

THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER
PELHAM, NEW YORK



EASTER SUNDAY: THE SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION
THE HOLY EUCHARIST
APRIL 5, 2026

ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH

The Parish of Christ the Redeemer (known as Christ Church) is the Episcopal Church in Pelham, New York. The Episcopal Church is part of the Anglican Communion which is made up of 85 million people in over 165 countries and is the third largest Christian denomination in the world. Christ Church was founded in 1843 and is the first house of worship in Pelham. This building was consecrated on September 15, 1843, the original church building was expanded in 1910, and the sanctuary was reconstructed in 1968 to allow for the current, more intimate worship space. Our congregation draws primarily from Pelham, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, and the Bronx, and includes people from diverse denominational and cultural backgrounds.

ABOUT EASTER SUNDAY

Today is Easter Day, the Sunday of the Resurrection. The central Christian belief is that Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead. In our worship this is not a past or an abstract reality. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is remembered and made present in our worship and in our common life. “Jesus Christ, yesterday and today, the Beginning and End, Alpha and Omega. His are all times and ages. To him be glory and dominion through all eternity.” “Easter” is the English language name for the Sunday of the Resurrection. In most languages, the given name is some form of the word “Passover.” Easter celebrates the “Passover” of Jesus from death to life. The date of Easter, though a matter of controversy at different points in history, has always been connected with the conjunction of the lunar and solar calendars. For Western Christians, Easter Day is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring equinox. Easter Day cannot be earlier than March 22 or later than April 25.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

The Holy Eucharist, the principal act of Christian worship on the Lord's Day and other major Feasts, and Daily Morning and Evening Prayer, as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, 1979, are the regular services appointed for public worship in the Episcopal Church. At Christ Church we celebrate the Holy Eucharist every Sunday, and also on Holy Days and other occasions.

Today’s liturgy is from the red *Book of Common Prayer 1979*. All hymns are taken from the blue *Hymnal 1982* or other authorized hymnals for use in the Episcopal Church. All hymns are reprinted with permission under OneLicense.net A713125.



CHILDREN, NURSERY CARE, AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children of all ages are always welcome in church. Childcare is available in the Nursery every Sunday during the 10:00 AM Eucharist. Sunday School is offered during the academic year. Sunday School children join the rest of the congregation for the Holy Communion. Scan the QR code to register for Sunday School.



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2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: PLEDGE TODAY

Our pledge goal this year is \$550,000 which accounts for cost increases. We want every parishioner to pledge. Your continued support ensures we have excellent clergy and staff, keeps our buildings beautiful and safe, and funds our programs and ministries.

ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE

The prelude is offered before worship as a form of prayer. Once the prelude begins, please refrain from conversation in the church or outside the Sacristy.

Various Baroque Offerings for Strings, Trumpet & Organ

PROCESSION HYMN (#207)

All stand and sing the hymn as the ministers enter.



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!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
 Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749, alt., desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, Revised, 1950,

EASTER ACCLAMATION

All remain standing. (All respond loudly)

Celebrant ✠ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All remain standing.

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (S-280)

All remain standing and sing the song of praise.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*
 Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

All remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 10:34-43

All are seated.

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

All are seated for the Gradual anthem. At 9:00 am the Gradual is sung by the Children's Choir and Congregation; at 11:15 am the Gradual is sung by the Parish Choir and Congregation.

Here I am Lord

Dan Schutte/Orchestrated by Justin Bischof

I, the Lord of sea and sky

I have heard my people cry

All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save

Chorus

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart

I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send? *Chorus*

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away *Chorus*

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26

All remain seated.

