

The Church of St. John the Divine

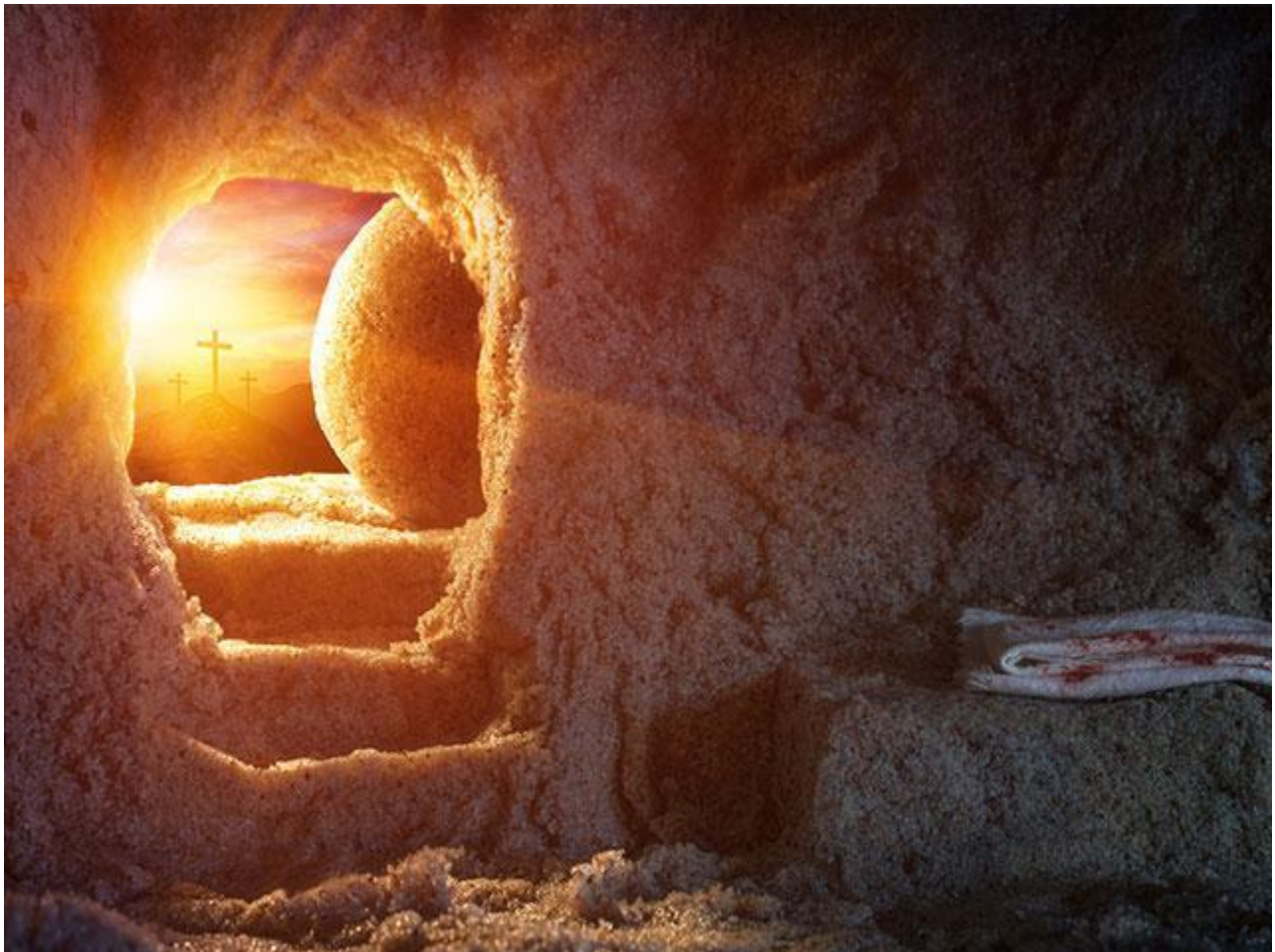
Easter Day

April 4, 2021

As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship, building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

St. John's acknowledges these ancestral lands of the Lekwungen speaking people.

