



**The Episcopal Church of the Cross**  
**Easter Day Worship**  
**9:30 AM**  
**Sunday, March 31, 2024**  
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*The mission of the Episcopal Church of the Cross is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and soul, and strength, and mind, and our neighbors as ourselves. We are the ECC: Loving God and our neighbors.*

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**Music for Gathering**

**Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his spirit, washed in his blood.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
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**Word of Welcome**

**Call to Worship:            From Psalm 117 & 118**

**Psalm Leader:** Praise the Lord, all you nations;

**People:**            **laud the Lord, all you peoples.**

**Psalm Leader:** For the loving-kindness of the Lord toward us is great,

**People:**            **And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Hallelujah!**

**Psalm Leader:** Give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

**People:**            **the mercy of the Lord endures forever.**

**Psalm Leader:** The Lord is my strength and my song,

**People:**            **And has become my salvation.**

**Psalm Leader:** There is sound of exultation and victory

**People:**            **In the tents of the righteous.**

**Psalm Leader:** I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me

**People:**            **and has become my salvation.**

**Psalm Leader:** The same stone which the builders rejected

**People:**            **has become the chief cornerstone.**

**Psalm Leader:** This is the Lord's doing,

**People:**            **and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**Psalm Leader:** On this day the Lord has acted;

**People:**            **let rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Psalm Leader:** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

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

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**Opening Song:                            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!

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

**Presider:** Let us pray: O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of sin and death: Grant us that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**The First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Flowering of the Cross: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**

I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me; The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me; No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow; Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
Though none go with me, still I will follow; No turning back, no turning back.

I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus;  
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**The Gospel:** Mark 16:1-8

**Presider:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 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.

**Presider:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **The Message**

### **The Prayers of the Community**

**Prayer Leader:** Risen Lord, we are your people gathered in prayer with grateful and joyful hearts, and we love you and thank you. We pray the power of your Resurrection to touch our households and neighborhoods, our nation and the world. We pray for increase in a spirit of hope, and a renewed commitment to your reconciling grace. We pray for rightness and peace among the peoples and pray for your new creation to be revealed to all the world. Lord, in your mercy;

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Prayer Leader:** We pray for your disciples throughout the world. We pray for those who celebrate Resurrection today boldly; for those who can worship this day only in secret; and for those whose faith is known to you alone. We pray for this people, gathered and sent. Lord, in your mercy;

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Prayer Leader:** We pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, and those who live in places of want and violence. We pray for all prisoners, captives, and refugees, and all who care for them. With special intention we raise up the people of the Ukraine, the Middle East, and Haiti. We pray for the lonely and the grieving. We pray for those seeking hope and purpose. We pray for all who have asked us to pray for them, and those prayed for by no one else. We pray for those who work while we worship, and remember before you those who must be away from those they love on this day.

Fill us up, Lord. Give us courage, and strength and every good gift to follow you. Make us your hands and feet on earth. Lead us and guide us. Lord, in your mercy;

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Prayer Leader:** We remember before you the saints in your nearer presence, and celebrate the hope and promise of the heavenly banquet table, where you wipe away the tears from all faces. For new and eternal life, we thank you and praise you. Lord, in your mercy;

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Prayer Leader:** We now place before you our own prayers of thanksgiving and petition, either silently or aloud...

*An open space to offer our own prayers...*

**Prayer Leader:** These are our prayers, Loving Lord, on this happy day. Give us eyes to see you this day, and the grace to live the Truth of eternal life proclaimed in your Resurrection.

**People:** **Amen.**

**The Peace:**

**Presider:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

**The Offering:**

*Offerings in support of the mission and ministry of Church of the Cross may be placed in the offering basket as it comes by. Offering may also be made electronically by texting ECCLAKETRAVIS with your amount to 73256.*

**Song of Offering:** **Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord**

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

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

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## The Great Thanksgiving

**Presider:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Presider:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**Presider:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right give God thanks and praise.**

**Presider:** It is Easter Day, Lord; the Feast of the Resurrection. We give you thanks and praise for your goodness, love, and mercy. You roll away stones and empty tombs. You restore and heal. You turn our mourning into dancing. You raise us up, and send us out into the world to love and serve you and our neighbors.

By your death you have destroyed death, and by your rising to life again you have won for all humanity everlasting life. We love you, and declare your might and power, and your mercy and love beyond measure; and join with the saints, and angels, and prophets, and martyrs in heaven in these words of praise:

**All:** **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest**

**Presider:** With grateful hearts we bring you these gifts. They represent all that you have given us. We place them, and our very selves, before you. Make them holy by your Spirit to be for us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; and make us your holy people.

With those who have loved you throughout the ages, we pray this ancient story: On the night before Jesus went to the cross he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Father, we now celebrate this remembrance of your Son. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, make us a living sacrifice of praise.

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.

**All:** **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 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 Presider breaks the consecrated loaf...*

**Presider:** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

**People:** **Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

**Presider:** 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.

*Please come forward to receive communion as you are called to do so. The blue chalice contains regular wine. The white chalice contains non-alcoholic wine.*

**Songs During Communion:**

**Springtime**

You're the resurrection that we've waited for  
You buried the night, and came with the morning  
You're the king of heaven, the praise is yours  
The longer the quiet, the louder the chorus  
Ohhh, ohhh, ohhh

We will sing a new song  
'Cause death is dead and gone with the winter  
We will sing a new song  
Let "hallelujahs" flow like a river  
We're coming back to life, reaching towards the light  
Your love is like springtime

You're the living water; God, we thirst for you  
The dry and the barren will flower and bloom  
You're the sun that's shining; you restore my soul  
The deeper you call us, Oh, the deeper we'll go

We will sing a new song  
'Cause death is dead and gone with the winter  
We will sing a new song  
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Come tend the soil  
Come tend the soil of my soul  
And like a garden  
And like a garden I will grow  
I will grow

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**Songs During Communion: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone;  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food our stay!  
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne;  
Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

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Hark! The songs of holy Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
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**Prayer of Sending:**

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

**The Blessing**



**Closing Song:**

**We Know that Christ is Raised**

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;  
And our despair he turned to joy.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn we share with him an Easter life  
As living members of a living Christ.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's power shake the Church of God.  
Baptized we live with God the Three in One.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows  
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe restored and while will sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The Dismissal:**

**Presider:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!  
**People:** **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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