

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**CELEBRATION SERVICE
WITH
THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
The Second Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023
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 any 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: "Air II"

G.F. Handel

Welcome & Announcements

See insert

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: "Lord I Lift Your Name"

Rick Founds

Lord I lift your name on high!
I'm so glad You're in my life!

Lord I love to sing your praises!
I'm so glad You came to save us!

You came from heav - en to earth to show the way from the earth
to the cross my debt to pay from the cross to the grave
from the grave to the sky Lord I lift your name on high!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **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 Peter 1:3-9

Lector A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Words: *Edwin Hatch*
Music: *Nova Vita, Lister Peace*

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

The image shows a musical score for a four-part setting of the Gospel Acclamation. It features a treble and bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are arranged in four numbered lines, with the first line being the most prominent. The music consists of chords and single notes, with some lines having a fermata over the final note.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt. Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969).

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

A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia!

Please be seated.

Sermon

The Reverend Canon Tony Moon

Please stand.

Creed: “The Apostles’ Creed”

Timothy Dudley-Smith/Hymn to Joy

We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther God al - might - y by whose plan
 Christ who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,
 We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit, in one church be - low, a - bove;

earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be - gan.
 suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he de - scend - ed to the dead.
 saints of God in one com - mu - nion, one in ho - li - ness and love.

We be - lieve in Christ the Sa - vior, Son of God in hu - man frame.
 We be - lieve in Je - sus ris - en heav - en's king to rule and reign,
 So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sav - ior, Lord and friend,

Vir gin - born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spi - rit came.
 to the Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed till as judge He comes a - gain.
 we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

Prayers of the People

Presider Let us pray for the people of the earth upon whom the light of Christ shines with grace and mercy.

Intercessor Let us pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons who minister in Christ's name.

Presider *Intercession offered*
Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Let us pray for the church throughout the world.

Presider *Intercession offered*
Lord in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Let us pray for the leaders of the nations and all in authority.

Presider *Intercession offered*
Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Let us pray for all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, travelers and prisoners, the hungry and the oppressed.

For those with medical issues and other concerns: *Thomas Cowley, Dee, Kathy Close, James Henry, Maxine Grayson, Will Havins, Sandy Crockett, the protection of imprisoned J6 Citizens, Pam Overby, Chelsea Carter, Amy, Jim Emig, Lee Johnson, Edith Kenney, Evelyn Thrower, Bill Kerr, Scott Mills, Judy Reeder, Steve Bauer, Teresa & Arnie Stromberg.*

Presider *Intercession offered*
Lord in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Let us pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For those in the military: *Joshua Westmoreland, Megan Weimer, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfroe, Rev. Octavia Lindsey, McKenna McCullough, Noel Puryear, Simon Liszeski, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Stephen Liszeski, Ted Liszeski, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stienl, James Roberts, John Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Chase Biel Weishaupt, Perry Harding, Nate Phillips, Ashley Adkins, Matt Lake, Derek Wolf, our troops at home and abroad and their families.*

Birthdays this week: *Amy Hinojosa, Mike McGill, Virginia Nembhard, Hugh Long, Paul Lehman, Ashley Potter, Marina Jones.*

Anniversaries this week: *Lauri & James Reeg*

Presider *Intercession offered*
Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Let us remember all who have died, especially *Ted Daniel, Mindy Campbell, Andres “Kanas” Mendez, Arnold Cochran, Gloria “Connie” Myers, Marilyn Burel.*

Presider *Intercession offered*
Lord in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider We ask these prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable.
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: “Praise God, From Whom all Blessings Flow!”

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow! Praise Him, all crea-tures here be -
low; O praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise! Praise the Fath-er, praise the
Son! and praise the Spir - it: Three in One! O praise Him, O
praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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 libranos 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: "You are my All in All"

Dennis Jernigan



+ THE SENDING RITE +

Post-Communion Hymn: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord"

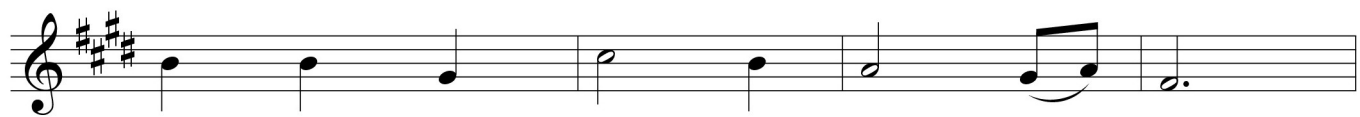
Donald Fishel



A - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord.



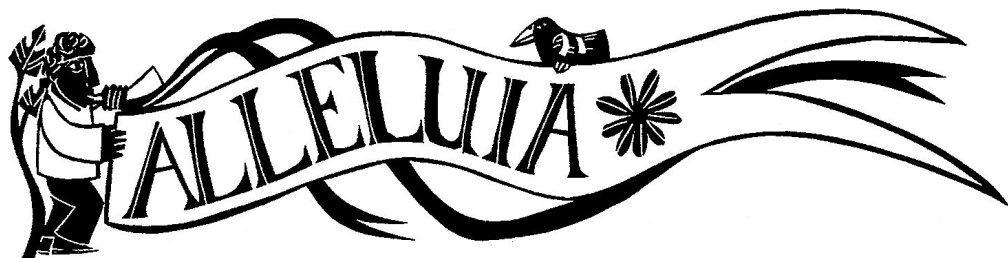
A - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.



Je - sus is Lord of all the earth
Spread the good news o'er all the earth
We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ
Come let us praise the liv - ing God



He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for - ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.



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 Redeemer, 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: "Fanfare"

C.S. Lang

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 16, 2023, at 10:45 AM - The Second Sunday of Easter

Preacher and Presider: The Reverend Canon Tony Moon

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Andrews, Boyd Maser, and Jay Welch

Lector and Intercessor: Dennis Shockley

Acolyte: Amethyst Beck

Staff Musicians: Scott Chard, Guy Nembhard & Karena Van Horn

Organist: John Potter

Oblation Bearers: Reiko Osumi and Jan Pope

Greeters: Jeanne Lowrey and Janet Mills

Altar Guild: Patsy Hollingsworth and Janet Wells

+ THIS IS OUR STORY +

The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the greatest and oldest of the feasts of the Christian church. Its importance is emphasized liturgically by the preparations of Lent and Passiontide. The special ceremonies of Holy Week unveil each year, like the finest of storytelling, the narrative of Christ's gift to His people. In the early church, catechumens undertook a year's training and study before special ceremonies on the night immediately preceding Easter Sunday. At the crack of dawn (or at cock's crow) they were baptized and received their first communion (during their year of preparation, the catechumens were hustled out after the people's prayers and could not partake of communion); baptisms did not occur at other times of the year. The Orthodox church has stressed the importance of the eve of Easter, but not so in the West. The celebration of Easter has been acceptable in western churches on Saturday afternoon (10th century) or even Saturday morning (14th century). In 1951, it became permissible to offer the first Mass of Easter on Saturday night. In 1955, such celebration became obligatory, and the ritual of the Great Vigil of Easter was established.

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, or drop the question in the offering basin. 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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Valerie Lewis, Scott Myers, & Jason Seabolt

Clerk: Renee Lewis

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 A.M. - 5:00 P.M

Sarah-Emily Steinhardt, Admin Assistant

Tuesday -Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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