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Announcements

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Hymn

All stand.

Hymnal 1982 – 195

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now

Mowsley

1 Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can no longer, death, appall us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.

Alleluia!

2 Jesus lives! for us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Savior giving.

Alleluia!

3 Jesus lives! our hearts know well
nought from us his love shall sever;
life, nor death, nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.

Alleluia!

4 Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he has gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.

Alleluia!

Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Song of Praise, S278

BCP p. 356

Glory to God (Canticle 20)

Matthais

The following is sung, all standing.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 357

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lessons

The First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 133

Remain seated. The choir first introduces the Antiphon, then the congregation joins the choir in singing the Antiphon each time.

Antiphon

How good and pleasant it is to live in unity.

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- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe. **ANTIPHON**
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore. **ANTIPHON**

The people remain seated.

The Second Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

A reading from the First letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may

not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Sequence Hymn *All stand.* Hymnal 1982 – 490
I want to walk as a child of the light *Houston*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

The Gospel: John 20:19-31

All remain standing.

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Jim Bernacki

The Nicene Creed

All stand.

**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.

From Praying the Scriptures, by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Intercessor: Brothers and sisters, peace be with you. Let us pray
to our merciful Lord, saying, “Our Lord and our
God, *have mercy on us.*”

Lord Jesus Christ, you have given your Church the
gift of your Holy Spirit. May that same Spirit
comfort and strengthen us as we proclaim your
resurrection to the world. *Silence.*

Our Lord and our God,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

God of wisdom, teach and counsel the leaders of the nations. Fill this world, O God, with justice and peace. *Silence.*

Our Lord and our God,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Intercessor: God our provider, you have given us this pleasant earth as a goodly heritage. May we use its resources wisely and always according to your purpose.

The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Our Lord and our God,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Intercessor: Righteous God, you are pleased when we live together in unity: may the people of this region be at peace with one another. May our work be rewarding and our needs be met. *Silence.*

Our Lord and our God,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Intercessor: Merciful God, you are a strong refuge for those in trouble. Protect all those who suffer various trials. Reveal yourself to those for whom faith is a struggle. Make all your people glad by the living hope that is found in you. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*

Our Lord and our God,
People: **Have mercy on us.**

Intercessor: God of life, may the dying and the dead rest in hope. Give us faith that you do not abandon anyone, even to the grave. Preserve us for the great inheritance you give us through the resurrection of your Son from the dead.

Our Lord and our God,
People: **Have mercy on us.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 359

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace

BCP p. 360

All stand

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

A note about receiving Holy Communion: In the Episcopal Church, we understand that Christ is “really present” in the bread and wine provided from God’s table. All who claim Christ as Lord are always welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in this church. Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of their parents.

Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Receive the consecrated wafer in the palm of your outstretched hand from the first person who comes to you. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please cross your hands palms down. Wine may be received by lightly dipping the bread into the small cup in the center of the plate/paten from which you received the bread. Alternatively, you may choose to drink from the larger cup/chalice which the next person will offer you. Receive the consecrated wine by guiding the offered cup to your lips and sipping. Those who distribute the wine will wipe the chalice with a food safe sanitizer and turn it for the next person after each person receives. You may also decide to take the wafer only. If you choose not to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing as your presence is a blessing to all of us. Once you have been blessed or received communion, you may offer a short prayer and then return to your seat.

If physical limitations make it difficult to come forward, please let an usher know that we may have the honor of bringing communion to you.

Offertory Sentence

BCP p. 376

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalms 50:14*

Offertory Anthem

Mark Schweizer

Doubting Thomas

**O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of Heaven, the glorious King
O'er death and hell rose triumphing,
Alleluia!**

**When Thomas first the tidings heard,
How they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word,
Alleluia.**

**"My pierced side, O Thomas, see;
My hands, my feet, I show to thee,
Not faithless, but believing be,"
Alleluia!**

**No longer Thomas then denied,
He saw the feet, the hands, the side,
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried;
Alleluia!**

**How blest are they who have not seen,
And yet whose faith has constant been,**

**For they eternal life shall win,
Alleluia!**

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Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

BCP p. 367

The People remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant 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.

