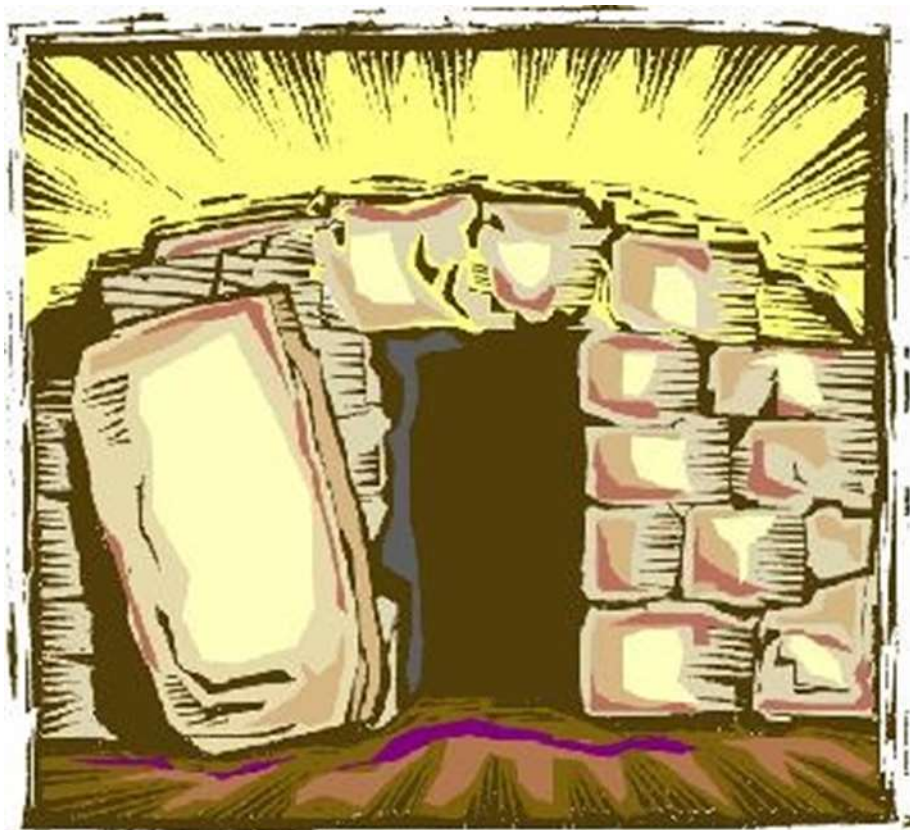


*Celebrating Christ's Presence  
In a Changing World*

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church*



**E A S T E R**

**HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

*April 4, 2021  
8 am & 10:30 am*

*(The words to the hymns are printed at the end of the bulletin.)*

**Prelude: "EASTER HYMN"**

*Kevin Hildebrand (1973-)*

**Welcome by the Rev. Sarah Hurlbert, Rector**

**Opening Hymn**                    **The Hymnal 1982 #207**  
*Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!*

**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant*    Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*Celebrant:*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Gloria**                                **The Hymnal 1982 # S280**  
*Glory to God – Canticle 20*

**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 God the Father, Amen.**

*Glory to God in the highest; Composer: Robert Powell, (1932)*

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you

*People* **And also with you**

*Celebrant* 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.**

## A Reading from the Prophet 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-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged 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 forever.

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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People  
*People* **Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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."

14 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.
- 18 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.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

### **A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians 15:1-11**

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

*Reader*  
*People*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People  
**Thanks be to God**

**Sequence Hymn**

**The Hymnal 1982 #204**  
*Now the Green Blade Riseth*

**The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark 16:1-8**

*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.

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of Christ.

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

**The Sermon                      The Reverend Sarah Hurlbert**

**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:**

**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 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

*Intercessor:* Let us pray that the results of Christ's resurrection may be seen throughout the world.

*Intercessor* Loving God, we praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who has taken away the sin of the world. Forgive us and all people.

*People* **Risen Savior: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Your Son said, 'Peace be with you'. Bring your peace to the world and to our own country. We pray especially for our President, our Governor, and our Mayor.

*People* **Risen Savior: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Your Son appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping. Comfort those who are sad, lonely, sick or grieving, especially (\_\_\_\_\_) ...

*People* **Risen Savior: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Your Son met the women and asked them to tell the disciples about his resurrection. Guide Christians everywhere to witness to the resurrection in their lives.

*People* **Risen Savior: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Your Son proclaimed himself to the two disciples from the Scriptures and made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread. Bless your Church as we share Jesus in the Eucharist. We pray especially for Bishop Bonnie, Rev. Sarah, Rev. Melissa, Rev. Jadon, and our Vestry.

*People* **Risen Savior: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Your Son strengthened the faith of Thomas by telling him to touch his hands and side. Reassure those who are troubled by doubts and strengthen their faith in your goodness.

*People* **Risen Savior: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Your Son conquered death by his death and won the victory by his resurrection. Be with those who are dying and lead them to life with you forever.

*People* **Risen Savior: Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Heavenly Father grant that all who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth may finally praise you forever, with all the angels and saints in heaven. We ask this through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Announcements:

**Birthdays:** Bob Kobs, Jon Gould, Janet Wesch, Xavier Radabaugh, Christy Randall, Diana Sinclair, Cassie Meyer, Ron Rowley. **Anniversaries?**

Please check this week's email for news and announcements for our youth and Christian Ed.

