



The Liturgy of the Word

Easter Day

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HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

The people's responses are in bold.

This type of note, offering directions about the service, is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word *rubrica* (red)—referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

Prelude in E-flat

Bach

We begin our worship as a gathered community by praising God in song.

OPENING HYMN • #207

Jesus Christ is risen today

Sung by all.

Easter Hymn

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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 COLLECT FOR EASTER DAY

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 10, verses 34 through 43.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and the other Gentiles]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity’s relationship with God and one another.

Reader Our response to the first reading is a portion of Psalm 118, verses 1 through 2 and 14 through 24. Please pray it with me.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

²Let Israel now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

¹⁵There 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!”

¹⁷I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open 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.”

²¹I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

²²The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

THE SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1, 4-8

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

A Reading from the book of Philippians.

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Descant

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

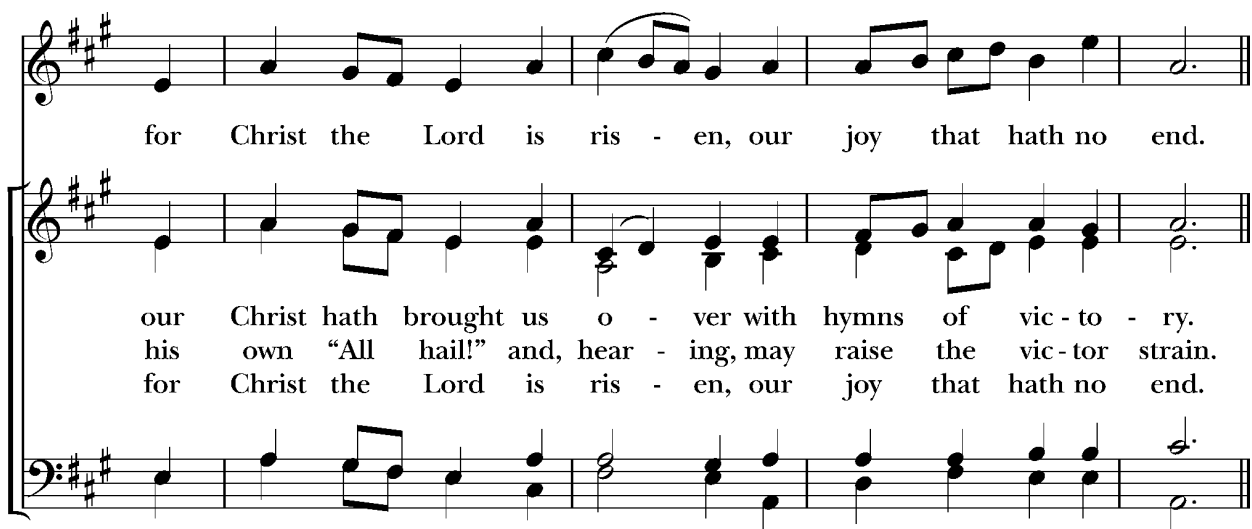
1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,



THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 20, verses 1 through 18.

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

¹Early 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. ²So 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." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and 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. ¹³They 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." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus 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 laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus 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.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

THE NICENE CREED

The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: the Holy Trinity.

**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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.

Presider In today’s Prayers of the People, your response of “Hear our prayer” is invited after each offering of “Lord, in your mercy.”

O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. In this challenging and uncertain time rooted in the global pandemic and public health crisis, we come before you offering our prayers in Easter hope on behalf of all those in need, the Church and the world.

For the Church, that it may not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel of Christ and serving as a beacon to a suffering world. We pray for Michael Curry, the Presiding Bishop, Marty Stebbins, our Bishop, and all who minister in your name.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For all experiencing ramifications of the coronavirus around the world. For the leaders of the nations that they may work together for the common good as the outbreak spreads. May barriers that divide be brought down, that bonds of trust may be strengthened to benefit the entire human family.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Grant public health and government officials in our nation the strength and will to act swiftly and decisively, with wisdom and compassion in service to all. We pray especially for Donald, our President, the Congress, Steve and all Governors, elected officials in local communities, John, our mayor, and our County Commissioners.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they have access to medical care and regain their strength and health; grant them your healing grace in every circumstance. Give strength to all who are caring for loved ones.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For healthcare workers, who with minds and hearts of service, stand on the front lines of providing care. Grant them courage and protection as they put the needs of public safety before their own.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Bless scientists and researchers around the world as they combat the virus, that their work may yield knowledge to develop a vaccine, treatments, and improved measures to reduce its spread.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For the safety and well-being of all who must travel and those who remain quarantined.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Surround with your strength and wisdom all educators, teachers, parents, and caregivers working to respond to the needs of children and students in new ways. Fill our social service agencies, nonprofits, volunteers, and neighbors with courage and discernment in their work with public officials to collectively meet basic needs.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Remove the presence of fear and anxiety from our hearts, that confident in your providence we may be generous in hope and in sharing our resources.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Grant that our churches and communities of faith may reflect your love, as we minister to the most vulnerable among us; fill us with your Holy Spirit as we work to be your healing hands and feet to all in need. We pray especially for our parishioners and our ministries throughout the community.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For those who have already lost loved ones to the virus, and those who may yet suffer such loss, that they may know the consolation of your love.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. We pray especially today for all those in whose memory the Easter flowers are given.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the hurting, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find renewed strength in knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.** (Prayer from Gloucester Cathedral)

