



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ESSEX, NY

St. John's Episcopal Church
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Easter Service

The Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell

The Resurrection of Jesus the Christ

In-Person & Zoom Worship

March 31, 2024 □ 10:00 A.M.

Loose Plate Offering

Operating Fund

Zoom Link for Sunday Worship:

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/worshipmeet>

Preludes – *Please use this time in silence and to pray*

Un poco andante, Mvmt. 1 from Sonata No. 3 in D Major

Jean Marie LeClair (1697-1764)

Prelude from Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major, BWV 1007

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional (*please stand*)

“Hail Thee Festival Day”

Hymn 175

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

The Collect of 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

S278

The Collect for Easter Sunday

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 our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, 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.*

Almighty God...

Old Testament Lesson: 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.

Psalm: 118: 1-2, 14-24

Confitemini Domino

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.

Epistle: 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."

Gradual Hymn "Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord" **Hymn 178**
save the last verse until after Gospel

The Gospel: John 20: 1-18

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

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.

Presider:

The Holy gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel Reading:

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily (*Please be seated*). The Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell

The Nicene Creed (Please stand). BCP 358-359

The Prayers of the People:

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your
Gospel to the nations... in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the
Church of
the Province of the West Indies,

we pray also for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jeremiah our Bishop and
Diane our priest,
Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus bread of life, give food to the hungry...we pray for those who are
hungry throughout the
world, especially in Gaza, the Sudan and Syria. We pray for the poor and
hungry in our own country.
Nourish us all with your word and sacraments. Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way...strengthen our ties within our Diocese and our local community. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life. Jesus Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, Strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. We pray especially for **Geoffrey, Lois, Art, Joyce, Abra, Mike, Beverly, Noa, Lillian, Chris, Rae, Olivia, Cheryl, Larry, Steven, Tom, Karen, Sally, John, Chris, Lynne, Eve, Anne, Ella, Louis, Lee, Betsy, Gene, Carolyn Dick and Nancy** are there others? Lord of life

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you... Raise us with them to eternal life. Jesus, Lord of life

In your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.

Dear Lord, grant us your wisdom and guidance as we embark upon our search process. Help us to humbly discern and accomplish your will for St. John's. We know this will be a challenging journey for all of us, but we pray that it will strengthen our faith, and our respect and love for each other. Help us to share more deeply our faith in you as we learn to listen to each other with open hearts and minds and to hear your voice in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Peace

Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays this week: Linda Rockefeller and Amy Graham-Jenkins

Watch over our sisters and brothers, 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 all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements (*please be seated*)

Offertory “He is risen, he is risen”

Hymn 180

Doxology

Hymn 380, v. 3

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Presider:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider:

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus S128

The Presider continues:

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed St John, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People:

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

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

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. Amen.**

Presider: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem "O Lamb of God" S158

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

Congregation comes forward at this time to receive communion.

Communion

For those worshipping on Zoom, the following prayer is suggested to deepen your spiritual communion:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, O Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I pray you to let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

Music for Communion:

Sarabande, Mvmt. 3 from Sonata No. 3 in D Major LeClair

“De Colores” Traditional Mexican Folk Song

The Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us Pray

Creator of all, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ to 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

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life, and the blessing.....

Closing Hymn “Christ is alive let Christians sing”

Hymn 182

Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into the world in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:

Tambourin, Mvmt. 4 from Sonata No. 3 in D Major Jean Marie LeClair

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Please join us for coffee in Persell Hall.*

Ministers of the Service

Usher Greeters: Joel Pero & Megan Harris-Pero

Altar Guild: Anne Zilch

Altar Flowers: Bobbi Perez & Carole Harsh

Lector: Lee Maxey

Intercessor: Leigh Firestone

Crucifer: Linda Rockefeller

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Bill Finucane

Acolytes: Lauren & Louisa Pero

Zoom host: Heather Maxey

Coffee Hour Hosts: Bob & Carole Harsh

Cantor: Michael Bergman

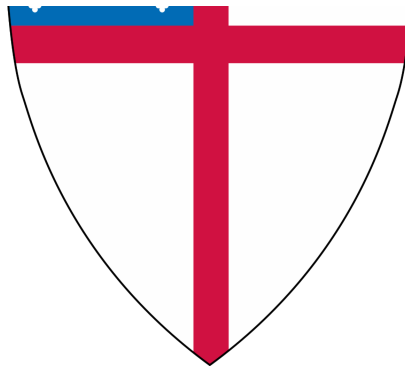
Violin: Marilyn Reynolds

Cello: Muriel Kerr

Organist & Music Director: Jennifer Moore

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