



APRIL 5, 2026, 9 & 11 A.M.
THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

PRELUDE *Prelude in G* J.S. Bach
 Grand Choer Dialogue Eugene Gigout

INTROIT *Rise Up My Love, My Fair One* Healey Willan

*Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;
for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
the flowers appear upon the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.*

THE OPENING HYMN 207 *Jesus Christ is risen today*

THE SALUTATION

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 10:34-43

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

Sung by the choir.

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
 his mercy endures for ever.

² Let Israel now proclaim, *
 "His mercy endures for ever."

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
¹⁵ There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
¹⁶ "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
¹⁸ The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
²² The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
²³ This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
²⁴ On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

THE EPISTLE: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians.

“Since you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 180 *He is risen, he is risen!* *All stand.*

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:1-10

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

The Celebrant and People say together

**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 kneel as able.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Glenda our Bishop, for Richard our Bishop-Elect, for Duncan & Mark our priests, and for Stewart our seminarian;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Priest and people

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The people stand to greet one another.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The celebrant will say an offertory sentence.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates* William Matthias

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye ever lasting doors,
and the King of glory shall come in.*

*Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty in battle.
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.*

All stand to sing the Offertory verse when the offering is brought to the altar.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

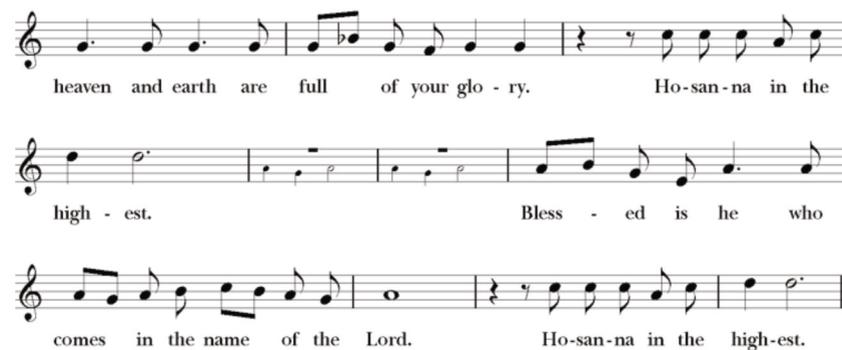
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



All kneel as able.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new

and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has 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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast Alleluia.**

The Celebrant presents the holy gifts to the congregation saying

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.

The priest receives the Sacrament, and then serves the people with these words:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

Communion is offered in both kinds at the communion rail or station on the floor.

Communicants may receive the wine by intinction or by drinking directly from the cup.

THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All kneel as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE EASTER BLESSING

Remain kneeling.

The Celebrant blesses the people

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

Amen.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN 208 *The strife is o'er*

All stand.

THE DISMISSAL

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

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TODAY'S SERVERS

Clergy: The Reverend Duncan Johnston, DMin, *Rector*

The Reverend Mark E. Waldo, Jr., *Associate Rector*

Director of Children's Formation: Sarah Collier

Director of Youth Ministry: J.R. Marshall

Flower Guild: The Flower Guild of St. John's

Organist: Joel Gregory

Instrumentalists: Robert Scott, *flute*; Christie McLaughlin, *oboe*; Sunny Xu, *cello*.

9 A.M.

Acolytes: Thomas Lawlor, Robert Marshall, Parker Mantooth, Eloise Carlisle,
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Lector and Intercessor: Debbie Schremser, Reg McLane

Eucharistic Ministers: William Haynes, Fairley McDonald, Maria Pacheco, Kat Dailey

Ushers/Greeters: Bill Eskridge, Tracey Campbell, Elizabeth Lawlor, Cole Wise

Altar Guild: Josie Eskridge, Libby Beck

Videographer: Jim Cannon

11 A.M.

Acolytes: Thomas Arrington, Lawton McCollum, John Morgan Longshore, Sam Snyder,
Adams Hill, Nancy Bradford

Lector and Intercessor: Rich Anderson, Mary-Nelms Parsons

Eucharistic Ministers: Betsy Cannon, Callie Dietz, Bill Harlow

Ushers/Greeters: Rich Anderson, Sommerville Hill, Mary-Nelms Parsons, Karen
Westhauser

Altar Guild: Chuck Moore

Videographer: Jim Cannon

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners:

