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**Holy Eucharist & Agape
in the Season of Easter
2024**

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Introduction to the Season of Easter

The fifty Days beginning at dawn on Easter Day form the festival period of Eastertide in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Day services is sustained through the following seven weeks. The Church rejoices in celebrating the gloriously risen Christ:

So let our songs to heaven wing,
the vault with alleluias ring,
in praise of Christ, our risen Lord;
new life to all he doth afford. Alleluia.¹

Each Sunday is called a Sunday of Easter: it is a season that the early Christian author (160-240), Tertullian calls 'this most joyful period' (*laetissimum spatium*). At Emmanuel, the Paschal Candle which is lit at the Easter Dawn service and carried by the Deacon into church, stands prominently in church either in the sanctuary or in the baptistry for all the Eastertide services. You will note that in the hymns and liturgy, alleluias are found in abundance. A white altar frontal and white and golden vestments emphasise the joy and brightness of the season.

On the fortieth day of Eastertide there has from the late fourth century been a particular celebration of Christ's ascension. The risen Lord commissions his disciples to continue God's work; the gift of the Holy Spirit is bestowed on them; and Christ is taken into heaven in everlasting glory with God.

"God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but in the age to come."²

The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

¹ (H. 201, verse 4. Words Nikolaus Hermann (1480?-1561); tr. Charles Sanford Terry)

² Ephesians 1:20-21

Prelude

Opening Hymn *The King of Love my shepherd is*

H.646

Descant

6 And so through all the length of days thy

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
*3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
*4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with
5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy

6 good - ness fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep-herd, may I

1 good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
2 ran - somed soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
3 yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
4 thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my
5 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port

6 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
 2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 4 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!

6 And so through all the length of days
 thy goodness faileth never:
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house for ever.

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The Word of God

Please join in praying all texts printed in bold.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Song of Praise

This joyful Eastertide

H.192 verse 1

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and sor -

- row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath sprung to life this mor -

- row. Had Christ, that once was slain - ne'er burst his three - day pris - on, our

faith had been in vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Sunday-school children and teachers are blessed before going to Sunday School.

The First Lesson Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them,

"Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is
`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Lesson 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Hymn *Praise the Lord*

H.334

1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -

vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -
 by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

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The Gospel *Please stand as able.*

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *preached by Rev. Michael Rusk*

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:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit**

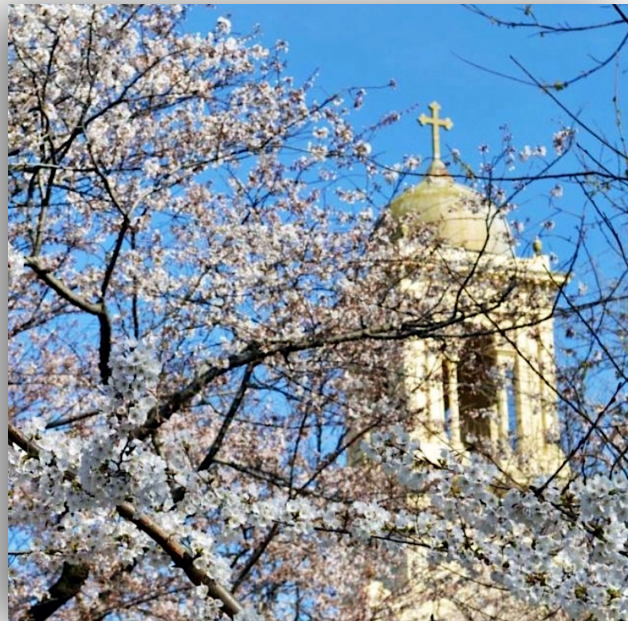
and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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 *Please remain standing as able.*

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.



The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Ephesians 5:2

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

Flocks in pastures green

Agape Prayer

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine and bring forth food from the earth; bless this wine, bread, and fruit that we now share in our homes and gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **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, Holy God, 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The musical score is written on four staves in G major and 4/4 time. It features a melody with several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) and a final fermata. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all. Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

A period of silence is kept.

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider Behold what you are.
People **May we become what we receive.**

During the administration of Holy Communion music will be played.

Music during Communion

The Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray. Giver of all,
All **we are nourished with your Easter sacraments.
Fill us with the Spirit of love,
and unite us in faith,
that we may be witnesses to the resurrection
and show your glory in all the world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.**

The Announcements

Easter Blessing

Presider God the Father, by whose love
Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gate of life eternal.

All **Amen.**

Presider God the Son, who in bursting from the grave
has won a glorious victory over death,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All **Amen.**

Presider God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples

with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All **Amen.**

Presider And the blessing of the holy and undivided Trinity,
One God,
be with you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn Thine be the glory

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 victory thou o'er death hast won.*

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 its sting.

Thine be the glory...

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 be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit,
alleluia, alleluia.

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

Postlude



Today's Ministers

Celebrant	Rev. Michael Rusk
Gospeller	Rev. Deacon Richard Cole
Organist	Aileen Tincello
Reader	Marisa Were
Livestreamer	
Flowers	Nadiya Dzyubynska
Eucharistic Ministers	Meredith Baker & Edith Tanner
Coffee Hour	Yunise Korir
Intercessor	Edith Tanner
Ushers	Marilynn Geiger & HunJu Sohnn
Welcomer	Erin Lederrey

Prayer List: This week, we are praying for Alice, Alphonse, Anne, Barbara Chong, Bob, Brad and Marietta, Erik, Eva, Griffiths, Julia, Julien, Ki-Soo, Khristina, Marguerite and Don, Mary, Mary and her family, Milki, Patricia, Philip, Rose, Rosemary and her family, Safi and his mother, Sohair, Terry, Tim, Yan and Jacqueline, and Zéli.

Convocation Prayer Cycle, we pray for the Mission Church of All Saints', Amsterdam; the Rev. Canon Moho Tutu Van Furth, priest-in-charge.

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