



CHURCH *of the* HOLY NATIVITY

CLARENDON HILLS



Christ shows himself to Thomas. Mosaic. Washington National Cathedral.

HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 12, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE

At the ringing of the bell, **STAND** as able as the ministers enter during the hymn.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

“The strife is o’er, the battle done”

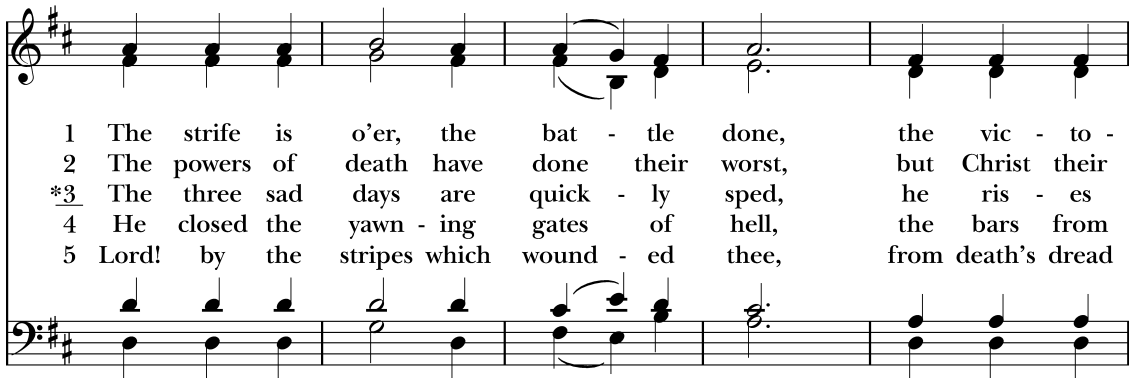
The Hymnal 1982 #208

Antiphon (sung before and after the hymn)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.



1 The strife is o’er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death’s dread



1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
4 heaven’s high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Common Worship

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People **He has given us new life and hope.**

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Celebrant God has claimed us as his own.

People **He has brought us out of darkness.**

He has made us light to the world.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by all.

The Hymnal 1982 #S278



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther —



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

Please be SEATED.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 15:1-11

Lector A reading from Exodus.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

“I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him; my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.

Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his elite officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power— your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries; you sent out your fury; it consumed them like stubble. At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, ‘I will pursue; I will overtake; I will divide the spoil; my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’ You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Adapted from *Blessed Assurance*
by William Bradley Roberts



- 1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole | **heart**,
- in the assembly of the upright, in the congre | **gation**,
- 2 Great are the deeds of the | **LORD!**
they are studied by all who de | **light in them**
- 3 His work is full of majesty and | **splendor**,
- and his righteousness endures for | **ever**.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be re | **membered**;
- the LORD is gracious and full of com | **passion**.
- 5 He gives food to those who | **fear him**;
- he is ever mindful of his | **covenant**.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his | **works**
in giving them the lands of the | **nations**.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and | **justice**;
- all his commandments are | **sure**.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and | **ever**,
- because they are done in truth and | **equity**.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
- he commanded his covenant for | **ever**;
- holy and awesome is his | **Name**.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of | **wisdom**;
- those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
- his praise endures for | **ever**.

THE SECOND 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.**

All **STAND** as able.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

"A Repeating Alleluia"

Calvin Hampton

The musical score is written in 2/2 time on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a repeat sign. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with various rests and slurs. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. The final measure is marked 'final time' and ends with a double bar line.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Deacon 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Bradley A. Linboom

Rector

*All **STAND** as able.*

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 worshipped 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Christ has burst through the tomb of death, victorious over its power, revealing the triumph of light over every darkness. In thanksgiving, we offer our prayers, responding, “Hear us, O risen Christ.”

Intercessor In thanksgiving for the resurrection of Jesus, who empties our spiritual tombs and reveals the way to abundant life; let us pray.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor For the leaders of the nations, that they may guide the world to a greater fulfillment of its quest for freedom, justice, and peace; let us pray.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor For the innocent in troubled places and wherever strife stifles harmony, that the actions of the global community may free all who are suffering or imprisoned unjustly; let us pray.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor For the Church, for the bishops throughout the Anglican Communion, and especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Paula, Bishop of our diocese; and for each of us, that we may embrace the mystery of the Pascha, and give witness to the living Christ in our midst; let us pray.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor In thanksgiving for the faithfully departed, those who have left us an inheritance of God's blessings, and those we now name...

The people are invited to voice additional petitions.

