

# EASTER DAY: MORNING WORSHIP



EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the  
**HEAVENLY REST**

God's Love. For All.

Easter Day  
Morning Worship  
Sunday, March 31, 2024  
9:15 in the morning

Welcome to the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest.  
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PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

*All stand*

*Officiant*  
*People*

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

HYMN *Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!*

Hymn 207

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!

**THE INVITATORY**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**FLOWERING OF THE CROSS**

*As the hymn is sung, members of the congregation may come forward to place flowers on the cross*

**HYMN** *Now the green blade riseth*

Hymn 204

1. Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,  
 2. In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,  
 3. Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,  
 4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing or in pain,  
 5. wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,  
 he the that for three days us back to the grave had - gain,  
 thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,  
 9. love laid lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
 laid in the earth, earth, like that grain the that sleeps un - seen:  
 quick from the dead, my that ris - en and Lord is seen:  
 field of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
 13. *Refrain*  
 Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

**READING**

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw

a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## HOMILY

The Reverend David Romanik, *Rector*

*All stand*

## THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**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 Leader says*

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

This is the Lord's doing.

*People* **And it is marvelous in our eyes.**

*The Leader continues*

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

This is the Lord's doing.

*People* **And it is marvelous in our eyes.**

*The Leader continues*

We thank you for minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve; for health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play.

This is the Lord's doing.

*People* **And it is marvelous in our eyes.**

*The Leader continues*

We remember the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

*People* **God's mercy endures forever.**

*The Leader continues*

We remember those who have died, and we thank you for the communion of saints, in all times and places.

The Lord is our strength and our song.

*People* **And has become our salvation.**

*The Leader continues*

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

This is the Lord's doing.

*People* **And it is marvelous in our eyes.**

## THE COLLECTS

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.**

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Risen Christ, in the midst of grief and despair, at the very point when all seemed lost you stood in the midst of your friends in the fullness of your resurrection reality and proclaimed your peace; a peace that reorders and renews all things. May the same peace find a home in us and, at the urging of your Spirit, may we be today and everyday bearers of hope and enablers of peace in the power of your name. **Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

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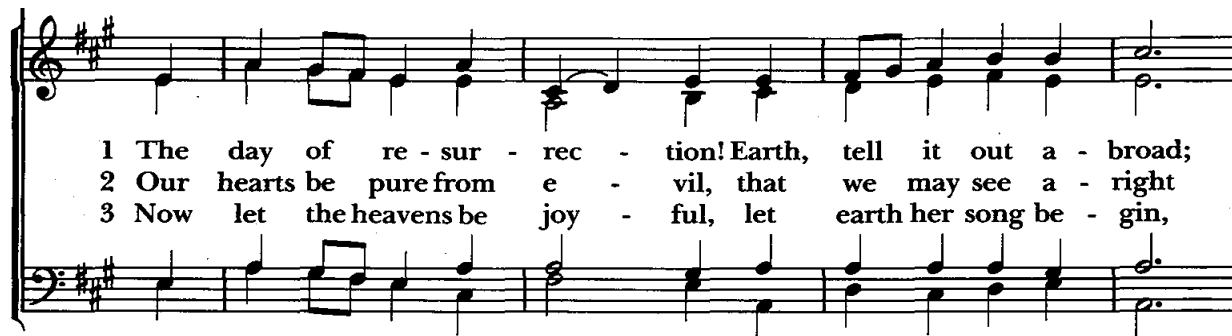
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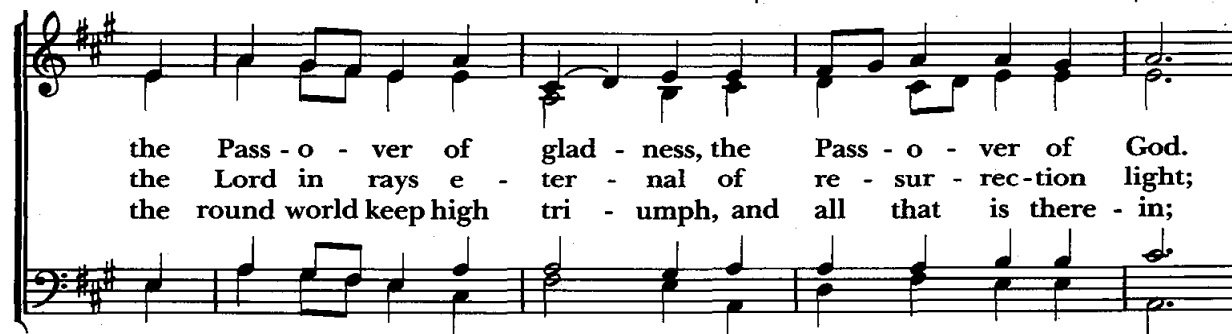
*Said by all*

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**



1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;  
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain  
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,



our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, 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.

## POSTLUDE

# EASTER FLOWER & MUSIC MEMORIALS

## *Given to the Glory of God in loving memory of*

Gary Mues by Olivia Mues

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