eucharist



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
St. Paul & St. James



JAZZ AND JUSTICE, GROUNDED IN JESUS

Welcome to St. PJ's! Wherever you find yourself on life's journey, whatever questions dwell in your heart, and whatever your race, age, sexuality, gender identity, income, or nationality, you are loved, affirmed, and welcomed here as we worship God and honor God's image in one another.

Text in bold is read together. Our music is in the jazz tradition to draw on diverse traditions, touches every God-created emotion, highlights the liturgy in new ways, and expresses deep spirituality.

Single-user restrooms are in the hall to your right (with changing table and diaper pail) and the narthex/entryway at the back. A blue lost-and-found bin is in the church office. This service is live-streamed online; by attending, you acknowledge that you may appear in the video.

Serving Today

Celebrant & Preacher:
The Rev. Nathan Empsall
Liturgical Assistant: Tudy Hill
Lectors: Isaac Mukwaya & the Rev. Grace Woodward
Altar Guild: Suzy McDowell & Janie Lange
Bread Baker: Joyce Sanseverino
With thanks to our guest musicians and all others who made today happen!

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

Jesus loves the crying, laughing, and wandering little feet, and we do too! Please sit anywhere you like; the special Pray and Play area in the back is just one fun option. We also offer the Children's Garden Sunday School upstairs in the hallway to your right. Children will depart the sanctuary at the start of the service, and return following the sermon in time for the Baptisms.



STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Nathan Empsall
Children's Ministry: Molly Clayton
Interim Director of Music: Dylan Rowland
Tech and Music Intern: Dontae James
Seminary Intern: Kelly Park

Administrative Director: Monifa Atkinson
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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We honor and give thanks for the Quinnipiac, Paugussett, and Wappinger nations who resided on this land before it was taken from them, and we confess Christianity's role in forced colonization. We ask God to help us to learn from our past mistakes, to remember that the Earth does not belong to us, and to live humbly in right relationship with all God's creation as instruments of love, justice, and peace.

	ST. PJ'S WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Wednesday Quiet Communion 12:30 p.m. Sanctuary Thursday Midday Prayer 12:30 p.m. Chapel	
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Today's Easter Baptisms: Welcome to the Body of Christ, Neema Mukwaya and Hogan Clayton!

Easter Egg Hunt: Children are invited to Wooster Memorial Park via our parking lot with Molly Clayton and Marilyn Bergen during our final hymn. Rain location: Parish hall. Thank you, Marilyn, for organizing.

Easter hymn sing on Wednesday: Let's gather this Wednesday, April 8, at 6:30 in the sanctuary to sing all the great Easter hymns and many other favorites! This is the first of three hymn sings this year.

Prophetic Voice on Thursday: St. PJ's new social-justice ministry team has launched! They will meet again this Thursday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Email Pam Sayre to join: sayfillmore@gmail.com

Wooster Square Cherry Blossom Festival, 4/19: The St. PJ's Jazz Collective will have a table in the new arts "Engagement Zone" at the Cherry Blossom Festival from 12 - 4:30 on Sunday, 4/19. Come say hi!

Margins and Movements book club, 4/28: Our social-justice book club will meet at the church on Tuesday, 4/28, 7 p.m., to discuss "The Ungrateful Refugee: What Immigrants Never Tell You" by Dina Nayeri. Looking ahead, we will also gather on Tuesday, 5/26, to discuss "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson.

St. PJ's Jazz Collective concert, 5/11: Save the date for a concert at the church on Monday evening, May 11!

ECCT Spring Training: You are invited to the diocesan "spring training," online 4/27-30 or in Berlin, CT, on Sat 5/2. Ninety-minute courses cover everything from lay preaching and lay reading to mood disorders, women in ministry, and racial justice. Rev. Nathan will teach "Resisting White Christian Nationalism."

Info: <https://www.episcopalct.org/spring-training>. See Rev. Nathan if the \$25 registration fee is a barrier.

Office closures: The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 6. Rev. Nathan will be on vacation from Thursday, April 9 - Saturday, April 18.

Archbishop Sarah Mullally: On March 25, Dame Sarah Mullally was officially installed as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, the spiritual leader of the global Anglican Communion (of which the Episcopal Church is an autonomous member). The nurse and former Bishop of London is the first woman to hold the position. We give great thanks, rejoice at her ministry, and pray for her wisdom and wellbeing!