For those who now join in the chorus of angels and the saints in paradise; let us pray.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor In thanksgiving for all who have gathered here today to share in this Holy Eucharist, that we may each be changed by the message of new life, and the Food of eternal hope, growing richly and fully into the forgiving compassion of Jesus; let us pray.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor Christ, Morning Star, shine in us and through us as we continue our prayer. For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For: Elizabeth & Matthew; R and J; Kris; Maria Luz & Eusebio; Ken; Shain; Betsy; Judy; Diane; Gloria; John & Pam; Zeke; Gloria; Jim; Marian; Rhyn; Evan; Payton; Kathy; Terry; Sharon; Brenda; David; Gordon; Jim; Elsie; Elizabeth; Luis; David; Gilbert; Temple; Fola & Yinka; Marsha; Eduardo, Milagros, Clemente, & "Tia" Maria; Frank; Charlotte; Rachel; Donna; Marianne & Peter; Charlotte; Nancy; Margie & Jeff; Jane; John & Joyce and those we now name...

The people are invited to voice additional petitions.

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for the victory over death of your Son Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers we offer this holy day, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live for ever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord, be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are SEATED.

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ's coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

People **Dying, you destroyed our death.**
 Rising, you restored our life.
 Christ Jesus, come in glory!

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 all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sung by all.

Celebrant And as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of 12 measures. The lyrics are: "Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end.

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
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and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

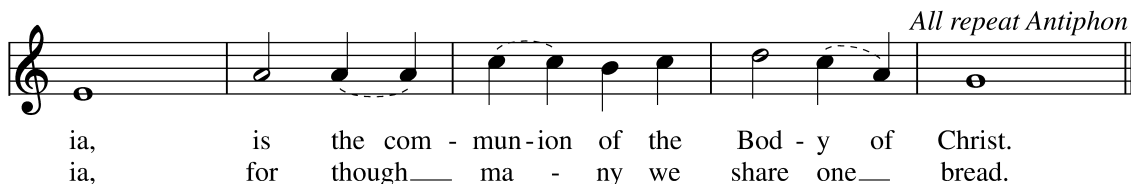
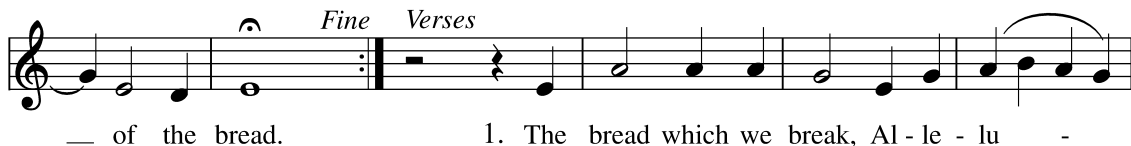
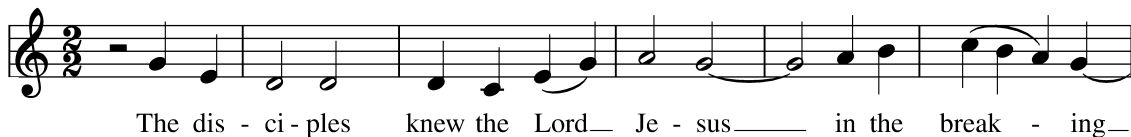
THE FRACTION

We observe a moment of holy silence as the Celebrant breaks the bread.

THE ANTHEM

Sung by all.

Wonder, Love, & Praise #876



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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

About Receiving Communion

All who seek God and are drawn by Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Follow the instructions of the clergy and/or ushers.

If for any reason, you do not wish to receive Communion, you are still invited to come forward.

Please cross your arms over your chest for a prayer of blessing to be said over you.

Please inform the minister if you need a gluten-free wafer.

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.
All **Loving God,**
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

THE BLESSING

BOS 11

The Priest may bless the people, the people responding **Amen.**

HYMN IN PROCESSION [FACING PAGE]

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, the people responding

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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A note on lectionary changes:

For the season of Easter, and then for several weeks this fall (Year A), we will be following a trial use lectionary created by the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT) – the same ecumenical group that created the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). After consultation with Jewish scholars and in conversation with biblical experts, church historians, and liturgical leaders, CCT has made some adjustments – namely, continuing to include Old Testament readings in Easter season and replacing epistle readings later in the year with passages from the Acts of the Apostles (so we continue to hear that part of the church’s story as well). Since the psalms are chosen to pair with the first reading, these have changed for the Easter season as well.

Here is CCT’s explanation: “For Christians not to read from texts shared with Jews during any season of the year is inherently problematic. God has exercised mercy and has worked deliverance and salvation throughout the biblical story apart from the specific events and dynamics of the passion. Indeed, the early followers of Jesus and the gospel writers, in particular, learned how to interpret Jesus’ life and death as redemptive precisely by looking at what God has been habituated to do with Israel. Those stories were the paradigms of salvation that the gospel writers used to tell their story of Jesus. Therefore, the Consultation recommends alternative readings from the Hebrew Scriptures during Eastertide...” More information can be found at <https://www.commontexts.org/2025-update/>

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