ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CELEBRATION SERVICE WITH THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II The Second Sunday of Easter April 7, 2024 10:45 A.M.

We welcome you if you are joining us as a guest or member, and invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, following the service, please introduce yourself to our clergy.

Please remember to sign our Guest Book located at the front doors following worship.

For ease of use, this service leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy.

A book to write your prayer requests in is located on the Prayer Desk in the Narthex.

Please pick up an instrument from the Narthex as you enter the Church

Welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We appreciate you joining us in the worship of the risen Lord during these fifty days of Easter.

The Paschal feast is the grand baptismal celebration of our sharing in Christ's death and resurrection. Easter is our living out of our baptism in mission, living as the joyful body of Christ in the world. Resurrection is not a past event. Easter is now, present tense. Christ is risen. Since Jesus is alive, he is present to the human heart. Easter's challenge is to look at renewal in our midst to look at ourselves, the baptized, all of us marked by the redeeming cross of Christ.

This joy calls us beyond our fears and confusion into the light of day. There is a growing awareness that we are called out of comfort zones to claim and proclaim the power of the resurrection. We are offered a vision of the power of God's abundant, steadfast, and irrepressible love. We see a God who is truly the beginning and the end, calling us to live in love and unity with each other in a world made radically new by the resurrection of Jesus. Death is defeated, we can live lives of new possibilities, fashion a world of peace and hope, and cherish each other as the gift we are.

During these seven weeks of celebrating the reality of the Risen One in our midst, we do so by experiencing in unbridled joy the mystery and wonder of the Word proclaimed and the Sacraments shared.

You will notice the attention given to what we do in our corporate worship during this time of the Church year. It is a time when we "pull out the stops" and "put on our best." The proclamation of the word is done in the power of the Spirit. Our music has an uplifting tone that seeks to send the soul soaring. And, the church is infused with the fragrance of flowers, vivid colors, and regal splendor.

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide. If you have <u>any</u> questions please do not hesitate to ask anyone around you for help.

I hope to meet you before or after worship but just in case I do not, please fill out the attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate so we can connect with you.

Again, welcome to you and your family.

Blessings,

Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +
Rector

+ THE GATHERING RITE +

Voluntary: "Variations on a Theme by Handel"

Johannes Brahms

Welcome & Announcements

See bulletin

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.

Sacred Silence

At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray or engage in another silent activity.

At the tolling of the bell, please stand, face the entrance and play your instruments until the gong sounds.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.**

During the singing of the Gathering Song, the congregation is sprinkled with flowers as a sign and symbol of forgiveness, renewal and resurrection.

Gathering Song: "He Is Risen"

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eyes shall stream.

Eas - ter beam

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Presider 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD +

Please be seated.

Children's Moment

After the Children's Moment, the children in the third grade and under are invited to follow the "Lenten cross" and attend Children's Chapel. They will return during the Peace.

Children's Sending Prayer

O loving God, we release our children to a time of Children's Chapel as they explore their faith through sharing of Bible stories. Be with them in the sacred time of wonder and prayer. May they sense both your constant presence and your love. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

The Lesson: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Lector A Reading from John's First Letter

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.

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

Donald Fishel (1950) Tune: Alleluia No. 1



Please remain standing.

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

Presider 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.

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

During the singing of the Gospel Acclamation, we will follow the ancient Jewish tradition. The Word will be processed throughout the congregation. Everyone is invited to honor the Word with either a kiss, touch, or a bow.

Gospel Response: "Zimbabwe Alleluia"

D. Maraire, arr. P. Matsikenyiri



Please be seated.

