

The Second Sunday of Easter 7 April 2024 10:15 a.m.

Voluntary Soliloquy and Matins

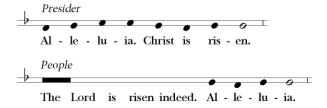
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Hymn 193

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The Easter Acclamation

adapt. Mason Martens



The Collect for Purity

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.**

The Gloria William Mathias





The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading Acts 4:32-35

Reader A reading from Acts.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

Psalm 133

The psalm is sung by the congregation.



- 1. Oh, how good and <u>pleasant it is,</u>
 - when brethren live together in unity!
- It is like fine oil upon the <u>head</u> that runs down upon the <u>beard</u>,
- 3. Upon the beard of <u>Aaron</u>, and runs down upon the collar of his <u>robe</u>.
- 4. It is like the dew of <u>Hermon</u> that falls upon the hills of <u>Zion</u>.
- t5. For there the Lord has ordained the <u>blessing</u>: life for ever<u>more</u>.

The Second Reading 1 John 1:1-2:2

Reader A reading from 1st John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

Hymn 209 St. Botolph

The Gospel John 20:19-31

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

A brief silence follows.

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 and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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

The presider introduces the prayers

In the power of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For the whole bright earth, so lovingly created and so compassionately redeemed, that it may speak again of the glory and majesty of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all nations and peoples of the earth, to whom God shows no partiality, that all may be transformed by mercy to live together in hope; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the holy Church brought to life by the Holy Spirit, that in its diversity it may witness to one Lord, one faith, and one baptism; for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer our Diocesan Bishop, for the Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria, for St. John's, Lafayette, for our companion diocese of Brasilia and their bishop, Mauricio; for the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon; for Atena Farhangian who was baptized last week; and for Mitchell Finley who was confirmed yesterday, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all in high places of authority, that they may be led to govern with equity and justice, bringing life to those in the shadow of death; for Joe, our President and Eric, our Governor, and for the leaders of every nation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have been baptized and given the garments of light, that they, with the whole church, may be witnesses to the Gospel in daily life, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all captives, prisoners, and those condemned to die, with whom the Holy One shares suffering and abandonment; that they may find strength, freedom, and forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who suffer in mind, body, or soul, for whom Christ is risen with healing in his glorious wings; for all those commended to our prayers including those we name together; Janet Huber, Don Nead, Alice Anderson, John Howland, Kathie Basden, Sue Eichhorn, Paul Lawson, Carolyn Speer, Pam Ogorzaly, Bill McInerney, Carol Helgerman, Barbara Hess, Paul Roberts, Rosemarie Goonewardene, Ginny Hull, John & Elizabeth Barrett, Alyce Dressler, Pequita Behrndt, Rachel, Judy, Peter, David, and their families, and for those we name now either silently or aloud.... that they may be comforted, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died, including those buried in the Memorial Garden and those we name now either silently or aloud... and for all who grieve, that in Christ who triumphs over death they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all gathered in this assembly, that we may see the tomb empty and walk joyfully in newness of life; for St. John's clergy, staff, vestry, and wardens; for all members of this parish including those we name together Jennifer Chandler and her children Hannah, Matthew, and Thomas, Cresta & Colleen Coulter-Cates and their children Solomon, Liam, Lyle, and Keegan, Ellie Culbertson, Nancy Dandrow; and for those who find community here, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The presider continues

Rejoicing in the risen presence of our Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and ourselves to Christ, to whom we give laud and praise now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another in the name of Christ.

Announcements & Blessings for Personal Life

Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or other milestones are invited to come forward.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

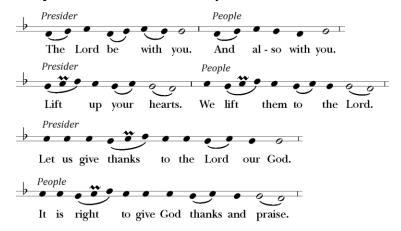
Come to this table you who have much faith and you who would have more; Come to this table you have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; Come to this table you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come to this table for it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

You are invited to contribute to the ministry of St. John's by using the QR code or by going to www.stjohns-laf.org.

Offertory O Sacred Feast

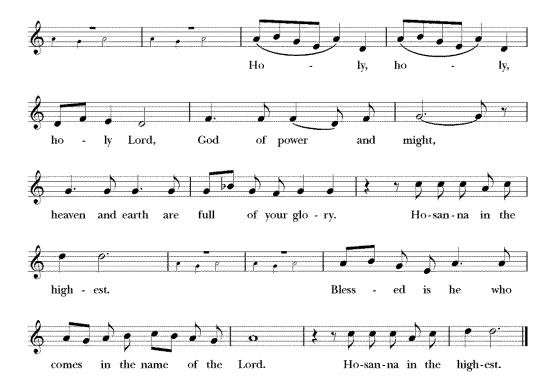
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The Holy Eucharist Eucharistic Prayer A



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty 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:



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 and 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.

