

The Second Sunday of Easter, Year C



April 27, 2025, 10:30 a.m. **Be Here, Be You, Be Loved**

The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral!

The People's responses are in **bold** print.

We have large print bulletins and hearing devices available. If you need them, ask an usher.

Welcome! Beinvenido! Karibu!

Scattered in the world, we gather together as God's people in worship. We bring the fragments of our lives to be healed and made whole in Christ as we gather in community.

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 God's people. One of the glories of the Episcopal/Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted.

As we gather, we bring our diverse gifts: gifts of music, dance, prophecy, teaching, preaching, and friendship. We present these gifts in the form of our most precious offering to God, our very selves, that all that we do may be for God's glory in the unity of Christ's church.

About the Holy Eucharist

In the Episcopal Church the Holy Eucharist is the sacrament of Christ's body and blood, and the principal act of Christian worship. The term is from the Greek, "thanksgiving." Jesus instituted the Eucharist "on the night when he was betrayed." At the Last Supper he shared the Bread and cup of Wine at a sacred meal with his disciples. He identified the Bread with his body and the Wine with his blood of the new covenant. Jesus commanded his disciples to "do this" in remembrance of Jesus.

For Episcopalians, the Holy Eucharist becomes the very Real Presence of Christ, his Body and Blood, the ordinary made also extraordinary, sacred by Jesus' own words and by the Holy Spirit.

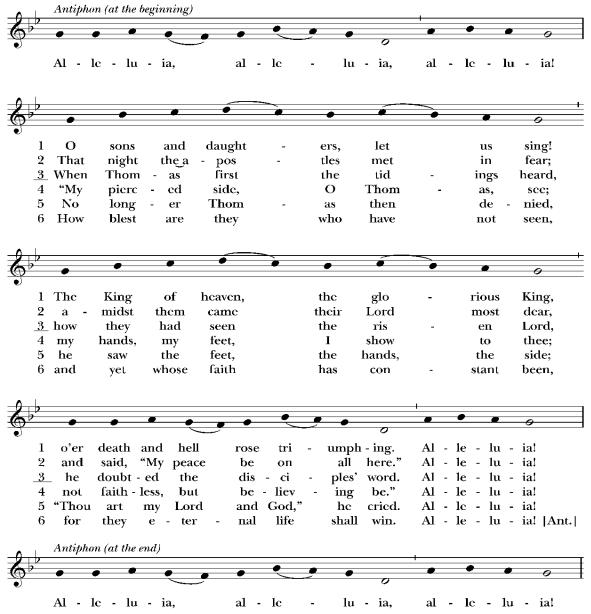
In the Episcopal Church, we seek to adapt ancient liturgy for today. If you grew up in a less formal church, worship may feel pretty traditional. If you grew up in a formal church, our worship may deconstruct that formality, and ask you to pray using more modern words, or sing new songs. We seek to balance tradition and culture in our worship. When we hold the tension well between the ancient and the modern, the Holy Eucharist comes alive. *(The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson)*

Land Acknowledgment for the Diocese of Missouri (updated 7/2022)

In humility, we recognize and acknowledge that we in the Diocese of Missouri worship and live on the traditional ancestral lands of the Osage Nation, the Illiniwek/Peoria Tribe, the O-Gah-Pah (Quapaw) Tribe, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, and other First Peoples. We recognize our mutual dependence upon and benefit from this land; we proclaim our solidarity with and our debt to the Peoples who first claimed and improved this land as their home. We acknowledge our complicity in the process of colonization that dispossessed the First Peoples from their ancestral lands. We affirm our commitment to stand with indigenous communities today and henceforth as they seek justice and resist continued threats to their sovereignty and humanity.

We are also cognizant that the history of The Episcopal Church is intertwined with the history of colonialism and slavery in the United States. More than four centuries ago, the first enslaved Africans were brought to the Americas, and two centuries ago enslaved and indigenous persons contributed to the exploration of this state by Lewis and Clark. Our state's history is entangled with both the Missouri Compromise making this state officially a slave state, and the cases of *Scott v. Emerson* that petitioned for Dred and Harriet Scott's emancipation. We acknowledge the tragic legacy of slavery in our diocese, and the blood, sweat, and tears of enslaved people that soak the earth beneath our feet in Missouri. This legacy persists today as we continue to work towards racial justice, equity, liberation, and community, here in Missouri and across The Episcopal Church.

PRELUDE



WELCOME!

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Presider Let us gather ourselves into Christ's presence with a moment of silence. Moment of silence to open our hearts.

EASTER GREETING

- Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider 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 Savior. **Amen.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE: S-280 (revised) Gloria



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God is with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, so that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God, the Source of all life. Amen. Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.; from Alternative Collects for Years A, B & C of the Revised Common Lectionary 2022, Anglican Church of Canada

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

THE FIRST READING Please be seated.

Acts 5:27-32

When the captain and the temple police had brought the apostles out of the temple, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

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THE PSALM OF THE DAY 150 *Prayed responsively.*

The Anglican Church of Canada Inclusive Psalter

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord in the holy temple; * praise God in the firmament of divine power.
- 2 Praise the Lord for mighty acts; * praise God for excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise the Lord with the blast of the ram's-horn; * praise God with lyre and harp.
- 4 Praise the Lord with timbrel and dance; * praise God with strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise the Lord with resounding cymbals; *
 - praise God with loud-clanging cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath *

praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. *Reader* Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.



THE GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, O Christ.