ST. PJ'S PRAYER LIST: Rachel, Doug Parker, Anne Matthies, Calvin Griffin, Rev. Walter MacNutt, Kevin Gerbe, Leota Tucker, Edwina Johnson, Cynthia King, Paul D'Agostino, Richard Holcomb, Tiras Jaske, Uli Mackert, Charlie & Bridget Farrell, Alyce, Pam, Tommy, Beverly Lett, Stephen Lett, Vanetta Lloyd, Janea Barthle, Lydia Hamnquist, Rita Valenti-Piovane, Heather de Lanerolle, Marietta D'Albero, Maria Rodriguez, Marietta Coppola, Paul Mangels, Alexandra Sanseverino, Dr. Milton Coke, Pam Yesner, Rev. Carl Scovel, Karl Mini, Patrick Reynolds, Margaret Perry, Ryan Welch, Jack Welch, Andy & Karla Codney, Kyle Park, Fr. Tom, George Moore, A. J. Crosby, Adrienne Brady, Jeannie & Clemente Campos, Marilyn Bergen, Jean Douglas, Melissa & George Cunningham, Joan Cappella, Ruby Slade-Wooten, Yvonne Scott, Joan Farrell, Yvonne Scott, Sharyn Kessler, D.J. Multer

✠ **Candidate for Ordination:** Milton Gilder

✠ **Departed:** The Rev. Nihal de Lanerolle

✠ **Birthdays:** Brenda Jaske (04/05), Isaac Mukwaya (04/08), The Rev. Nathan Empsall (4/09), Letitia Mukwaya (4/11), Sammy Rodriguez (4/11)

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ORDER OF SERVICE, PART 1: THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Please rise in body or in spirit



1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. But the pains which he en - dured, 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!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; 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!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's King, 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!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Source: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Easter Hymn

OPENING COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***People:* Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

All: 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 Savior. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory Glory Hallelujah

Please rise in body or spirit



1. Glo - ry, glo - ry, _____ hal - le - lu - jah! _____ Since I
 2. I feel bet - ter, _____ so much bet - ter, _____ Since I
 3. Feel like shout - ing, _____ "Hal - le - lu - jah!" _____ Since I



laid my _____ bur - den down. _____ Glo - ry,
 laid my _____ bur - den down. _____ I feel
 laid my _____ bur - den down. _____ Feel like



glo - ry, _____ hal - le - lu - jah! _____ Since I
 bet - ter, _____ so much bet - ter, _____ Since I
 shout - ing, _____ "Hal - le - lu - jah!" _____ Since I



laid my _____ bur - den down. _____
 laid my _____ bur - den down. _____
 laid my _____ bur - den down. _____

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy day to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10: 34-43

Please be seated.

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."

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

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

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

**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**

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3: 1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

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

GOSPEL HYMN

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Please rise in body or in spirit

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

5 Hal - le, hal - le hal - le - lu - jah!

9 Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

13 -lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Nathan Empsall

Please be seated

JAZZ RESPONSE

ORDER OF SERVICE, PART 2: HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Please rise, in body or in spirit

Candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows.

Celebrant: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Neema's Parents and Godparents: I present Neema to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Hogan's Parents and Godparents: I present Hogan to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the younger children.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Neema and Hogan in their life in Christ?

People: We will!

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

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

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

Celebrant: 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.**

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

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

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

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

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?

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

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant: Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Reader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses or pours water upon the candidate.

Neema, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with anointed.

Neema, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Hogan, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with anointed.

Hogan, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Celebrant: Let us pray: Holy God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O God, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, 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.**

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized!

All: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

PEACE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Greet one another with a sign of God's peace – a fist bump, side hug, peace sign, etc. – and be seated.

ORDER OF SERVICE, PART 3: HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY AND OFFERTORY HYMN

Santo, Santo, Santo

Please rise in body or in spirit

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te_a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

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cor - a - zon te sa - be de-cir. san - to_e-res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: God 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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:

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.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ.

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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, in the many languages of our hearts,

**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.**

Padre nuestro que estás en el
cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre;
venga tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de
cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también *nosotros*
perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en la
tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el
poder y la gloria,
ahora y por siempre.
Amén.

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié;
que ton règne vienne;
que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre
pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons
aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en
tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.
Car c'est à toi
qu'appartiennent le règne,
la puissance et la gloire,
pour les siècles des siècles.
Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

You may be seated when not in line

All are welcome at God's table. Any baptized Christian may receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church, and others may receive a blessing (and/or contact the priest-in-charge about becoming baptized, if interested!). To participate, come up the center aisle and join the line in front of the priest on your right. Approach the priest with your hands out, and they will place the bread in your palm with the words, "The body of Christ, given for you."

If you choose to receive the wine next, join the second line, then gently guide the chalice to your lips for a small sip while the server holds it and says the words, "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

In order to protect the health of our community, we drink from the common cup and do not offer intinction (i.e. we do not dip the bread into the wine). Return to your seat via the nearest side aisle.

