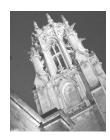


The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C Blessed Mothering Day

May 11, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Be Here, Be You, Be Loved



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 Season of Easter ("Eastertide"): The Feast of Christ's Resurrection

Easter Day is the annual feast of the resurrection, the pascha or Christian Passover, and the eighth day of cosmic creation. Faith in Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday or third day following his crucifixion is at the heart of Christian belief. Easter sets the experience of springtime next to the ancient stories of deliverance and the proclamation of the risen Christ.

The feast of Easter is a season of fifty days, from Easter Eve through the Day of Pentecost. From early times the Greek word Pentecost (fiftieth day) was used also for the whole Paschal season. During this season there is no fasting. The Council of Nicaea (325) directed that Christians are to pray standing. The word "alleluia" (praise the Lord) is said or sung repeatedly, which contrasts sharply with the season of Lent when the alleluia is omitted. The color of liturgical vestments and hangings is white or gold. The BCP notes that it is customary for the Paschal candle to burn at all services of the Easter season. The "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the dismissals and their responses during the Great Fifty Days. The traditional Christian Easter greeting (see Luke 24:34) serves as the opening acclamation at the eucharist during the Easter season.

Eastertide Worship

The seasonal notes, words, settings, and some of the music used here come from our bishop the Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson in his *An Order* for the Celebration of The Holy Eucharist for The Season of Easter Within the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri; we thank him for his words and music and the permission to use them in our services.

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 Mass for the Parishes Francois Couperin 1668-1733

OPENING SONG 492 FINNIAN



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.

ENTRANCE RITE

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Presider Dear friends in the risen Christ, we are made one with Jesus through the waters of baptism and the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit. God's spirit hovered over the waters of creation and called all life into being. May that same spirit rest upon us to remind us that we are baptized into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Anointed One.

Presider O God, the Creator of all things, by water and the Holy Spirit you have given the universe its beauty and fashioned us in your own image.

People Bless and purify your creation.

Presider O Christ the Messiah, from your pierced side you gave us your sacraments as fountains of salvation.

People Bless and purify your Church.

Presider O Holy Spirit, giver of life, from the baptismal font of the church you have formed us into a new creation in the waters of rebirth.

People Bless and purify your people.

Presider May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by grace, in Christ Jesus our Savior.

People Amen! Alleluia!

SONG OF PRAISE Glory to God PERUVIAN MELODY



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God is with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. Eternal God, from whose gentle hands none can snatch us away: give us faith to believe that we are known and loved with a passion strong enough to bring the whole world back to you; through Jesus Christ, who is one with you, the Source of life. **Amen.** Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009); 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 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY 23 (A Liturgical Psalter General Synod 2016 Edition, Anglican Church of Canada) Prayed responsively.

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 You make me lie down in green pastures * and lead me beside still waters.

3 You revive my soul *

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, *

I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE SECOND READING Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE Alleluia setting from *Seek Ye First*

SEEK YE FIRST



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*May be sung as a two-voice canon.

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THE GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

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

People Glory to you, O Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and

they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Carol Wesley, Ph.D.

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 (Form A)

Deacon People of God, I bid your prayers for those you are holding on your hearts.

The people audibly or silently name those for whom they are interceding.

Leader You who in dawns first light summoned creation anew through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead; summon us afresh to be sentinels of light, hope, and resurrection; that in a world gripped by death, despair, and desolation we may be beacons of life, joy and love. Christ, be our light.

People Shine in our hearts.

You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation; dispel the arrogance, animosity and anger that shatters the unity of your holy Church. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth, that we may be made one in faith, hope and love. We remember 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 the people and ministry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in St. Louis and Delaney, their Rector, Teresa, their Priest Associate and Jerre, their Deacon. In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Episcopal Funeral Services. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai. Christ, be our light.

People Shine in our hearts.

