

# EASTER SUNDAY

April 4, 2021

8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite One



# ALLELUIA!

CHRIST IS ALIVE!



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**During this time of social distancing:** Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

**Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles** are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

**Symbols in the Bulletin:** **P** Priest **D** Deacon **L** Leader **C** Congregation **A** Everyone

**Standing, sitting, and kneeling:** Throughout the bulletin there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

***A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.***

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

*Symbols used in the bulletin:* **P** Priest **C** Congregation **L** Lector]

**PRELUDE**

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

Handel/arr. Cassler

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Al** Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**P** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C** Christ, have mercy upon us.

**P** Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE GLORIA

**C** Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards all.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy Spirit.

**P** Let us pray... O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**C** Amen.

## THE WORD OF GOD

**THE READINGS:** Acts 10:34-43 • Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 • 1 Colossians 15:1-11 • John 20:1-18

### The First Reading

**L** *The First Reading is taken from Acts, chapter 10...*

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.**

## The Psalm

℣ *We will read responsively from Psalm 118...*

℣ 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 Reading:

℣ *The Second Reading is taken from 1 Corinthians, chapter 15...*

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Easter Gospel:**

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

**G** **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**D** 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.

**D** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Michael Durning

**NICENE CREED**

**G** **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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

- D** Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.
- L** Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Risen Lord,
- C** **we pray to you.**
- L** Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Barry and Michael, our Assisting Bishops; Michael, our Priest in Charge; Cindy, our Deacon; Whitney, our Rector Elect; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our Diocese: St. Mary's, Tampa; St. Catherine's, Temple Terrace; St. Anne of Grace, Seminole; to the Clearwater Deanery Collaboration Partners; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. Risen Lord,
- C** **we pray to you.**
- L** And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Risen Lord,
- C** **we pray to you.**
- L** We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially President Biden, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children, especially those in the Middle East, might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. Risen Lord,
- C** **we pray to you.**
- L** And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [*Add handwritten names from notebook*] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers. I now invite you to pray for others by name, aloud or in your hearts. [*Leave time...*] We pray in faith. Risen Lord,
- C** **we pray to you.**
- L** Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for all the blessings of this life. Risen Lord,
- C** **we pray to you.**

**L** And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially... add names from notebook]. Please add names of those on your heart, silently or aloud. [Leave time...] We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Risen Lord,

**C** **we pray to you.**

**L** Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

**D** Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Bring your tithes, gifts and offerings with a gladsome heart.

### OFFERTORY

### PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

**D** As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge:

**C** **All things come from thee, O Lord and of thine own have we given thee.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. For the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**C** **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

- Ⓟ All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.
- Ⓟ For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”
- Ⓟ Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”
- Ⓟ Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.
- ☩ **And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;**
- Ⓟ By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.
- ☩ **AMEN.**

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

- Ⓟ And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

- Ⓟ Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the Bread.
- ☩ **We come with joy to meet our Lord.**

☐ 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.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

#### THE BLESSING

☐ The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

☑ **Amen.**

#### THE DISMISSAL

☐ Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve our Risen Lord!

☑ **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### POSTLUDE

*Toccata*

Wagner

#### SERVING US TODAY

|                       |                                      |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Celebrant & Preacher  | Michael Durning                      |
| Deacon                | Cindy Roehl                          |
| Organist              | Stephen Allen                        |
| Acolyte/Crucifer      | Cheryl Sharpe                        |
| Lector                | Diane Niford                         |
| Prayers of the People | Butch Niford                         |
| Ushers                | Butch & Diane Niford, Ed Steponaitis |
| Building & Grounds    | Robin Megel                          |





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