# St John's Episcopal Church



Feast of the Resurrection: Easter
March 31, 2024

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Shelley Wilson, for the blessings of family, friends, and health

Jessica House Steward and Lee Steward, in loving memory of Jessica's dad,

Ronald Albert George House

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\*\*\* We encourage you to share your experiences of St. John's on social media either during or after the service. If an image or a line from a reading or sermon strikes you we invite you to share it.

### **Prelude**

Improvisation on Gelobt sie Gott

### Welcome

**Processional Hymn 205** Good Christians all, rejoice and sing *Gelobt sei Gott Stanzas 1-4* 



#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **Easter Acclamation**

Presider Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

# Presider and People

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*.

**Song of Praise** Paschal Troparion John Karl Hirten (b. 1956) *Congregation is invited to stomp their feet while singing the refrain!* 

*Choir* Christ is risen from the dead (Alleluia, alleluia)

### All



Choir Trampling down death by death. (Alleluia, alleluia)

### All



*Choir* And those in the tomb are raised to new life. (Alleluia, alleluia)

#### All



# **Collect of the Day**

PresiderGod be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Presider 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.

First Reading Acts 10:34-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "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."

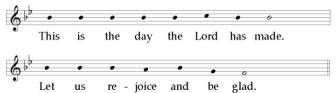
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 118 14-17, 22-24

Plainsong - Tone VIII.1

Repeat refrain after cantor the first time



- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song,, \* the Lord has become my salvation.
- 15. There is the sound of exultation and victory \* in the tents of the righteous: *Refrain*
- 16. "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \* the right hand of the Lord is exalted!."
- 17. I shall not die, but live, \* and declare the works of the Lord. *Refrain*
- 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. *Refrain*

24. On this day the Lord has acted; \* we will rejoice and be glad in it.— *Refrain* 



Shepherd's Alleluia

John Karl Hirten

All repeat refrain after the choir each time.





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Verse: You are God, we praise and acclaim you.

You, O God, are eternal. All creation worships you.

— Refrain

### Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

Priest 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 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.

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

#### Sermon

The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams

A moment of silent reflection follows the sermon.

# **Prayers of the People**

With trust and love, we pray to you, Lord God.

By your glorious resurrection and ascension, Good Lord, renew us.

By your commission to the Apostles, Good Lord, send us forth.

By the coming of the Holy Spirit, who unites all things in heaven and earth, *Good Lord, make us one.* 

Strengthen and encourage all who do your work in lonely and dangerous places. *Hear us, Good Lord.* 

Open the hearts and hands of many for the support of your Church and the work of justice in every place.

Hear us, Good Lord.

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the wonderful works of God. *Hear us, Good Lord.* 

Touch our lips that our words may reflect your truth and your love. *Hear us, Good Lord.* 

Touch our hands, that we may serve others with compassion. *Hear us, Good Lord.* 

Touch our feet, that we may walk in the paths of peace. *Hear us, Good Lord.* 

I invite your petitions, intercessions, and thanksgivings. (*Please add your own prayers*)

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself, making the way of humility and service into the way of life and peace. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together to love and to serve, and that in every place your people call upon your Name, for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours for ever. Amen.

### The Peace

The Ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

#### Announcements

### HOLY COMMUNION

### Offering

During the anthem ushers collect offerings of money for God's work in and through the church and in thanksgiving for the many gifts God has given us. We rely on the financial contributions of members and visitors and ask for your generous support. We are grateful!

### Give

Offerings may be given online at stjohnsross.org/give or text 'give' to 415.855.3575



Offertory Anthem (8:00 AM)

Alleluia

William Boyce (1710-1779)

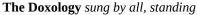
Offertory Anthem

Christ the Lord is ris'n today

Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today!" All on earth with angels say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high. Sing, ye heav'ns and earth reply, Alleluia! Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Christ has burst the gates of Hell, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids His rise, Christ has opened Paradise. Alleluia! Soar we now where Christ has led, Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him ,like him we rise, Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Prise to thee by both be giv'n, Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now, Hail the Resurrection thou, Alleluia!

—Charles Wesley (1707-1788)



Gelobt sei Gott



# **Great Thanksgiving**

The people remain standing.

PresiderThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks,

all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



The Presider continues.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you

called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and 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." As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: *People* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Most Holy Mary, the Godbearer, Blessed John and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

# People AMEN.

# Lord's Prayer

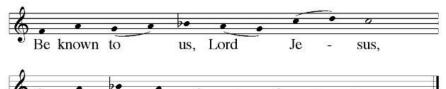
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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.

# At the Breaking of the Bread S-171

Fraction Anthem

Plainchant





- The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.
   Refrain
- 2. One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.
  - Refrain

*Presider* The gifts of God for the people of God.

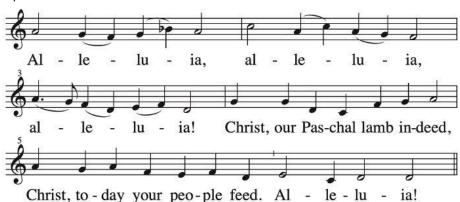
### Administration of Communion

To receive communion please come forward and receive a piece of the consecrated bread from the priest. If you need a gluten free wafer please indicate that to the minister. If you would like to receive the common cup, please help guide the chalice so you may drink from it. The practice of intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) is no longer permitted, in alignment with best health practices. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicating your preference by crossing your arms over your chest.

**Hymn 184 (8:00 AM)** Christ the Lord is risen again! *Christ ist erstanden Verses will be sung by the soloists. Congregation is invited to join in the refrain.* 

Christ the Lord is risen again!
 Christ hath broken every chain!
 Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb in King of kings. Alleluia!

### Refrain



- 2. He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, takes our sin and guilt away that with angels we may say: Alleluia! (Refrain)
- 3. He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross is exalted now to save, wresting victory from the grave. Alleluia! (Refrain)
- Michael Weisse (1480-1534); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Anthem (10:00 AM)

Alleluia

Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

Alleluia. Amen.

# **Postcommunion Prayer**

Please stand.

Let us pray.

# Presider and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

### **Easter Blessing**

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us God's children through the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of Christ's blessing. *Amen*.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. *Amen*.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin, and into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen*.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen* 



### **Dismissal**

Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

People

**Postlude (8 AM)** Rigaudon Andre Campra(1660-1744)

**Postlude (10 AM)** Toccata from Symphonie V Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

### **FAITH-FILLED GATHERINGS**

### **SUNDAY**

8am: Worship

9am: Family Worship (*Held in the Parish Hall.*)

10am:

Worship (in-person in the church & live stream)

Children's Sunday School Morning Youth Group

### MONDAY

7pm: Bible Study (Zoom). All are welcome.

### **TUESDAY**

7:30am: Christian Meditation (in-person and online)

### WEDNESDAYS

2pm: Bible Study (in-person in the Fireside Room). All are welcome.

# 2nd SATURDAYS of the Month (usually)

8am: Men's Group

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Cabaret Night** - Join Lee Steward, at Joannie and Evan Ericson's home in San Anselmo for an unforgettable evening of music and fun, food, and cocktails - truly a Cabaret Soirée. Bring your friends and join in the revelry - Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$150/person (pls select "Harvest Party Events" from the drop down menu) and all funds go to support St. John's!

**Newcomer Gathering: Sunday, April 14, 11:15am** If you're new to St. John's or looking to learn more about us and how to get involved, please join us for a gathering in the Fireside Room after the 10am service during coffee hour for treats and conversation. For more information, contact Rev. Heather.

**Attend the Ordination and Consecration of our New Bishop** The ordination service for our new bishop is Saturday, May 4 at 11am at Grace Cathedral. In-person attendance requires pre-registration here. Deadline is April 12 to register. The service will also be live-streamed.

**St. John's Men's Group Retreat: Save the Date** The Men's Group will hold its annual retreat Thursday afternoon May 30 thru Saturday June 1 — at St. Dorothy's Rest, the Episcopal retreat center deep in the Redwoods near Occidental, California. Enjoy good discussion, good food, and good fellowship. More info to come. Email group leaders Paul Clark or Keith Granger for details.

**The Dinner Church Ministry builds community one meal at a time.** The spring schedule is April 9 and May 14 from 6 to 8 pm in the parish hall on Tuesday. The theme is "Got Time?" How do you spend your time? Wrapped up in social media? Join the conversation over a shared meal. Volunteers prepare dinner. Like to cook? Join us in the kitchen click here. Suggested donation is \$10/person.

