

# ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Easter Sunday**

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# The Gathering of the Community

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

He is Risen

*please stand*

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 - dian't 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.

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Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
 People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

GLORIA



Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



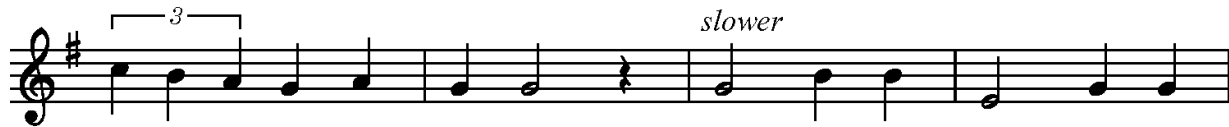
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry, 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

**Tempo I**



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. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

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## The Liturgy of the Word

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider      The Lord be with you.  
 People        **And also with you.**  
 Presider      Let us pray.

Living Lord, whose love displaced the gravity of stone; you entrusted women, who loved beyond death, with news of resurrection: we praise you for the open gospel which ends where Easter faith begins; accept our fear, our disbelief and take us into this new world led by the risen Son; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH (25:6-9)

*please be seated*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.  
 And he will destroy on this mountain  
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
 the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
 he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

- 1 Give thanks to God who is good; \*  
God's mercy endures for ever.**
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim \*  
"God's mercy endures for ever."**
- 14 God is my strength and my song \*  
and has become my salvation.**
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:**
- 16 "The right hand of the Most High has triumphed; \*  
the right hand of the Most High is exalted;  
the right hand of the Most High has triumphed!"**
- 17 I shall not die, but live \*  
and declare the works of God.**
- 18 God has punished me sorely, \*  
but did not hand me over to death.**
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to God.**

- 20** “This is the gate of the Holy One; \*  
those who are righteous may enter.”
- 21** I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- 22** The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23** This is God’s doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24** On this day the Holy One has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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EVERYTHING THAT WAS BROKEN— *Mary Oliver*

Everything that was broken has  
forgotten its brokenness. I live  
now in a sky-house, through every  
window the sun. Also your presence.  
Our touching, our stories. Earthy  
and holy both. How can this be, but  
it is. Every day has something in  
it whose name is Forever.



1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em -  
 2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. Re -  
 3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. The  
 4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows As



braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold, And our de -  
 born, we share with him an East - er life As liv - ing  
 Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God. Bap - tized, we  
 Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood. The u - ni -



spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 live with God the Three in One. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 verse re - stored and whole will sing: Al - le - lu - ia!

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## GOSPEL READING

## Mark 16:1-8

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
 People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they



were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Christy Laborda Harris

*please be seated*

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations.

Jesus, Lord of life, **in your love, hear us.**

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life, **in your love, hear us.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.

Jesus, Lord of life, **in your love, hear us.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.

Jesus, Lord of life, **in your love, hear us.**

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

Jesus, Lord of life, **in your love, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*You are invited to pass the peace  
distanced and respectfully.*

## The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Mother Hen  
*Lois C. Willand*

*please be seated*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Sacred Creation

*please stand*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 6/8 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Offertory Anthem, and the second is for the Offertory Response. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Sac-red the land, sac - red the wa - ter, sac - red the sky, ho - ly and true.

Sac - red all life, sac - red each o - ther; all re - flect God who is good.

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ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP 2

Presider The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**  
Presider Lift up your hearts.  
People **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing,

*All*  
Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,  
*Soloist*  
might. hea - ven and earth are full of your  
glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in \_\_\_\_\_ the high - est.

*All*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho - ly, \_\_\_\_\_

Lord, God of po - wer and might.

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Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured

out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Stephen and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider Wherever you are on your journey of faith,

People **You are welcome at this table.**

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. You are invited to come forward when the ushers indicate. Please extend your hands together to receive the bread. Our bread is gluten free. To receive the chalice, please help guide it to your lips. We are no longer intincting (dipping the bread). If you do not wish to receive the chalice, cross your arms and the chalice bearer will still say the words but not expect you to sip. If you prefer not to receive either bread or wine and would like a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest.*

FIRST COMMUNION HYMN

In the Garden

*please be seated*

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the  
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so  
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the

1. dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing  
 2. sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He  
 3. night a - round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go through the

1. on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.  
 2. gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.  
 3. voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He

tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we

tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.

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SECOND COMMUNION HYMN

Alleluia, alleluia

*Descant*

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

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

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

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4

*Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.

4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,



*Repeat Refrain*

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

*The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.*

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### THIRD COMMUNION HYMN

### Mourning into Dancing

Refrain:

**You've turned my mourning into dancing again,**

**You've lifted my sorrows!**

**I can't stay silent, I must sing for Your joy has come!**

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### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*please stand*

**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**

### BLESSING

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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!

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## DISMISSAL

He is not here. He is risen. With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