John 20:19-31

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 our Savior.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Moment for silent reflection

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED (*Expansive Liturgies, ECUSA*) *Please stand as you are able.*

All 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:

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

- 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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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 (Jon White and Lisa Graves, adapted)

- Deacon Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers. The people audibly or silently name those for whom they are interceding.
- *Leader* Joyful in the light of your love and your invitation to abundant life in Christ, we offer the prayers of our deepest longing and hopes, saying, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Refuge of the voiceless, give us hands that reach out to the poor, the imprisoned, the hungry, the homeless, the sinful, and the undesirable in the spirit of your love. Help our indifference. In your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

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The Rev. Deacon Justin Martin

Leader Ancient of Days, give us voices to proclaim the good news of your justice to all the persecuted and persecutors of the world. Help our lethargy. In your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Great Jehovah, give us leaders that work toward justice and life for all people and nations. Help our apathy. In your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Holy One, give us churches that welcome all your beloved and strive to walk your way of love. We pray for Sean, Presiding Bishop, Deon, our bishop; Kathie, our dean; and the staff and Chapter of our Cathedral. In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Poplar Bluff and Paul, their Priest. In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Radio Leo 1170 AM. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. Help our desire to change. In your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Healer of Souls, give us bodies, minds, and spirits that are hopeful and healthy. Help our sickness and our sin. We remember the people of Israel, Palestine and the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, Haiti, Sudan, Iran, Libya; all living in fear, the Weymann and Altemueller families, Joan, Gisele, <u>Wanda, Benjamin, Nancy, Mark, Lori, Dave, Samantha, Piper, Grant,</u> Richard, Lee, Michelle, Thomas, Deacon Barbi, Urlene, Nelson, John, Renie, Eddy, Kathy, Rev. Julie, Rev. Josie, Susan, Norm; all in prison and their families; and those affected by violence and oppression in all forms. In your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

- *Leader* Source of all being, give us the promise of eternal life in you. Help us to be your signs in the world, that we might impart peace to the dying and comfort to the grieving. including all killed in Sudan, the Middle East, Ukraine, His Holiness Pope Francis, Ulrich Weymann, Hans-Michael Altemueller, those 33 lives taken by gun violence in the city of St. Louis in 2025 represented in the light of the small candles on the high altar; and all who die at the hand of another, or by their own hand. Help our inadequacy. In your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.
- All Anointed One, you desire nothing but life in abundance for us. Give us the courage to claim that life, and the conviction to proclaim your goodness in all we do. We ask this through your Son, our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE Please stand as you are able.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people greet each other with a sign of peace.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice

Awake, arise, lift up your voice, let Easter music swell; rejoice in Christ, again rejoice, and on his praises dwell.

Oh, with what gladness and surprise the saints their Saviour greet; nor will they trust their ears and eyes but by his hands and feet: those hands of liberal love indeed in infinite degree, those feet still free to move and bleed for millions and for me.

His enemies had sealed the stone as Pilate gave them leave, lest dead and friendless and alone he should their skill deceive. O Dead arise! O Friendless stand by seraphim adored! O Solitude again command your host from heaven restored!

THE DOXOLOGY HYMN 207, verse 4

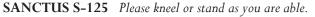
Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia! Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Thomas Haweis

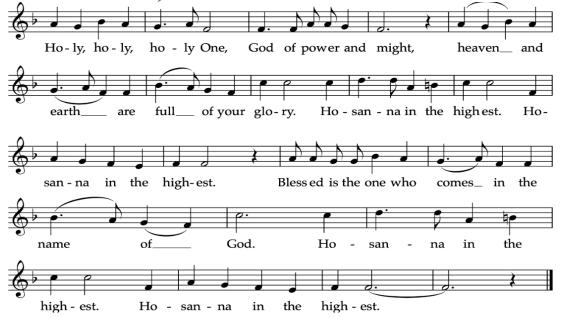
EASTER HYMN

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: The Great Thanksgiving Enriching Our Worship 3

- *Presider* God is 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 our thanks and praise.
- *Presider* All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so, as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:







Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Presider 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:

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

PresiderSend 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 inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

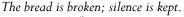
THE LORD'S PRAYER

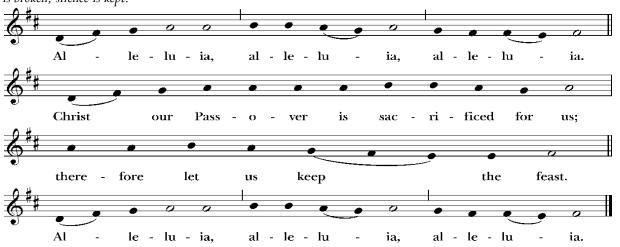
Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD S-154

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THE INVITATION

Presider These are God's holy gifts, for you, God's holy people.

The Presider may add:

So come to this table you who have much faith or you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

SHARING THE SACRED MEAL

This is Christ's table and all are welcome to be fed. Please follow the movement to the altar; communion will be distributed at the head of the center aisle. Remember to take your purse/personal belongings with you when leaving your seat for communion.

Those participating at home may, if they wish, say this prayer during the time of Communion:

Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.



SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITOR(S)

- *Deacon* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.
- *People* We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread, one cup.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (Book of Common Prayer) Please stand as you are able

- *Presider* God is with you.
- People And also with you.
- *Presider* 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.

EASTER BLESSING (Book of Occasional Services)

Presider The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Savior Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.





THE SENDING

Deacon Our worship is ended; our service in the world now begins. Go now in peace to love and serve the risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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