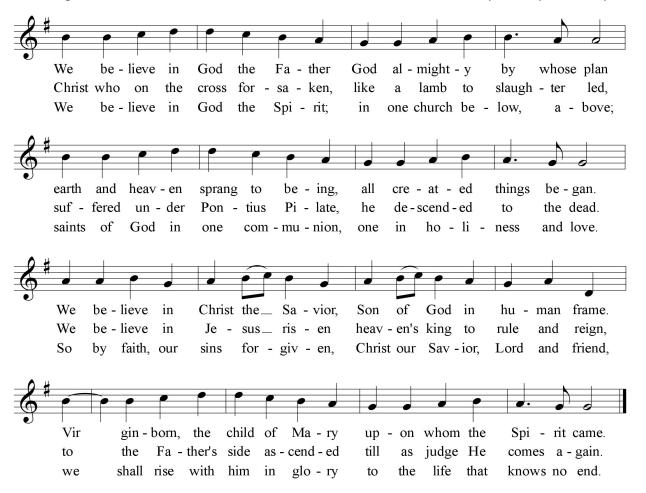
Sermon

The Reverend Dr. James Detrich

Please stand.

Creed: "The Apostles' Creed"

Timothy Dudley-Smith/Hymn to Joy



Prayers of the People: Form VI

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name

may be united in your truth, live together in your love,

and reveal your glory in the world.



Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations,

in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Response

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,

that we may use its resources rightly

in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Response

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours,

and grant that we may serve Christ in them,

and love one another as he loves us.

Response

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;

give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Response

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died,

that your will for them may be fulfilled;

and we pray that we may share with all your saints

in your eternal kingdom.

Presider Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask what accords with

your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant for

the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

+ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +

Please be seated.

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. – Ephesians 5:2

During the "Offering in Song," please sign the Canterbury Connection Cards in the service bulletin and kindly drop it in the wicker basket with your offering.

To submit your offerings electronically, text the amount you would like to give to 405-645-6608 or go to "bit.ly/GiveSAC" in your browser and follow the instructions.

Thank You.

Offering in Song: "Mighty to Save"

Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.

Presentation Song: "I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table"

Trad. American -African American folk song



I'm gonna feast on milk and honey
I'm gonna feast on milk and honey one o' these days
I'm gonna feast on milk and honey
Gonna feast on milk and honey one o' these days

All God's children gonna sit together

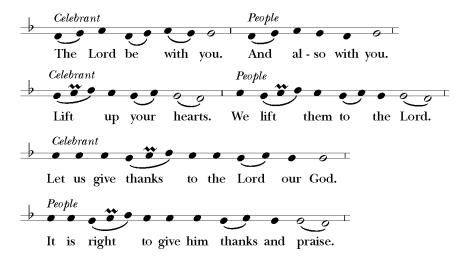
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Please remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

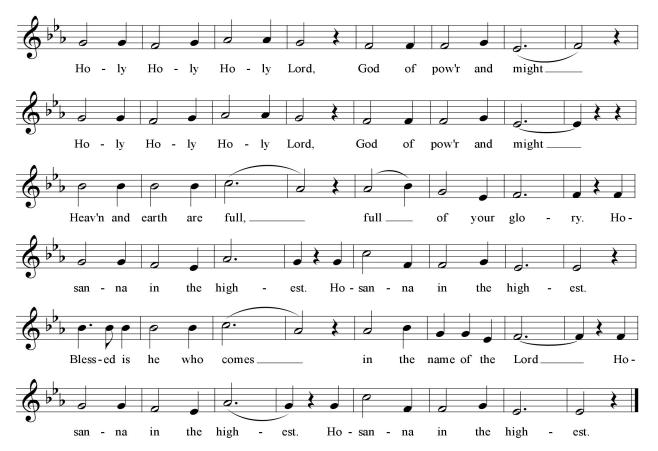


It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" Schubert



Please stand or kneel.

Eucharistic Prayer A

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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.

Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.

No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal.

Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Communion Distribution

All Baptized are invited to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.

For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your seat.

If you wish to receive the bread dipped in wine, please receive a napkin from an usher.

The bread will be dipped in the wine for you by one of the clergy, then placed on the napkin.

After consuming the bread, please place the napkin in one of the wicker receptacles.