Reader

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

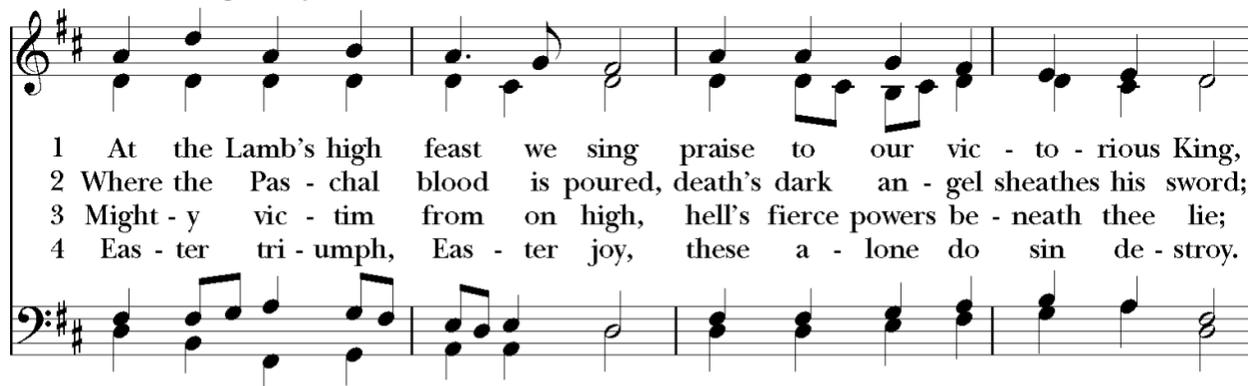
The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN (#174)

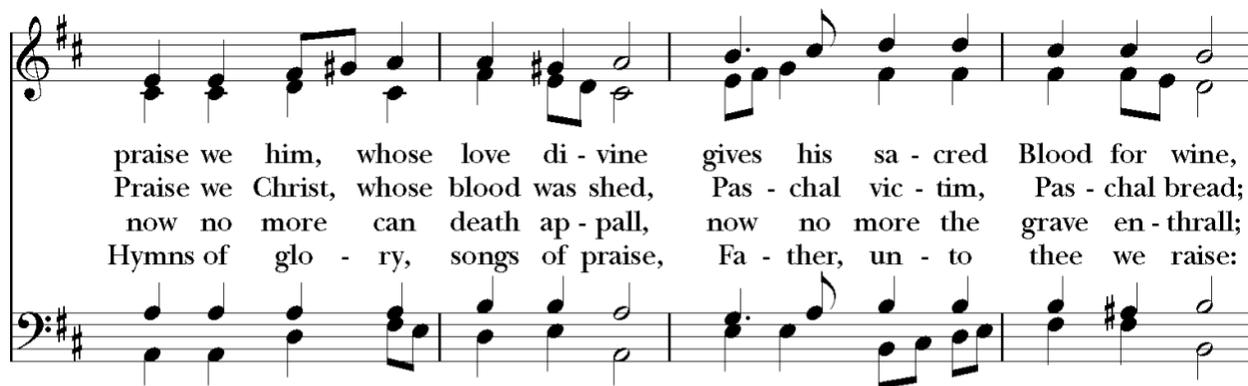
All stand and sing the hymn.



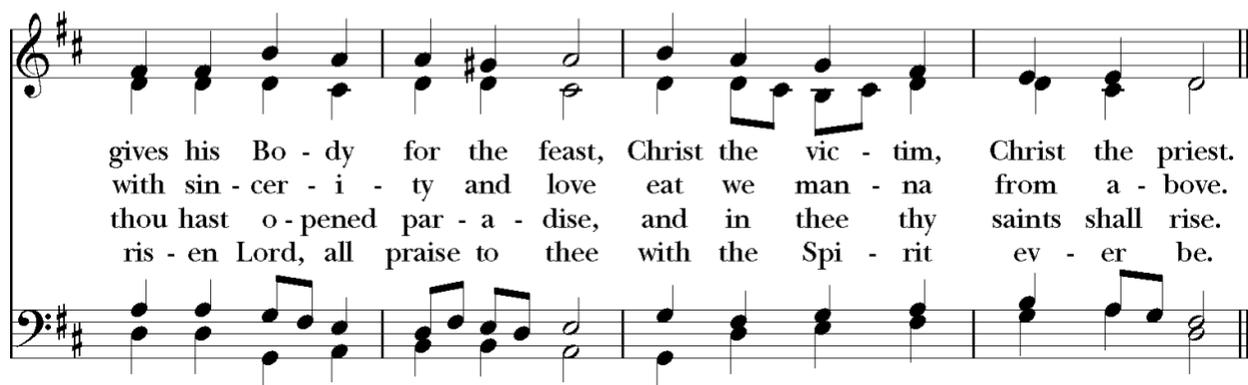
1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.



who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.



praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:



gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814–1868), alt.

Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622–1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-18

All remain standing for the Gospel.

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

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

Deacon 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.

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

THE SERMON

The congregation is seated for the sermon by the Rector, Father Matthew Hoxsie Mead.

NICENE CREED

All stand and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

Celebrant We believe in one God,

All 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 PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

All stand.

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Our prayers are asked for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Matthew and Allen our Bishops, Father Matt our Rector, Mother Meredith, Deacon Chisara, and our Wardens, Officers, and Vestry members. We pray also for:, Gina, Jenny, Mike, Bill, , Julie, Anne, Kristen, Ari, Jennifer, Marion, Sam, Elaine, Sheila, Amy, Alice, Barbara, Janet, Sandy, Beth, Ingrid, Didi, Tim, Chris, Marilyn, Alison, Bob, Robert, Allison, Jordan, Cathy, Tom, Bill, Mike, Sara, David, Drue, Kevin, Brian, Helen, and M&D. We pray for those in our Armed Services especially: Sean, Dylan, Gus, Chuck, Sam, Helen, Joseph, Philip, Jake, Matthew, Robert, Nicholas, Mitchel, Alec, Jonah, Tia, Tyrese, Terrence. We also pray for those who have died. May their souls, and the souls of the departed rest in peace, Amen. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, Melissa Roddy, Jane Simoni (April 5), Allison Bodenmann, Lillian Morse (April 7), William Sigward (April 8), Randy Alexander, Oscar Eudicone (April 9), MaryAnne Capossela, Tiago Da Silva, Luke Fear (April 11).

CONFESSION OF SIN

All remain standing for the Confession on Easter Day.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

All **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.

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All remain standing.

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

WELCOME & OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All are seated for a brief welcome and announcements. The announcements conclude with the offertory sentence. This week's announcements are in the insert.



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HOLY COMMUNION IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All baptized persons, including children, are full members of the Body of Christ and are invited to participate in every aspect of the service and receive the Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who are baptized are also invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Persons who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are also invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing (cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you want a blessing and not Holy Communion).

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

During the anthem the gifts of bread and wine are prepared at the altar and an offering is taken.

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Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
and hath redeemed us to God by His blood,
to receive power, and riches, and wisdom,
and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.
Blessing and honour, glory and power,
be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb,
for ever and ever. Amen.

OFFERTORY DOXOLOGY (#380, VS 3)

All stand and sing the Doxology as the offering is brought to the altar and blessed.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system contains the lyrics: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;". The second system contains the lyrics: "Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men." The music is a simple, homophonic setting of the doxology.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