Laura Brendle, Rick Durden, Marla Foster, Carolyn Fillmore, Anne Hill,
Emily Crump Johannes, Valinda Johnson, Carma Marks, Richard McCrory, Pat
McDonald, Eddie McDowell, Martha Collier Mosely, Cameron Napier, Bud
Nason, Elizabeth Potter, Shirley Price, Sarah Spratling, Debbie Steindorff,
Barbara Wallace

Prayers are also requested for these friends: Gail Alsobrook, Mac Burton,
Lizzy Dickens, John Ferguson, Bob Geddie, Mark Grantham, Roger Holliday,
Stephanie Holmes, Josie Lee, Martha Ellen Locke, Charles Lewis, Nicole Lusk,
Margaret Moore, Karen Pacheco, Skip Parks, Pat Patterson, Serge Ruffato, Ron
Skoneki, Johnny Smith, Madera Spencer, Chandler Taylor, Connie Thomas,
Katherine Weidner, Michael White, Frank Winkler, Ross Wisnewski, Sharon
Carney Wright

Pastoral Care Team for April: Jane Barganier, Melissa Carter,
Allison Prillaman, Alice Barganier Longshore

*Please notify us when you are sick or hospitalized so that we might provide pastoral care.
The prayer list will be updated monthly, please notify us if names need to remain longer.*

New Rector's Forum: Bouncing Back

Beginning Sunday, April 12, join us for a new Rector's Forum series, Bouncing Back, focused on what it means to live resilient Christian lives in an ever-changing and often challenging world. Together, we will explore how our faith equips us to navigate setbacks, uncertainty, and growth with hope, courage, and trust in God's enduring presence. Through thoughtful conversation and reflection, we'll consider practical ways to cultivate spiritual resilience in our daily lives.

The forum meets Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the library. All are welcome—come as you are and join the conversation.

VBS Is on the Horizon...

Step back in time this summer at St. John's for an unforgettable Vacation Bible School experience! From June 1–4, children are invited to journey to ancient Rome for "ROME: Paul and the Underground Church," a vibrant marketplace-style VBS. Each day, participants will explore bustling shops, meet early Christians, and discover what life was like for Paul and the underground church as they shared the Good News in a challenging time.

Through hands-on activities, storytelling, music, and crafts, children will experience Scripture in a whole new way—immersing themselves in the sights, sounds, and spirit of the early Church. Registration link is available on the St. John's website or by emailing sarah@stjohnsmontgomery.org.

Join a Guild at St. John's

St. John's is blessed with many opportunities to serve, and we invite you to share your time and talents by joining one of our church guilds.

Guilds are at the heart of our parish life. They support our worship, care for our community, and help us live out Christ's call to love and serve.

Some of the Guilds and Committees in need of volunteers include:

- Altar Guild - contact Kitty Coleman or Chuck Moore
- Flower Guild - contact Jean Smyth
- Reception - contact Libby Beck
- Pastoral Care - contact Virginia Banister

No experience is required — training and guidance are provided. Whether you can serve occasionally or regularly, there is a place for you.

Feel free to contact the committee chair with any questions or you may contact Christine Kline by email at firefamily1991@gmail.com

Come serve. Come belong. Come grow in faith.

Education for Ministry Opportunity at St. John's

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year small-group formation program from the University of the South in Sewanee, designed for lay people seeking a deeper understanding of Scripture, church history, and theology, as well as those discerning a call to ordained ministry. An EfM seminar group is forming at St. John's for Fall 2026 with 8–10 participants. To learn more, visit efm.sewanee.edu or speak with the rector.

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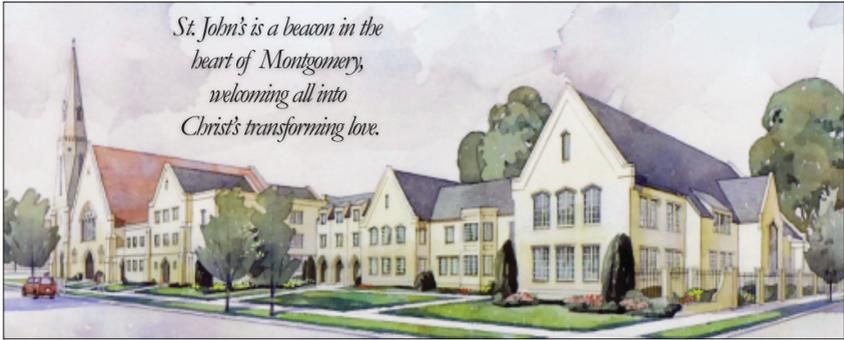
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