We are an inclusive and affirming parish; the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.



Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John the Divine, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope and love as part of this community of Downtown Victoria. We are on a journey of learning to be a welcoming, inviting, inclusive and serving community which is open to all.

Our worship reflects our rootedness in the Anglican tradition, whilst drawing on liturgies that reflect the long history and heritage of our Christian faith. Please join in as you feel able, and enjoy the words, music and opportunity for prayer and to be a part of our community.

Worship in a time of COVID-19 : In these times when we must be careful in any gathering we have, appropriate protocols are in place. For the time being due to the instructions from the Provincial Health Officer we will be meeting virtually on Zoom and the services are also Live-streamed. Please check our website on how to attend: stjohnthedivine.bc.ca/ or contact admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

We will continue to livestream the weekly service of Evensong.

We continue to share daily prayer online with a link on our website daily.

Contacting Us: We are all learning ways to build community "at a distance." We are checking phone messages and answering emails. The main email for contact is: admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Healing Prayer group who will offer their prayers. Please contact: the church office at the above email address.

You are very welcome here. We don't always get it right; please let us know when we do, and when we don't. Please stay and be a part of our family, for however long you would like.

i thank You God for most this amazing
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i thank You God for most this amazing
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings; and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing hearing seeing
breathing any . . . lifted from the no
of all nothing . . . human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

The congregation is invited to join in the responses and prayers marked in bold print.

Presider: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Reader: Michael Zenger

Gospel: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Sermon: Stephanie Wood

Leader of the Renewal of Baptismal Vows: Ruth MacIntosh

Intercessor: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Musicians: Members of the Choristers of St. John's

The Gathering of the Community

Welcome to all who are gathering online.

Lighting of the Easter Candle

Christ yesterday and today,
All: the beginning and the end,

Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;
All: to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. Amen.

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

A minister lights the Easter Candle, saying

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The minister carrying the Candle raises it and says or sings

The light of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

The candle is placed on a stand in the midst of the building.

All Sing: Sing, choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!
 Around God's throne exult in harmony!
 Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!
 Salute your King in glorious symphony!

Sing, choirs of earth! Behold, your light has come!
 The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!
 Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!
 The night is past, the day of life is here!

Sing, Church of God! Exult with joy outpoured!
 The gospel trumpets tell of victory won!
 Your Saviour lives; he's with you evermore!
 Let all God's people sound the long Amen!

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo.	<i>Glory to God in the highest,</i>
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.	<i>and peace to his people on earth.</i>
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.	<i>Lord God, heavenly King,</i>
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.	<i>almighty God and Father,</i>
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.	<i>we worship you, we give you thanks,</i>
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.	<i>we praise you for your glory.</i>
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,</i>
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.	<i>Lord God, Lamb of God,</i>
Qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>you who takes away the sin of the world:</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>have mercy on us;</i>
Qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>you who takes away the sin of the world:</i>
suscipe deprecationem nostram.	<i>receive our prayer;</i>
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,	<i>you who are seated at the right hand of the</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>Father: have mercy on us.</i>
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.	<i>For you alone are the Holy One,</i>
Tu solus Dominus.	<i>you alone are the Lord,</i>
Tu solus Altissimus,	<i>you alone are the Most High,</i>
Iesu Christe.	<i>Jesus Christ,</i>
Cum Sancto Spiritu,	<i>with the Holy Spirit,</i>
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.	<i>in the glory of God the Father. Amen.</i>

The Church Family Prayer

Loving God,

All: as we celebrate Christ's rising from the dead, you have called us to be your family and to celebrate our life together in worship. We pray now, for all members of our family as we gather in our church buildings, our homes, and online. Through your spirit keep us united in love. Bless each of us with your beloved friendship. Teach us, gracious God, how to be your church in these times. Help us to know that we are your people, that we are your Family, always. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Silence is kept.

