



# The Sunday of the Resurrection Easter Day

Church of the Holy Comforter – Vienna, Virginia  
The Holy Eucharist Rite II

April 20, 2025 at 9:00 and 11:15 A.M.

*The liturgy follows the Book of Common Prayer, beginning at page 355.*

## OPENING VOLUNTARIES

Canzona per Sonare No. 2  
Galliard Battaglia

Giovanni Gabrieli, arr. King  
Samuel Scheidt, arr. Jones

## THE ENTRANCE

AT THE PROCESSION, HYMN 207 “Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!”

*Easter Hymn*

*Sung by all, standing.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

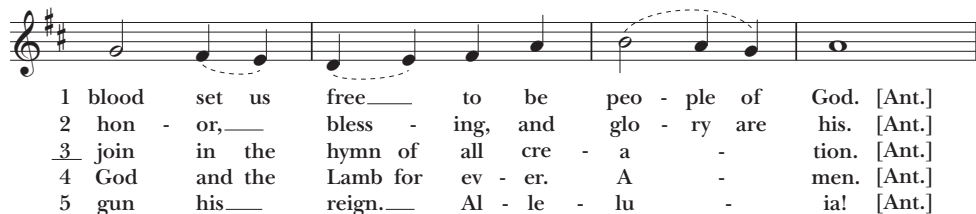
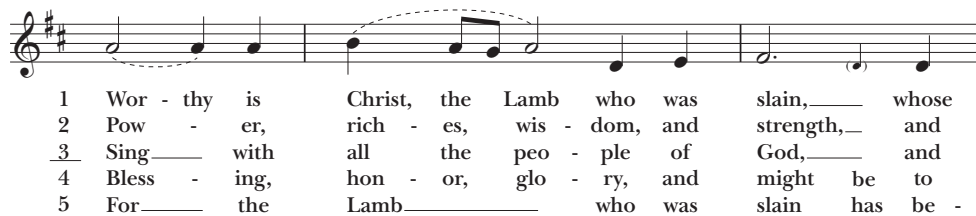
*The Presider says the Collect for Purity*

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 Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE, HYMN 417 “This is the feast of victory for our God”

*Festival Canticle*

*Sung by all.*



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

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 for ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

THE LESSON *[The people are seated.]*

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."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino*

David Boulware-Kelley

*The cantor sings the refrain, which is then repeated by all. Thereafter, the cantor sings the verses, and all join on the refrain, as indicated.*



On this day the LORD has act-ed; we will re - joice and be glad in it. Hal - le - lu - jah.

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever." *[Ref.]*
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!" *[Ref.]*
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter." *[Ref.]*
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*

has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it. [Ref.]

#### THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

AT THE SEQUENCE, HYMN 205 "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!"  
*Sung by all, standing.*

*Gelobt sei Gott*

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

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

**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.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON The Rev. Ann Gillespie

*A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon. The people stand for the Creed.*

THE NICENE CREED [Said by all.]

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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** *[All remain standing.]*

*The leader of the Prayers will begin with prayers for the church and the world. Throughout you are invited to add your own petitions either silently or aloud.*

*Intercessor* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.  
We pray for the Church: Father, enliven the church for its mission;

*People* **That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

*Intercessor* Breathe fresh life into your people;

*People* **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

*Intercessor* We pray for the world: Creator of all, lead us and all people into the ways of justice and peace;

*People* **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

*Intercessor* Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it;

*People* **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

*Intercessor* We pray for every city, community, and nation:

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others;

*People* **That all may act with integrity and courage.**

*Intercessor* Give grace to all whose lives are closely linked with ours.

We pray especially for the sick, the hungry, and those in any kind of need;

*People* **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all those whom we love but see no longer;

*People* **Grant them eternal rest and a place in your everlasting kingdom.**

*Particular prayers may be offered at this time, adding*

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

**THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.** *[The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated.]*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*The people remain seated while an offering is received to support Holy Comforter's work of sharing God's love with the world. **Today you are invited to contribute to a Special Offering that will go to Holy Comforter's Outreach Ministries. Please use the green envelopes in the pews to designate your offering to Outreach Ministries.***

**AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM: "Hallelujah"**

Ludwig van Beethoven

Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son.  
Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy.  
Man, proclaim his grace and glory, Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son.  
Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *[The people stand.]*

*Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer, p. 367*

*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.

*The Presider proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. [*The Presider continues.*]

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, HYMNAL, S 125**

Richard Proulx

*Sung by all.*

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.

*The Presider continues and gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ and prays over the bread and wine.*

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

*Presider* Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

*The Presider continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

*Celebrant* *People*  
 A - men.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

People

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD, HYMNAL, S 154

David Hurd

Sung by all.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 there - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION [The People are seated.]

As Jesus welcomed all to his table, so do we at Holy Comforter. The bread and the wine are the central symbols of God's presence and we invite you to share in the Eucharist in whatever way feels comfortable to you, regardless of age or tradition. We also offer gluten-free bread and unfermented grape juice as alternatives—just let the priest know. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms in front of your chest. The Holy Eucharist is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, a mutual indwelling of Christ in us and us in him. Come to the table and be joined into Christ's ministry of love and reconciliation.

COMMUNION MUSIC [The hymns are sung by all.]

BRASS: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

J. S. Bach, arr. Coletti

ANTHEM: "Most glorious Lord of life"

Richard Shephard

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day  
 Didst make Thy triumph over death and sin,  
 And having harrowed hell, didst bring away  
 Captivity thence captive, us to win.

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,  
 And grant that we may for whom Thou didst die,  
 Being with Thy dear blood clean washed from sin,  
 May live forever in felicity:

And that Thy love we weighing worthily,  
 May likewise love Thee for the same again;  
 And for Thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,  
 With love may one another entertain.

So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;  
 Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

HYMN 305 "Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest"

Rosedale

HYMN 204 "Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain"

Noël nouvelet

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER [Said by all.]

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

AT THE CLOSING, HYMN 194 "Jesus lives! thy terrors now"

St. Albinus

Sung by all, standing.

DISMISSAL IN EASTER SEASON, HYMNAL, S 175

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, al - le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia.



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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: Toccata *from Symphonie No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor