

EASY PRINT – Easter Day Service – April 5, 2026

Finding the Alleluia: *Fr. Daniel Brereton and the children.*

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Processional Hymn: #203 – “JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY”

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

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

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

Victor over tomb and stone, alleluia! Jesus goes before his own, alleluia!
new creation's sign and seal, alleluia! calling them to serve and heal, alleluia!

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Priest: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Priest: Almighty God,

All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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

All sing



1. Glo-ry, in the high - est glo - ry, peace to all, in all their days.
2. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re-deem-er, Lamb of God, for sin-ners given,



Wor-ship, thanks, and praise un-ceas-ing to the Source of all we raise:
Word e - ter - nal. born of Ma-rv. Word made flesh. the face of heaven:



reign - ing in the sap - phire height, hid - den from our mor - tal sight,
ho - ly one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,



now re - ceive our a - dor - a - tion, as we make our sup - pli - ca - tion.
with the Spir - it there u - nit - ed, and the God - head high ex - alt - ed.

The Collect of the Day

Please kneel or be seated

Priest: Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Please be seated

Peter began to speak to them: "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.

Acts 10.34-43

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24

Please remain seated

The Choir sings the refrain, all repeat

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God’s mercy endures forever. Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.” The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation. Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly! The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!” I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.
Refrain

Verse: The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death. Open for me the gates of righteousness: I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord. “This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.” I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.
Refrain

Verse: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. *Refrain*

Verse: Hosanna! O Lord, save us! We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up the corners of the altar. You are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God’s mercy endures forever. *Refrain*

Please be seated

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Colossians

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 Colossians 15.19-26

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Sequence Hymn: #212 – “ALLELUIA, THE STRIFE IS O’ER” (V1,2,4 &5)

The first two verses are sung before the Gospel

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung: alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst, and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst: alleluia!

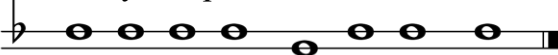
The last two verses are sung after the Gospel

The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

All: 

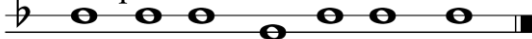
Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

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.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 20.1-18

All: 

Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

The last two verses are sung after the Gospel

On the third morn he rose again, glorious in majesty to reign.
O let us swell the joyful strain: alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee: alleluia!

Sermon: The Reverend Daniel Brereton

Please be seated

Choir Anthem: “I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES”

(congregation is invited to join the choir in singing)

I know that my Redeemer lives; What joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everlasting Head!

He lives, to bless me with His love; He lives, to plead for me above;
He lives, my hungry soul to feed; He lives, to help in time of need.

He lives, and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives, my mansion to prepare; He lives, to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name; He lives, my Savior still the same;
What joy the blest assurance gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!

The Nicene Creed

Please rise in body or spirit

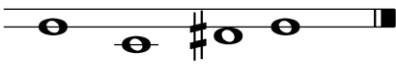
Priest: Let us confess our faith as we say,

All: **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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.**

Prayers of the People

Please kneel or remain seated

Priest: On this day of rejoicing, we pray for the life of the church, the world, and all people in any need, singing “Lord, hear our prayer”

All: 
Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: You give life to your church by joining the baptized to the body of Christ. Bless the newly baptized and all your Church throughout the world, as we proclaim the one whose death and resurrection makes us one in you. Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: You give life to the creation by renewing the earth in every season. Curb our exploitation of natural resources and cause us to preserve the health of plant and animal habitats. Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: You give life to the world by laying a cornerstone among the nations. Rebuild the powers and principalities around us in ways that protect the vulnerable and raise up the lowly. Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: You give life to those in need by the anointing of your Holy Spirit. Comfort those who suffer, encourage those who care for the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and wipe away the tears of all who mourn. We pray for those requesting our prayers, Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: You give life to this community of faith by infusing us with love for one another. Inspire us to reach out to our neighbors in meaningful ways and bring the joys of community to a wider family of people. Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: You give life to your saints by setting a banquet table of rich food. Feed us with the bread of life and bring us with all your saints to the feast that has no end, remembering those who have died. Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,
trusting in Jesus Christ, the spring of new and everlasting life.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Please rise in body or spirit

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*The ministry of the church depends on the generosity of it's members.
We give in the thanksgiving for all that God has given us.*

Offertory Hymn: #205 – “DAY OF RESURRECTION”

All sing

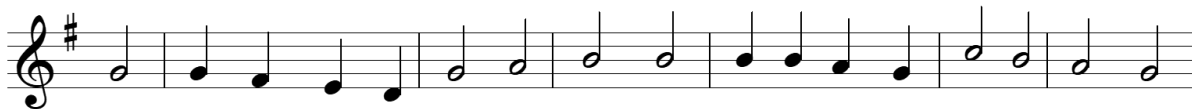
The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness, the passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

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.