Loving God,

through an empty tomb
you deliver us from sin and death,
and bring us to new life.

Grant us courage to enter into your abundant joy,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

A New Zealand Prayer Book (1989) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

Let us listen for the Word of God in Holy Scripture.

The First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: '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.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

1. **Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**
2. **Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**
3. **But the pains which he endured, alleluia!
our salvation have procured; alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

Text: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.

The Gospel

John 20:1-18

Before the Gospel

Cantor: Alleluia. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead and behold I am alive for evermore. Alleluia.

God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Good news of Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O 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 towards 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 round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' 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 Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Following the address there will be a pause for silence.

Anthem

arr. Chas. Wood

This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, Hath sprung to life this morrow.
*Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: But now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest, And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number.
Had Christ, that once...

Death's flood hath lost his chill, Since Jesus cross'd the river
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver.
Had Christ, that once ...

Renewal of the Baptism Covenant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.
Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through water you led the children of Israel
out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In water 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 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 celebrate our fellowship in
him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism
may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Dear friends, through the pascal mystery we have been buried with Christ in
baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten
observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we
promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to
Jesus Christ?

All: I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

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

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

All: I will, with God's help.

God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

May God keep us faithful to our calling, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Prayers of the People

Those who have asked for our prayers are listed at the end of the leaflet.

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, God of glory!

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, God of glory!

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, God of glory!

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, God of glory!

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, God of glory!

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying,
that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, God of glory!

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear
faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, God of glory!

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

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1. **At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King:
Who hath washed us in the tide
Flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we him whose love divine
Gives the guests his blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast,
Love the Victim, Love the Priest.**
2. **Mighty Victim from on high,
Powers of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is broken in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light.
Now thy banner thou dost wave,
Conquering Satan and the grave.
See the prince of darkness quelled;
Heaven's bright gates are open held.**

3. **Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,
Only sin can this destroy;
From sin's death do thou set free,
Souls re-born, dear Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise.
Risen Lord, all praise to thee,
Ever with the Spirit be.**

Text: J. Hintze (1622-1702); tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868).

The Prayer over the Gifts

In the name of all of us gathered, near and far, we present these our gifts to God.

Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O God,
ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist, we remember that we are the people of God. Near or far we are gathered together by the love of Christ. We remember that we are incorporated into the body of Christ. We join together in this celebration of our union in Christ.

Let us pray.

Thanks be to you,

All: Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us, and all that you have borne for us. In our sharing in this Eucharist, in Church or at home, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

Priest: The Lord be with you. *All:* And al-so with you. *Priest:* Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *All:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Sanctus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

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

*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Blessed are you, O Holy One:
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness
you followed her and gave her hope.
When Joseph was sold into bondage,
you turned malice to your people's good.
When you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness
into the promised land.
When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the river of Babylon
and carried them home.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor,
the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria
and offered her the water of new life.
Christ knew the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."
Loving and Holy One,
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.
**All: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us
in our hunger for your peace.
We hold before you
all whose lives are marked by suffering,
our sisters and brothers.
When we are broken and cast aside,
embrace us in your love.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