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All are invited to make a gift to support Holy Spirit's ministry of sharing God's love with our community and the world by texting HOLYSPIRITGIVE to 77977 or by visiting <http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/>.

ANTHEM

Now the Green Blade Riseth

French Carol

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN MAY BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.

CLOSING HYMN • #180

He is risen, he is risen

Sung by all.

Unser Herrscher

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened
joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,
let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er
we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

DISMISSAL

Now let us go forth into the world with resurrection hope and the love of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



Prayer for People Facing Great Uncertainty

God of the present moment,
 God who in Jesus stills the storm
 and soothes the frantic heart;
 bring hope and courage to all
 who wait or work in uncertainty.
 Bring hope that you will make them the equal
 of whatever lies ahead.
 Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided,
 for your will is health and wholeness;
 you are God, and we need you.

Taken from A New Zealand Prayer Book—He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa' (adapted)

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Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, our celebration of Easter will take place in a fuller way with flowers when we can all be together again. We are very grateful to all those who contributed to the Easter flowers this year. We wish to acknowledge those who will make these future Easter flowers possible:

THE EASTER FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Dick and her daughter Heidi, by Anita Rognas; in loving memory of SSG Gregory A. Anderson, USAF, by Jim and Diane Olmstead; in loving memory of Mom and Dad, Craig and Jeffy, by Jodi Sousa. You're always in my heart. In loving memory of their beloved mothers Helen Brewer and Keo Burcham, by Bob and Lani Brewer; in loving memory of John and Rosalie Talbot, by John and Sue Talbot; in loving memory of their son and brother Joshua Nicholas, by the Jourdonnais family; in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Robert G. Tromly, by Bob and Mary Tromly; in loving memory of Walt and Donna Swannack and Mark Swannack, by Charlie and Kathy Swannack; in celebration of Benjamin's 9th birthday and in thanksgiving for the congregation's love and support, by Steve Zeiler; in loving memory of my father Walter M. Parock, by Judy Parock; in loving memory of my husband Tom J. Adams, by Kathy Adams; in loving memory of Charlotte Saul, by the Strohmaier family; with gratitude and prayers for the volunteers and staff of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, by Whitney Rimel and John and Karen Rimel; in thanksgiving and in celebration of the members of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, by the Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger; in loving memory of my dad Frank Brown and my grandson Corbin James Kenison, by Jennifer Allen; in thanksgiving for our families and in loving memory of John Maloney and Paul Maloney, by Bruce and Molly Bowler; in loving memory of my parents Lidiya and Ivan Kruk, my brother Viktor Kruk, and my grandparents and great grandparents, by Alla Stevens; in loving memory of Jean Wilcox, by her family; and in loving memory of Valerie Yule Walther and Polly Matte Marran, by Jamie Yule and Jacqueline Hofmann.

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You can also make your Easter offering online as well. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic we were not able to mail out the Easter letter with the Easter offering envelope included. Knowing that for many of you, making an extra gift at Easter is an important part of your Holy Week tradition, offerings may now be made online at <http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/>, on our app, as well as a text giving option: text **HOLYSPIRITGIVE** to **77977**. Simply choose "Easter" as the fund you wish to give to.

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HELPING EACH OTHER

Here are a couple of ways you can help in the Missoula Community:

MISSOULA COVID-19 MUTUAL AID COMMUNITY

A webpage dedicated to helping our neighbors, being prepared and getting informed. It provides resources for those individuals in our community who need help and ideas and resources and links to organizations to those folks who can help. Check it out at <http://covidmissoula.org/>.

CHECK IN ON EACH OTHER

What can we do our own Holy Spirit Community? As of this writing, Rev. Gretchen has organized a team of 22 volunteers to check in on our fellow parishioners. Can you think of people who might appreciate a check in? We're all in this together, and we can all do our part to stay connected and in touch.

CAN WE BE OF HELP?

Providing support to one another, especially in times of crisis, illness or grief, is at the heart of our lives together as a congregation. Rev. Gretchen has organized a team of 15 drivers who are willing to help while our more vulnerable folks self-isolate. They can do grocery runs, pick up medications, etc. Please let us know if we can be of help. Contact Rev. Gretchen at 542-2167 or gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org.

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