Call or email Pastor Sarah with news of anyone who is sick in our congregation and reach out for help when you need it. Diana Sinclair is gathering our prayer requests each week so make sure you email or call her with your requests.

Altar flowers are needed for Sunday, May 30th. Please call Cheryl Gumper at 517-789-7982 or contact the church office.

Thanks to all who are helping make this worship happen and thank you all for being here!

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## Meditation:

(8 am)

**Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now**  
*Julie Baglien, Organist*

*J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

(10:30 am)

**“Hail Thee, Festival Day”**  
*Shelby Caudill, trumpet*  
*(Ralph Vaughan Williams(1872-1958)/arr. Dallas Blair)*

## The Holy Communion

The image shows four lines of musical notation for the Holy Communion text. Each line consists of a staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with stems. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line is for the Celebrant and the second for the People. The third line is for the Celebrant and the fourth for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.", "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.", "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.", and "It is right to give him thanks and praise."

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He 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 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith: *(all say)*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant,*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

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

(A period of Silence is kept)

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: (Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

**Celebrant** 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.

**Communion Hymn:**       **The Hymnal 1982 #335**  
                                  *I Am the Bread of Life*  
                                  \*\*Vocalist will sing verses and congregation the refrain\*\*

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

**Celebrant and People:**

**We pray with those worshipping with us online and here with us:**

Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

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.

**The Blessing:**

Life is short...

**Closing Hymn:**

**The Hymnal 1982 #208**

*The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** "VICTORY"

*Michael Helman (1956-)*

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of our parents William & Alice Suminski & grandparents Earl & Jean Simpson by John & Deanna Leicht; And IN LOVING MEMORY of my father James Kirkpatrick by Sandra Kilian.

FLOWERS THAT ADORN THE PROCESSIONAL CROSS are given to the GLORY OF GOD and IN THANKSGIVING for the Gift of Eternal Life given in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ by Jim Freer.

THE AUMBRY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK TO THE GLORY OF GOD & IN LOVING MEMORY of Gene Wandel by The Women of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, ECW.



*Worship Ministers: The Reverend Sarah Hurlbert; The Rev. Dcn. Melissa Congleton; The Rev. Jadon Hartsuff  
Julie Baglien, Organist; Christy Randall & Wayne Frey, Vocalists; Special Music, Shelby Caudill, trumpet  
Tom Holsinger-Friesen, 1<sup>st</sup> Reader; Samuel Holsinger-Friesen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader; Sue Hammett, Intercessor  
Samuel Holsinger-Friesen & Leah Holsinger-Friesen, acolytes; Harry Strait, Barb Duke, Christie Swanson & Dana Burkey, Ushers  
Special thanks again go to our tech team for their faithfulness & expertise!*

## The hymns for today are from *The Hymnal 1982*

### Opening Hymn: #207

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!*

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
2. 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!
3. 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!
4. 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

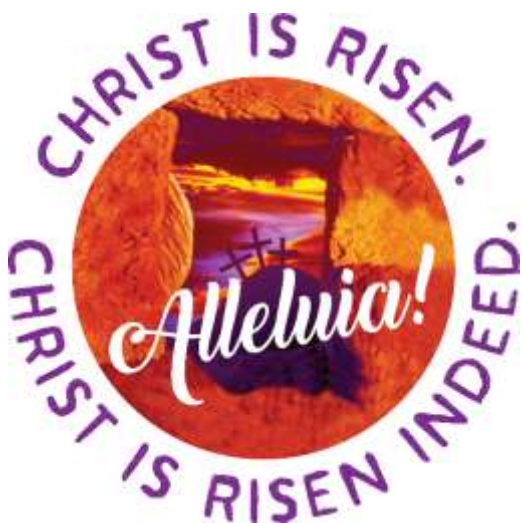
Words: *Charles Wesley, 1707-1788*  
Music: EASTER HYMN

### Sequence Hymn: #204

*Now the Green Blade Riseth*

- 1 Now the green blade riseth, from the buried  
grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth  
green.
- 2 In the grave they laid Him, Love who had  
been slain,  
Thinking that He never would awake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth  
green.
- 3 Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;  
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth  
green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in  
pain,  
thy touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have  
been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth  
green.

Words: *John Macleod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958*  
Music: NOËL NOUVELET



**Communion Hymn #335**  
*I Am the Bread of Life*  
**(Congregation will join in the refrain)**

And I will raise them up,  
And I will raise them up,  
And I will raise them up on the last day.

Words & Music: *Suzanne Toolan, b. 1927*



**Closing Hymn: #208**  
*The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

- Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
1. The strife is o'er, the battle done,  
the victory of life is won;  
the song of triumph has begun.  
Alleluia!
  2. The powers of death have done their worst,  
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:  
let shout of holy joy outburst.  
Alleluia!
  3. The three sad days are quickly sped,  
he rises glorious from the dead:  
all glory to our risen Head!  
Alleluia!
  4. He closed the yawning gates of hell,  
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;  
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!  
Alleluia!
  5. Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live and sing to thee.  
Alleluia!
- Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Words: *Francis Pott, 1832-1909*; Music: *VICTORY*

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