Communion is a Sacrament – a visible sign of God's loving grace within us – and you can participate fully in that sign by taking just the bread, without the wine. We offer consecrated gluten-free and alcohol-free alternatives; simply ask when you reach the front of the line. And if you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to either remain seated or come forward for a blessing. For a blessing, cross your arms on your chest, and the priest will touch your forehead to make a sign of the cross.

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

As you return to your seat from Communion, you are invited to come forward to help flower the cross with Easter joy and color, symbolizing the new life that springs forth from Jesus' death and resurrection.



Donations for Easter Music and Flowers

The Rev. Steve Crowson: In thanksgiving for seminarian intern Kelly Park

The Empsalls: In thanksgiving for the music ministry of Dylan Rowland and Dontae James, and for Molly Clayton's work restarting our Sunday School; and in memory of the Rt. Rev. James Waggoner, Claudia Holmes, Sylvia Twomey Stenhouse, and the Rt. Rev. George D. Stenhouse

Sue Galvin: In thanksgiving for Richard Saykosy

Beverly Lett: In memory of Charlotte Lett, Godfrey Lett, Helen Chillman, Hanne Howard, and Joan Zelinger

Judy Lhamon: In memory of Gwen Chapin; and in thanksgiving for all who serve here, especially the staff, vestry, seminarians, and musicians with a special shout out to the Altar Guild

Vanetta Lloyd: In memory of James E. Lloyd, Jr.

Shirley Mero: In memory of Harrison Mero & Gertrude Scott; and in thanksgiving for the Mero & Scott family

Timothy Smith: In honor of Marie Smith, Altheana Jothlin, and Cornal Dixon Jr.

David Tate: In memory of H. Oyarma Tate, Sr., Alenem Tate, Kenneth Tate, and John Farrand

Susan Yates: In memory of Bob Yates & in thanksgiving for the community of St. Paul & St. James

Anonymous:

In thanksgiving for Megan & Cory Schide

In memory of the Rev. Nihal de Lanerolle

In memory of Amy & Edena; and thanksgiving for Caroline & Bowie

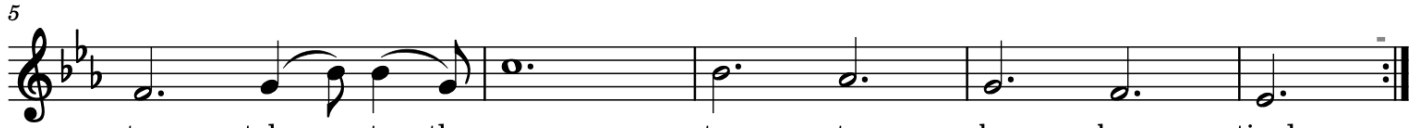
In memory of Myrtle Richards; and thanksgiving for William Richards, Jr.

COMMUNION HYMN

Take me to the Water



1. Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the wa -
 2. I love Je - sus, I love Je -
 3. He's my Sav - ior, He's my Sav -



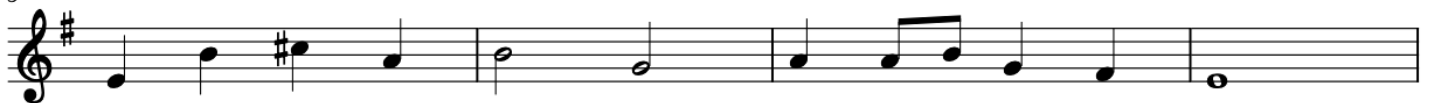
-ter, take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
 -sus, I love Je - sus, oh yes, I do.
 -ior, He's my Sav - ior, oh yes, He is.

COMMUNION HYMN

Now the Green Blade Riseth



1. Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
 2. In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate and slain,
 3. Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
 4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain,
 9 thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
 13 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Please rise in body or in spirit

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

GOING-FORTH HYMN

He is Risen, He is Risen

Please rise in body or in spirit

1. He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with joy - ful voice;
2. Come, ye sad and fear - ful heart - ed, with glad smile and ra - diant brow!
*3. Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri - um - phant day;
4. He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened hea - ven's gate:
5 He has burst his three days' pris - on; let the whole wide earth re - joice:
Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed; Je - sus' woes are o - ver now,
not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray,
9 we are free from sin's dark pris - on, ris - en to a ho - lier state;
death is con - quered, we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
and the pas - sion that he bore sin and pain can vex no more.
break - ing o'er the pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
and a bright - er Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Source; Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt

Tune: Unser Herrscher

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Our worship is over, our service begins. Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleulia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

After loving God with worship, come love your neighbors with Coffee and Community!

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