If you wish to drink from the cup, please proceed to one of the two chalice bearers to the far ends.

Continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.

Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it.

Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you.

If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Meditation: "I Believe"

Lenny Leblanc

"Be Lifted High"



+ THE SENDING RITE +

Words: John Bennet Tune: Scott Chard

Post-Communion Hymn: Look There! The Christ, Our Brother"

Joy to the heart!

Look there! the Christ, Bro - ther, our comes Good Je sus Christ, side his in pain, Good Je -Christ, Bro - ther, died sus our Look there! the Christ. Bro - ther, comes our O re - splen - dent from the gal - lows tree. and what He looked down Gol - go - tha's 1et the ston - y slope and dark - est on of - fer hurt up the tree to re - splen - dent gal - lows and what He from the tree, his hurt hands is life for brings in on life you and me. blood flow from his flesh to fill the springs of liv - ing hope. the worlds of light side the Trin - i us that live in ty. his hurt hands life life brings in is on for you and me.



and in this good day's dawn - ing!

Joy to the heart!

Post-Communion Prayer Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Presider Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection

of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People Amen.

Presider 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.

People Amen.

Presider May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Re-

deemer, bring you eternal inheritance.

People Amen.

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and

remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

Dismissal

Presider Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary: "Up From the Grave He Arose"

Robert Lowry

You are cordially invited to the Commons Area for refreshments following the service, so that we may get to know you.

We invite those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, or have other special needs, to gather in the side chapel after the service where prayers and blessings will be given.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

DOK Let us pray.

People O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on those who begin another

year. Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all

the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Today, April 7, 2023, at 10:45 AM - The Second Sunday of Easter

Preacher and Presider: The Reverend Dr. James Detrich

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Cal Jones, Boyd Maser & Cheryl Mims-Wilson

Lector and Intercessor: Jon Wallingford **Acolytes:** Momo Krausse & Olivia Krausse

Staff Musicians: Scott Chard, Guy Nembhard & Sarah Hunsucker

Organist: Patrick Hays
Trumpet: Randy Polk

Oblation Bearers: Reiko Osumi & Traci Eliot

Greeters: Sherry Dale & Lynne Suchy

Ushers: Sarah & Jay Kyte

Altar Guild: Judy Montgomery, & Jason Seabolt

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+ THIS IS OUR STORY +

The eight days following Easter Sunday are known as the Octave of Easter, and each day has its own collect assigned in the *Book of Common Prayer*. The fifty days of the Easter season (as separated from the Feast or Festival of Easter) occur from Easter Sunday to the Sunday of Pentecost. The fortieth day of the Easter season is celebrated as Ascension Day, and because of its fixed timing, it always occurs on a Thursday. It is thought to be one of the major feasts of the church year. The ascension symbolized the fact that Christ's human nature was taken into Heaven from where He now exercises all power in Heaven and on earth. Ascension Day has been celebrated from as early as the 4th century. The liturgical color of the Easter season is white, the color of joy. Some churches suggest that the color gold (or white highlighted by gold) be used on Easter Sunday. The Sundays following Easter are no longer named Sundays "after" Easter, but instead the *Book of Common Prayer* labels them as Sundays "of" Easter. The implication is that they should be viewed as one continued exaltation of the triumph of Jesus over sin and death. Alleluias (forbidden during Lent), candles, and lights are paramount to this season of new life, fulfillment, rejoicing, and joy.

If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: gghaas@aol.com. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.

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Sunday – Holy Eucharist – 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M. **Wednesday** – Holy Eucharist – 12 Noon

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OFFICE HOURS

To offer our staff a Sabbath, the St. Augustine business offices are closed on Mondays, with staff available remotely for urgent matters. Ministry Leaders are welcome to access the building independently with their key, as needed.

Father Joseph Alsay, Rector Tuesday -Thursday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Father James Detrich, Part-Time Assisting Priest Coleen Christian, Admin Assistant Tuesday -Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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