

The Holy Eucharist Rite II: April 17

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Easter Day

Prelude

The Rock Skit

Processional Hymn- Jesus Christ is risen today, 207 Hymnal 1982

1 Jesus Christ is risen today,
our triumphant holy day,
who did once upon the cross,
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,
unto Christ, our heavenly King,
who endured the cross and grave,
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured,
our salvation have procured;
now above the sky he's King,
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above
praise eternal as his love;
praise him, all ye heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

The Opening Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity

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

Found also in the Hymnal, S280

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

The Lord be with you.
And also with you
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—Isaiah 65:17-25

The Book of Isaiah is one of the major prophetic works in the Old Testament. This section was written following one of the worst disasters in the Bible: The destruction of Jerusalem and the enslavement of the Israelite people in Babylon. These are words of hope, to let the people know that their current plight would not be their last chapter—that hope is on the horizon.

I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord-
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent- its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Your word is a lantern to our feet.

And a light upon our path.

The Psalm—118:1-2, 14-24

This psalm was almost certainly composed after a great and unexpected victory. People were expecting defeat, but when they found instead was triumph—a triumph that they credited God with above all.

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 Second Lesson—1 Corinthians 15:19-26

The Old Testament has a concept of “first fruits,” which are quite literally, the first crops that are able to be reaped. In this section of Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul identifies Jesus as the “first fruit” who died and who was resurrected. If he’s the first, then that assumes that there will be more. That is us. Christ’s resurrection isn’t just some historical event, but Christ is the one who kicks off the possibility of resurrection, and the abolishment of death, for us all.

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.

Your word is a lantern to our feet.

And a light upon our path.

Sequence Hymn- He is risen, he is risen!, 180 Hymnal 1982

1 He is risen, he is risen!
Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days’ prison;
let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.

2 Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death’s long shadows have departed;
Jesus’ woes are over now,
and the passion that he bore—
sin and pain can vex no more.

3 Come, with high and holy hymning,
hail our Lord’s triumphant day;
not one darksome cloud is dimming
yonder glorious morning ray,
breaking o’er the purple east,
symbol of our Easter feast.

4 He is risen, he is risen!
He hath opened heaven’s gate:
we are free from sin’s dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam

on our longing eyes shall stream.

The Gospel Lesson—Luke 24:1-12

The women come to the tomb fully expecting Jesus' body to still be there. Jesus had told them that he would die, and would rise again... but apparently they... forgot? When the disciples hear word from the women that Jesus has risen from the dead, even they don't believe at first.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

**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

Celebrant

Filled with joy on this day of Resurrection, let us pray to God who sets us free and gives us life.

Intercessor

For the holy churches of God, for bishops, presbyters and deacons, this holy gathering and all the holy people of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love, and those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially, Dawn Knill, Jack Sheppard and Andrea Hooper and for the anniversary of Brian & Christine Marston.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

That our Savior may grant us triumph over our visible and invisible enemies.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

That with Christ we may crush beneath our feet the prince of darkness and all evil powers.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

That Christ may fill us with the joy and happiness of his holy resurrection.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

That we may enter the chamber of the divine wedding feast and rejoice without limit with the angels and saints.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary, St. Mark, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

We also pray for those serving our country at home and abroad, especially Christopher, Garrison, Richard, Stephen, Patrick, Esteban, Jeremy, Dan, Stewart, Wyatt, and Andrew.

We pray for the people of Ukraine, and for all who are suffering from senseless wars.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for the victory over death of your Son Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers we offer this holy day and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Welcome

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The Offertory

Christ is Alive!, Jane Holstein

The Doxology

**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. Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

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.**

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,

**hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as 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, the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Fraction S161

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, give us peace.**

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.

We will be offering communion with both Christ's Body and Blood. The consensus of public health studies to date show that there is no documentable risk of COVID19 transmission through the common cup. We understand individuals may have different comfort levels as to how they receive communion. Following the teaching of our Episcopal tradition, all persons may, but no person must, receive communion in both kinds to receive the full spiritual benefits of communion. You may choose to receive only the host at this time.

A minister will serve you the host (bread). Should you wish to intinct (dip the host in the wine), you may do so right away.

There is ALSO a chalice available for drinking from off to the side.

Communion Hymn - Jesus is Lord of all the earth, 178 Hymnal 1982

Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give Praise to his Name.

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Refrain

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.

Refrain

3 We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever.

Refrain

4 Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior

Refrain

The Post-Communion Prayer

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.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn-The day of resurrection, 210 Hymnal 1982

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful,
let earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes together blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.

The Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

The Postlude

Easter Flower Memorials

John, Monica, Patty, Louis
Ruth, Ruthie, Olin Sr., Olin Jr.
Charles, Ruth, Connie, Steve, Dottie, Charlotte

Elizabeth Seabrook, Helen Thomas

Bob Sheppard "Shep", beloved father to Rick & Julie
And Grandad to Ryan, Jack, Carlie & Vivian.
We know you are celebrating Easter in Heaven

Herbert Timm, Clifford Marston,
Robert Delillo

Mary & Frank Melly
Richard Thoma

Elaine, Mom & Dad

Guy Brennert, William Brown

John, Shirley & Steve Gogerty
Frank Antonacci

John, Sara, Bobby,
Sara

Neil McLaughlan, Orlando & Eleanor, Christina,
Evelyn, Sebastian & Anne,
Joyce, Neil & Matilda

Howard, Katharine, Howard, Jr.
Margaret, Donald

William Hough

Norman, Jane, Annetta, James, Llewellen, Alicia, Welland, Mary
William, Anne, George, Charlotte, Jack, James

The Mahan Family

Victor, Louis, Gussie, Jimmy, Wendel, Johnny, Fran, Al
Caroline, Jack, Becky, John, Bob, Dick, Stacy
Bette, Joe, Sue

Maria, Anna, Pat, Phyllis, Lenny
Zoraida & Joe

Annamma & Mattappallil Thomas
Leela Ittycheria, with love from the Ittycheria family

The McMellon Family. May you all rest in peace.

Carolyn & George, Yvonne & Joseph, Emma, Carolyn & Carl,
Dorothy & Russell, Diane & Ray. Patricia, and Anne

Sam Pasquale, Nell Riggs
and other departed family members

Bryan Opremcak,
Christine & Thaddeus Slodowski, Stephen & Jenny Lou Opremcak

Our memories are special bridges to you. Thinking of you always, every day with our love; Dorothy, Bill, Martha, Myrtle, Charles, Dot, Chuck, Peter and those we love but are no longer here with us.

Thomas & Norma Truett

Lorraine McBride & James Lunny Sr.
And for the health and well-being of our family members & friends

Dolores, Vincent & Alfred Santillo
Anneliese Glusa
Don

Patricia J. B. Lee, Mary H. Walker,
Mildred & Walter Barnes, Muriel & Russell Lee,
Ian & Sarah Walker, Mary & Edward Hunn,
Todd Christopher Barnes, Walter Lee Barnes,
Suzanne MacGregor, Pertti Pimia
Ian & Julie

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The best husband, father and grandfather, Joseph Koller

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Frances Leticia Griffin

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Nick, Natura and Nicky Sant Foster

Marlane, Denise

Jan, Carol, Susan

Mary Lou, Maria, Parmi, Pat

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