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 *See pew card for music.* BCP p. 367
S 128 Holy, holy, holy *Matthias*

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest.**

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Memorial Acclamation, S 138

See pew card for music.

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant 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 our 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.

The Great Amen, S 146

See pew card for music.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 363

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

People and Celebrant

**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

Fraction Anthem

See pew card for music.

BCP p. 364

S 169 My flesh is food indeed

Urwin

Choir: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed,
says the Lord.

**All: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink
indeed, says the Lord.**

Choir: Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me
and I in them.

All: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

Invitation

BCP p. 364

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

A prayer for those joining online to be unified in Communion with Christ.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

Hymns at Communion

Hymnal 1982 – 178

Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Alleluia No. 1

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation. *Refrain*

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*

3 We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live for ever. *Refrain*

4 Come, let us praise the living God,

joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*

Christ the Lord is risen again

Hymnal 1982 – 184

Christ ist erstanden

1 Christ the Lord is risen again!

Christ has broken every chain!

Now through all the world it rings

that the Lamb is King of kings.

Alleluia!

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, today your people feed.
Alleluia!

2 He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
takes our sin and guilt away
that with angels we may say:

Alleluia! *Refrain*

3 He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross
is exalted now to save,
wresting victory from the grave.

Alleluia! *Refrain*

Lay Eucharistic Minister Prayer *(as needed)*

Celebrant: In order that all may receive Holy Eucharist,
_____ will take the Eucharist to _____ today.

All: **In the name of this congregation, we send you
forth bearing these holy gifts that those to
whom you go may share with us in the**

**communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We
who are many are one body because we all
share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

The Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

BCP p. 366

Post-Communion Hymn

Hymnal 1982 – 209

We walk by faith, and not by sight

St. Botolph

- 1 We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke;
but we believe him near.
- 2 We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:
- 4 that, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

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A Note on Today's Readings

Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church. On this Sunday of Easter we always have as the central reading the account of Jesus' appearance to the Apostles on Easter Day and on the following Sunday. In that second appearance, Thomas, who had not been with them the first time, comes to believe in the Lord's resurrection and acclaims Jesus as Lord and God.

The first reading on every Sunday in Eastertide is from the Acts of the Apostles. This book about the life of the early Church as it lived in the joy of the Lord's resurrection tells us of the character of the early Christians' corporate life.

This year the second reading comes from the First Epistle of John. This brief epistle is thought to have been written in the last decade of the first century in the author's old age. In it he reminds his people of the primary characteristic of our Lord, his self-giving love. Our life in the risen Christ is to live out that love for one another. John reminds us that our salvation came by means of Jesus' death and our baptism into his death.

Each Sunday of the Great Fifty Days is a time to explore the life we share in Jesus Christ dying and rising, a life which begins for each of us at our baptism and which is renewed in us each time we celebrate the Eucharist.

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This Week's Announcements

First Sunday Offering | This Sunday we will be dedicating our "loose plate" offering to Episcopal Relief & Development's support of the Diocese of Jerusalem's Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza. This hospital provides 24/7 health services to all those in need of medical care and continues to care for people suffering in the ongoing Israel-Hamas war. Please give generously!

According to the current construction schedule, the church entrance will be CLOSED on Monday, April 8 and Tuesday, April 9. *You will not be able to access the church property through the main driveway on Lake Concord Rd.* Please adjust your plans accordingly. For those who must access the church property, please enter through the Community Room parking entrance at 290 Country Club Drive. There is very limited parking available in this lot. Then, walk along the sidewalk next to Country Club Drive, around the building to the front of the Welcome Center. You will not be able to cut through the Education Wing. For additional information, contact Stephanie Trosper, church administrator, at 704-782-2024. Thank you for your patience and flexibility while we make these improvements.

Save the Dates | **Grace Lutheran & All Saints' Fellowship Dinner, Thursday, April 25** at 6 PM at All Saints'. **Newcomers Meet & Greet, Sunday, April 28** at 10 AM in Church Parlor.



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