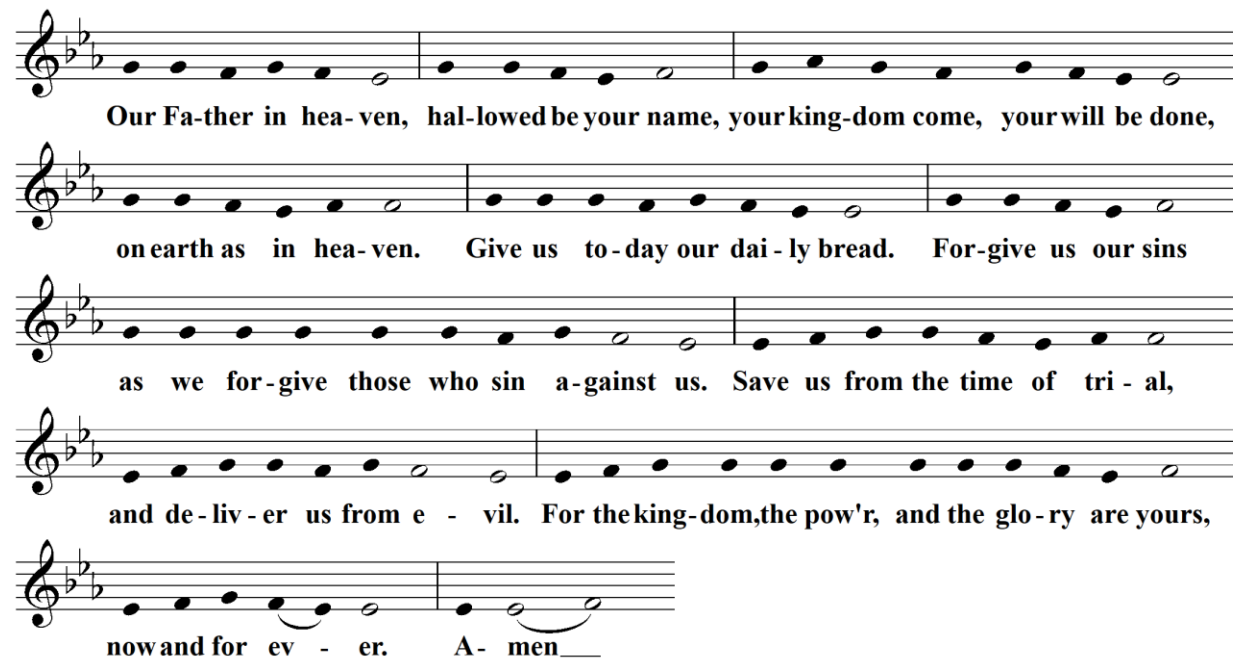
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all honour and glory are yours,
 O Source of all life,
 now and for ever.



All: **A men A - men A - men.**

The Disciple's Prayer

Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:



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The Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

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

We were buried in your tomb.

All: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Motet

Pascha nostrum immolatus est Christus, alleluia.

Itaque epulemur in azymis sinceritatis et veritatis, alleluia.

Translation:

Christ our Paschal Lamb has been sacrificed, alleluia.

Therefore, let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia.

Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.

The Commissioning of the Community

One body are we.

All: For, though we are in many places, we spiritually share one bread.

Prayer after Communion

God of life,

bring us to the glory of the resurrection

promised in this Easter sacrament.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve our living God.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

1. **Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won,
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*
2. **Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing.
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost is sting:**
Thine be the glory...
3. **No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee: Aid us in our strife,
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:**
Thine by the glory...

Text: French, Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932); tr. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939).

Please stay and join us for our Zoom Coffee Hour.

Flowers are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for Spring and all new life, and for the love of family and friends, from Michael & Carol-Ann Zenger.



Readings for April 11th – 1st Sunday after Easter

Acts 4:32-35 The same Spirit of God that shatters death also shatters our grasp on possessions.

Psalms 133 Harmony and unity are praised, evidence of God's presence.

1 John 1:1—2:2 Throughout this Easter season we read from First John, encouraging believers to live the way of Christ.

John 20:19-31 Jesus' promised gifts--the Holy Spirit, God's peace, and his continued presence with the faithful--are fulfilled.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

Please keep them in your heart and mind as you go through your week.

Hagos, Tsigay & family	Anne	Philip & Lisa	Rhoda
Carolyn	Nicholas	Patrick	Elsie
Derek	Helen	Anthony	Mavis
David & Pat	Gary	Lorraine	Richard
Deborah	Marion	Blanche	Cathy
John	Linda	Bill	Jessie
Edna	Courtney	Asher	

R.I.P. – Mavis Gillie

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