An exploration of Mary Magdalene and the Divine Feminine Last spring a group of us read and discussed Meggan Watterson's Mary Magdalene Revealed. This spring we are going to explore Cynthia Bourgeault's The Meaning of Mary Magdalene: Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity. Our gatherings will be once a week in the evening on Zoom. Stay tuned for more details. Please contact Rev. Heather for more information.

**Music Notes** The word "Alleluia" is derived from the Hebrew, meaning "Praise Jehovah." During Lent, Medieval custom forbade the use of the word (a practice which many churches, including ours, continue to this day. Hymns with "Alleluias" have often been sung on the last Sunday before Lent as a "farewell to the Alleluia," and then sung again during the Easter season.

Eleanor Joanne Daley is a Canadian-born composer, choral director, and accompanist who specializes in church and choral music. Based in Toronto, she has been commissioned to write music for a number of performing groups, including the Elmer Iseler Singers, the Texas Woman's University Chorus, and the Victoria Scholars. She is published by Oxford University Press. "Christ the Lord is ris'n today" is a sprightly setting of Charles Wesley's text which can be accompanied either by organ or brass quartet.

"Alleluia" is the most celebrated and oft-performed piece by the American composer Randall Thompson. Composed over the first five days of July in 1940, it premiered at the Tanglewood Festival later that year. Serge Koussevitzky, the festival director, commissioned Thompson to write a kind of "fanfare" for voices which would be performed at the opening of the new Berkshire Music Center there. Instead of a boisterous work, he produced a quiet and somewhat introspective piece, which works perfectly for an Easter communion. There are only two words; "Alleluia" and "Amen."

The hymn "Jesus Christ is risen today" first appeared in the 14<sup>th</sup> Century in German and Bohemian manuscripts. Several stanzas were translated into English by an anonymous author and appeared, with the accompanying tune, in a 1708 collection called *Lyra Davidica:* or, a Collection of Divine Songs and Hymns, partly New

composed, partly Translated from the high German and Latin Hymns: and set to easy and pleasant tunes, for more General Use, which pretty much says it all. It was later altered in a 1749 collection of texts edited by John Arnold, which is more or less the version we have today.

For a postlude on Easter Day, many organists play the Toccata from *Symphonie V* by Charles-Marie Widor, which is without a doubt his most popular piece and one of the most famous pieces of organ music in existence. It is a difficult piece, not so much harmonically, or even note-wise, but because of the constant repetitive movement of the right hand's sixteenth-note figurations and the left hand's chords. Organists who play this piece (written in the 1880's) have long known what carpal-tunnel syndrome is, well before there was an actual name for it.

### **SERVING TODAY**

### (Sunday Worship Prep)

Anne Doyle, Holly Kaufman, Susan Mackenzie, Shelley Wilson

Altar Guild

Jane Heath Communion Bread Baker

8:00 AM (Worship)

The Rev. Heather Erickson Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams Clergy - Preacher

Rick Limpert, Leslie Limpert Usher

9:00 AM (Family Worship)

The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Heather Erickson Clergy - Preacher

10:00 AM (Worship)

The Rev. Heather Erickson

The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams

The Rev. Skip Fotch

The Rev. Jim Ward

Clergy - Preacher

Clergy - Assisting

Clergy - Assisting

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Clergy - Assisting

Clergy - Eucharistic Minister

Ann Philopena Lector Bill Posner, Kevin Erdman A/V

Jan Heglund, Becky Hlebasko, Lynn Taylor, Doug Van Gessel

Usher

Lauren Tucker Coffee Hour Host

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**Our Vision** St. John's is a spiritual home that welcomes all, loves and respects all, and serves all in Christ's name

**Our Mission** We pray, worship and celebrate the Gospel

Responding to the needs of our communities

While building relationships to support us on our journey of faith

Clergy, Staff & Vestry

Bishop of California The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus
Rector The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams
Associate Priest The Rev. Heather Erickson

Assisting Priests The Rev. Skip Fotch, the Rev. Jan West, and the

Rev. James Ward

Bookkeeper Henry Auriti
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Dir. of Stewardship Lee Steward

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Lee Steward, Jessica House Steward,

Paul Thompson

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