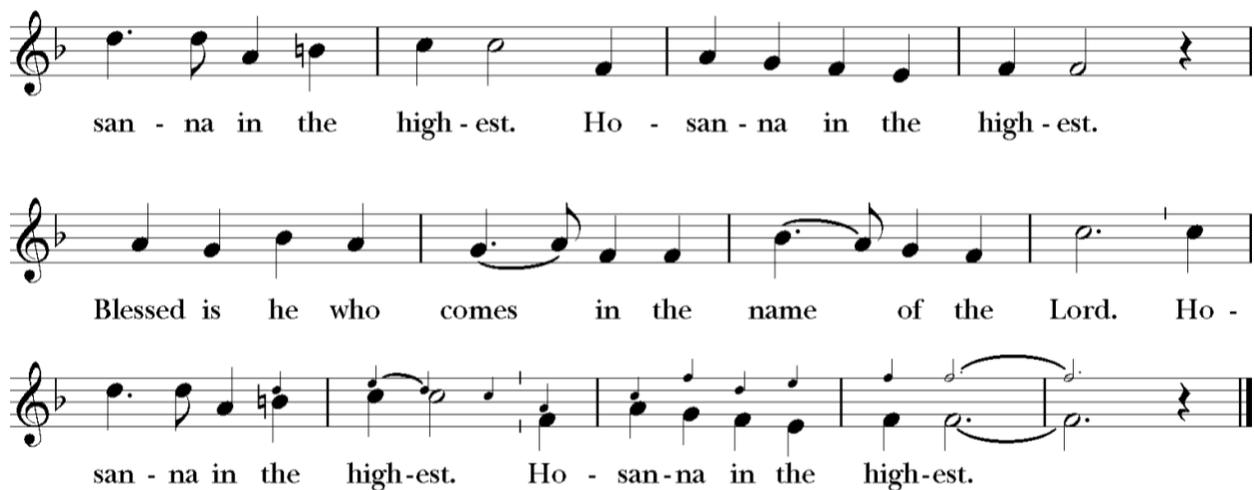
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

All sing "Holy, holy, holy", S-125.

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.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*
 Music: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)
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The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

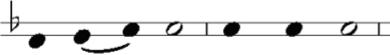
And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup,

Celebrant 
we praise you and we bless you.

People 
We praise you, we bless you,


we give thanks to you,


and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Celebrant Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember Sean our presiding bishop, Matthew and Allen, our bishops and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those

who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



Celebrant

for ev - er and ev - er.



People

A - men.

Celebrant

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

All

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,

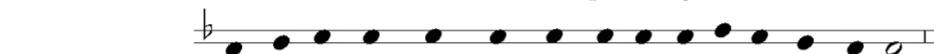
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed.



Celebrant Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-ov-er is sac-ri-ficed for us;



People There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

All sing "Lamb of God", S-163.



Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God; *Agnus Dei*

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion. All baptized persons, including children, are invited to receive the Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who are baptized are also invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Persons who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing (cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you want a blessing).

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION

During the ministration of Holy Communion, the choir sings the anthem.

This Joyful Eastertide

Woodward/VRUECHTEN

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow:

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain, nor burst His three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain; but now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen; but now has Christ arisen!

Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver: *Refrain*

My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number: *Refrain*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand on Easter Day for the Postcommunion Prayer.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

POST COMMUNION HYMN (#180)

All sing the hymn.

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 *3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895), alt.
Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650–1680)
Meter: 87. 87. 77

EASTERTIDE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

PROCESSIONAL VOLUNTARY

All remain standing as the altar party processes from the Sanctuary during the Postlude. Once the altar party has departed, please be seated and be courteous to those who are listening to the music by remaining quiet.

Toccatà (Symphonie No. 5)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Dr. J's Music Notes

“Messiah,” a renowned oratorio, was composed in 1741 by George Frideric Handel and premiered in Dublin in 1742, becoming a cornerstone of Western choral music. Handel composed “Messiah” in just 24 days, between August 22 and September 14, 1741. The libretto, written by Charles Jennens, draws heavily from the Old Testament, focusing on prophecies about the Messiah, Jesus’ birth, death, and resurrection. At the time, Handel was facing financial difficulties and a decline in the popularity of his operas, leading some to believe he composed “Messiah” with a sense of urgency and divine inspiration. The chorus “Worthy Is the Lamb” which triumphantly closes “Messiah” is a powerful acclamation of Christ's victory, based on Revelation 5:12 and proclaims the Lamb's worthiness to receive power, wealth, wisdom, and glory. It is a powerful and moving conclusion to “Messiah,” representing the culmination of the oratorio's themes of redemption and victory. It remains one of the most popular and frequently performed choral works in Western music, beloved for its beauty, drama, and spiritual depth.

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Every Sunday at 8am & 10am: Holy Eucharist
Sundays as announced at 5pm: Holy Eucharist or Evensong
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