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 of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

Offertory Sentence

All sing



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise



him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Priest: God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Presider: The Lord be with you. *People:* And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

Priest: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

All sing

----- Ho-ly Ho-ly Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might;

Heav'n 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.

Please kneel or be seated

Priest: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling ancient Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

All: **we remember his death; we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Priest: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Priest: Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

All sing, unaccompanied

Presider:

People:



As our Sav-iour taught us let us pray. Our Fath - er in hea-ven,



hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your will be done,



on earth as in hea-ven, Give us to - day our dai - ly bread,



For - give us our sins, as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of trial. And de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

Music: M. Robinson
Theodore Presser Co.

Priest: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Priest: We were buried in your tomb.

All: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Priest: If you are joining us from home please join in this prayer for Spiritual Communion.

The following is said by the Priest and those worshipping with us online.

Online: Jesus, you are the Risen Lord, which no tomb could hold and no locked door could keep out. Though I cannot physically partake of your body and blood, give me the assurance and grace of your presence, that I, in communion with the Church, may also live in the power of your resurrection.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

All sing



Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy, have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

The Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Please come forward to the Altar rail and stand or kneel as you prefer.

Indicate to the priest if you would like to have him intinct the wafer for you.

Communion Hymn: #56 - "I AM THE BREAD, THE BREAD OF LIFE"

All sing

I am the bread, the bread of life; who comes to me will never hunger.
I am the bread, the bread of heaven; who feeds on me will never die.
And as you eat, remember me – my body broken on the tree:
my life was given to set you free, and I'm alive for evermore.

I am the vine, the living vine; apart from me you can do nothing.
I am the vine, the real vine; abide in me and I in you.
And as you drink, remember me – my blood was shed upon the tree:
my life was given to set you free, and I'm alive for evermore.

So eat this bread, and drink this wine, and as you do, receive this life of mine.
All that I am, I give to you, that you may live for evermore.

Communion Hymn: AAH #281 - "BECAUSE HE LIVES"

All sing

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon an empty grave is there to prove my Saviour
lives.

*Refrain: Because He lives I can face tomorrow; because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.*

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives; But greater
still the calm assurance. This child can face uncertain day because He lives. *Refrain:*

And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He
lives. *Refrain:*

Sunday School Singers- "HALLELUJAH" (*Easter version*)

A crown of thorns placed on His head. He knew that He would soon be dead
He said did you forget me Father did you? They nailed Him to a wooden cross
Soon all the world would feel the loss of Christ the King before His Hallelujah
Refrain:

Hallelujah, hallelujah Hallelujah, hallelujah

He hung His head and prepared to die Then lifted His face up to the sky
Said I am coming home now Father to you A reed which held His final sip
Was gently lifted to his lips He drank His last and gave His soul to glory *Refrain:*

The soldier who had used his sword to pierce the body of our Lord
Said truly this is Jesus Christ our Saviour He looked with fear upon his sword
Then turned to face his Christ and Lord fell to his knees crying Hallelujah *Refrain:*

Took from his head the thorny crown and wrapped him in a linen gown
And laid him down to rest inside the tomb the holes in his hands, his feet and side
Now in our hearts we know he died to save us from ourselves oh hallelujah. *Refrain:*

Three days went by again they came to move the stone to bless the slain
With oil and spice anointing hallelujah but as they went to move the stone
They saw that they were not alone but Jesus Christ has risen Hallelujah
(*Refrain repeated twice*)

Refrain:
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah

Prayer after Communion

Priest: God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: Glory to God *Please rise in body or spirit*

All: **whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #210 – “YOURS BE THE GLORY,…” *Please rise in body or spirit & sing*

Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory over death you won.
Angels robed in splendour rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave—clothes where your body lay.

Refrain:
Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory over death you won.

See! 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 is living; death has lost its sting! *Refrain:*

No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life:
what is life without you? Aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through your deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to your home above.

Refrain:

*Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory over death you won.*

Dismissal

Priest: Go with joy to proclaim with your lives, the Lord is Risen! Alleluia, alleluia!!

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

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Churchwardens of St. John the
Baptist (Dixie) wish everyone a
joyful Easter season.

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER