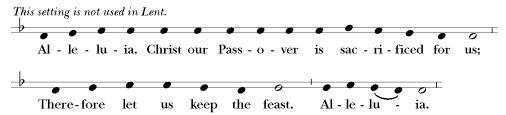


The Lord's Prayer

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 Invitation & Communion of the People

The consecrated Bread and Wine are living signs of the presence of Christ in this gathering. All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion; however, no one who comes forward will be refused. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask when you come forward.

Music during Communion

Hymn 178 Hymn 206 Alleluia No.1 O filii et filiae

Please stand or kneel as you are able for

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 182 Truro

The Dismissal

A member of the clergy dismisses the people. The people respond

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Voluntary Toccata on O filii et filiae

Lynwood Farnam

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.



Those Serving

Presider Bradley Pace
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Acolyte Kyle Tribbett

LectorsMarylin Howland Ross, Shawn HofferLEMDorinda Kueberth, Greg McClureUshersBruce Johnson, Carol L'HommeCountersRachel Shook, Mike Benner

Altar Guild Jennifer Chandler, Jo Roberts, Kathy Johnson, Sharon Evander,

Carl Taylor, Stephanie Amador Tribbett, Elizabeth White



Welcome

May today's worship give you a sense of Christ's peace and inspire you to God's service.

We welcome the full participation of children in our worship. Activity bags are located at the rear of the church and may help them during the liturgy. Please return the bags after the service. We also offer nursery care during the service. If you feel it is more comfortable for your child to be in childcare, an usher can direct you to the nursery.

St. John's has a Hearing Loop system, which allows those wearing appropriate hearing aids to receive the church's sound system directly. If you wear a hearing aid, you may need your audiologist to activate the T-coil in your device.

New To St. John's?

We're glad you're here.

If you are visiting with us, we invite you to worship, explore, ask questions, and help yourself to all our parish has to offer. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to an usher, a member of the clergy, or by filling out a guest card. Please visit stiphns-laf.org/guest or use the QR code.



Parish Prayer List

St. John's Cycle of Prayer— Jennifer Chandler and her children Hannah, Matthew, and Thomas, Cresta & Colleen Coulter-Cates and their children Solomon, Liam, Lyle, and Keegan, Ellie Culbertson, Nancy Dandrow Parish Prayer List— Janet Huber, Don Nead, Alice Anderson, John Howland, Kathie Basden, Sue Eichhorn, Paul Lawson, Carolyn Speer, Pam Ogorzaly, Bill McInerney, Carol Helgerman, Barbara Hess, Paul Roberts, Rosemarie Goonewardene, Ginny Hull, John & Elizabeth Barrett, Alyce Dressler, Pequita Behrndt, and their families. For the people of Israel, Palestine, and Afghanistan; for peace in all places of conflict; for the victims of violence; and for repair, understanding, and healing across our nation and in our community.

For those who have died—For all who have died and those buried in the St. John's Memorial Garden **The leaders of our Communion**—Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; & Jennifer our Bishop

St. John's Leadership, Staff, Clergy, & Seminarian—The Vestry, Wardens, and Volunteer staff; Amanda, Eva, Michael, & Teresa; Jason, Bradley, & Carolin

Our Ministry Partners—The Diocese of Brasilia and their bishop Mauricio and the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon; The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria; and St. John's, Lafayette

This nation and all in authority—Joe, our President; Eric, our Governor; and Tony and Erin, our mayors

Parish Announcements

Happy Easter & Thank You!!!

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter celebrations at St. John's beautiful, holy, and meaningful. Whether it was singing in the choir, reading at a service, helping with the receptions or any of the myriad of other ways you might have helped, thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Prayers for the Sick

Today is the first Sunday of the second quarter of the year and the prayers for the sick have been "reset". Those who request prayers are reminded of their responsibility to share with us "how it goes" for the persons for whom you ask us to pray. Pass word to the clergy or email the office, please.

"How to Be Perfect": Making Moral Decisions Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. from April 23 – May 7

Making moral decisions is hard. But we can have fun together while discerning how to make those decisions. Join Fr. Bradley for discussions about moral philosophy and Christian ethics using Michael Schur's book How to be Perfect and the TV show "The Good Place." We will meet on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. from April 23 – May 7. Dinner will be served. Please contact Bradley at bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org for more information, if you need childcare, and/or if you have any dietary restrictions.

Newcomer's Event

Friday, April 26 from 6-8 p.m.

Are you new to St. John's? New-er? New-ish? The Vestry would like to invite you to join us Friday, April 26th for a casual evening of food and fellowship from 6-8 p.m. at St. John's. Children's activities/childcare and food will be provided. For more information, please contact Julie Peretin at julie.peretin@gmail.com.

Eastertide Hymn Festival

Sunday, April 28, 5 p.m. at St. John's

On Sunday, April 28 at 5 p.m. the St. John's choir will lead an Eastertide hymn festival centered on creation. They will be joined by Marilyn Keiser, director of music emeritus at Trinity Episcopal in Bloomington, who was also professor of music (organ and church music) at Indiana University for 25 years. This kind of thematic hymn festival, featuring choral leadership with instrumental music and robust congregational singing, is cherished in many faith traditions. As a community of Christians, we will make a joyful noise and praise God together in song. For more information, contact Michael Bennett at michael@stjohns-laf.org.

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