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THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025 11 a.m.

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THE HOLY EUCAHRIST, RITE II

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: (HYMNAL # 174)

~ "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People:

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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*.

All Standing

THE GLORIA~ (*LEVAS* # **243**)

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Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God.

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of the Father. *Amen*.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

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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*

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON: Acts 10:34-43

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." (NRSV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

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- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.
- ² Let Israel now proclaim, *
 - "His mercy endures for ever."
- The Lord is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵ There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! * the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- ¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the Lord.
- The Lord has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.
- ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
 I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- ²⁰ "This is the gate of the Lord; * he who is righteous may enter."
- ²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.
- 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.
- On this day the Lord has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

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. (NRSV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN: (LEVAS # 42) ~ Hymn of the Month "He Lives"

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to *John 20:1-18*

People: Glory to you, Lord 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. (NRSV)

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON HYMN: (*LEVAS # 114*)

~ "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit"

THE SERMON

THE REV. DR. HECTOR SINTIM

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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,

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.

and was made man.

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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 ON EASTER SUNDAY

The Leader and People Pray Responsively

God of the bright and morning star, God of the rising sun, God of darkness banished, we praise and worship you! For empty tombs: Thank you! For disciples running with good news: Thank you! For your presence, alive, powerful, resurrected: Thank you! We celebrate your victory over death, over all the powers that would defeat us.

To you we celebrate our victory over death.

Help us to grasp resurrection; to understand its power, to see its force at work in our world, overturning evil empires, changing the hatred within us, moving the world slowly, forcefully, bending us towards love and truth.

To you we celebrate our victory over death.

On this day of great gladness empowers us to be your ambassadors, proclaiming good news. Good news in our kitchens and living rooms, good news in the offices and workshops good news in the fields and factories, help us to be that good news, walking softly on this good earth caring gently for all people, living hopefully into your kingdom.

To you we celebrate our victory over death.

By your grace, Lord God, transform us to be your Easter people. In your Spirit, inspire us to be witnesses to the presence of the Risen Christ among us. Confirm in us, the assurance of his presence with us, here in all of our brokenness, here despite the certainty of our mortality, here in this life where we ought to see his face in the tired and poor and the stranger and the other. With your wisdom, Heavenly God, lead us along a life-giving, death stomping pathway of justice, righteousness, and peace.

To you we celebrate our victory over death.

So overwhelm us, so startle us, so take us a-back this Easter morning, illumine the shadows that linger and drop the blinders that cling to our eyes and remove the haze of indifference, so that we might see Jesus and his hope for us, so that we might see Jesus and his vision of your creation in full bloom, so that we might see Jesus, that we might then work in and for his kingdom; a kingdom where the hungry are fed and children are welcomed, where the sick are healed, where sins are forgiven and the lame walk and prisoners are set free, where those who mourn are comforted and the peacemakers are blessed and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are forever satisfied, where the nations are healed where war is learned

no more, where there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, where the dead rise from the grave and gather forever around the throne of your grace.

(All)

Use us, your Easter people, Living God, use us as instruments of prayer, even now, Holy One. Hear these prayers that we offer deep within our hearts, prayers breathed into the silence offered amid Easter's cacophony of praise. We offer these prayers, as we would live, in the name of the Risen Christ, whose resurrection unleashes our salvation.

Today we think of all who are grieving, especially the family of Adrienne Combs; and for the sick and dying, especially Juanita Alexander, Ardelle Anderson, Daisy Bell, Jeffery Corbin II, Keri Corbin, Sandra Corbin, Crystal Diggs Gray, Patricia Dixon, Regal DuBose, Lorraine Edwards (aunt of Crystal Diggs Gray), Samuel E. Ewell, Jr., Olive Ezell, Olivia Ghanem (mother of Fr. Sintim), Gene Harden, Betty Lewis, Marc Miller, Delores Minor, Ron Minor, Gwendolyn Newsome, Shane Otey, Eleanor Pritchett, Alberta Reid, Angela J. Russell, Henry P. Russell, Jr., Barbara Savage, Minnie Stiff, Vernell Walden, Wayne Walden, John Watkins, Sr., Bernice Wilson, and Lucius Wyatt; and for places in the world that are torn by war and bloodshed, especially Ukraine, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Mexico, Haiti, and Middle East countries.

In this world of broken hopes and dreams, we catch sight of your kingdom come, in the person of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns in us forever. *Amen*.

Silence may be kept.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

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Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

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The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (To be said by all)

Walk in love, as Christ has instructed us, and let us with one accord bring our offerings and our needs before the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM (LEVAS # 43)

~ "Because He Lives"

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND DOXOLOGY HYMN

 $(All\ Stand) \sim (HYMNAL \# 380\ v\ 3)$

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Celebrant and People

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Celebrant: We pray, brethren, that your sacrifice and mine may

be acceptable by the Lord Almighty.

People: May the Lord receive our sacrifice both for our

benefit and that of his holy Church.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST~ Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p. 367

In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People - The Sanctus ~ (LEVAS # 252) BCP p. 362

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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."

Celebrant ~ "Father, We Adore Thee"

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."

People ~ "Jesus, We Adore You; Spirit, We Adore You"

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory; And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [Cyprian and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

THE LORD'S PRAYER ~ (LEVAS # 263)

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Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

"Christ Our Passover" ~ (LEVAS # 268)

"O Lamb of God" ~ (LEVAS #269)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

(All baptized Christians are invited to receive the bread and wine. To receive, please come to the altar rail; kneel or stand with hands outstretched to receive the bread. Then decide whether to receive the wine by dipping the bread or drinking from the large common cup.)

COMMUNION HYMN (*LEVAS # 154*)

~ "Taste and See" ~ "You Are the Bread"

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

Celebrate and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN (HYMNAL # 182)

~ "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

CHORAL BENEDICTION ~ "Let the Church Say Amen"

THE DISMISSAL

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Celebrate: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE



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APRIL 20, 2025

Eucharistic Minister – Olive Ezell

11 a.m.

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Saint Cyprian's Church is named after Cyprian, the first Bishop of Carthage, North Africa (248-258). He spoke for reconciliation of the Church with those who had denied their faith. Cyprian was beheaded for refusing to worship pagan gods and deny Christianity. Thus, he became a martyr of Christ's Church universal.