Leader You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise; set us free us from enslavement to division, disunity, and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision, that they may lead the peoples of the nations to greater unity and concord. Christ, be our light.

People Shine in our hearts.

Leader You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos, pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender and ethnicity may dissolve into one common humanity. Christ, be our light.

People Shine in our hearts.

You who shower comfort and hope on the lowest, the lost and the least, shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful and the suffering including the people of Israel, Palestine and the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, Haiti, Sudan, Iran, and Libya; the Saunders, Young, Johnson, Jones, Weymann and Altemueller families, Helen, William & Cindy, Patrick, Gisele, Richard, Lee, Thomas, Deacon Barbi, Eddy, Kathy, Rev. Julie, Rev. Josie; all in prison and their families; and those affected by violence and oppression in all forms. Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world. Christ, be our light.

People Shine in our hearts.

Leader You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity the souls of those who have died; welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare and strife. Shine the light of hope on our faithful dead, including all killed in Sudan, the Middle East, and Ukraine; His Holiness Pope Francis, Vine Mae Saunders, Ivory Johnson, Victor Young, Corine Jones, Ulrich Weymann, Hans-Michael Altemueller, those 38 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. Christ, be our light.

People Shine in our hearts.

Leader You who care for all as your children, empower with your Spirit all the mothers among us today: our own mothers, those living and those who have died; those mothers who have loved us and those who have fallen short of loving us fully, those who hope to be mothers someday, and those whose hopes to have children have been frustrated, and those mothers who have lost children. Christ be our light.

People Shine in our hearts.

Leader You who delight in the complexity of creation and the splendor of each creature, help us to delight in the diversity of the earth, our island home. Inspire your people to care for the world and its beings, and to repent and return when we abuse, misuse or neglect our fellow creatures. Christ, be our light.

People Shine in our hearts.

All May Christ, the Morning-Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth and the wellspring of hope. That following the way of Jesus and filled with the flame of the Holy Spirit, we may be a holy people whose lives and living inspire, incite and inflame your world with compassion and care. Through Jesus the Christ the light of the world. 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 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

T. Frederick Candlyn

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light, sun of righteousness, arise!

Triumph o'er the shades of night: dayspring from on high be near; day star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee; joyless is the day's return, till Thy mercy's beams I see; till thy inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day. Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY OLD ONE HUNDREDTH



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: The Great Thanksgiving B altered for Eastertide, adapted

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.

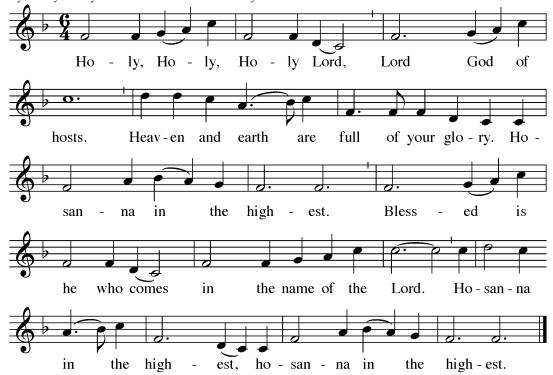
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Abiding God, you planted the vineyard of creation, and called your chosen people to be your vine, rooted and grounded in you. In Jesus, you gave us the true vine, turning the earth into grapes and the water of life into the wine of eternal life. Through your Son you abide in us, and in the power of your Holy Spirit you shape the branches of the vine to make fruit that will last. Your son was crucified on the vine of our sin, that the blood of his sacrifice might be the wine through which we may never be thirsty again. In this meal of creation, of resurrection, and of everlasting life, you pour out the cup of your abundance to give us eternal joy in you.

And so we gladly thank you, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

SANCTUS Holy, Holy, Holy Please kneel or stand as you are able.

LAND OF REST



Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Presider

Transforming God, your Son took the ordinary substance of human flesh and bone. On his last night with his friends, he took the ordinary materials of bread and wine. Come among us now, and make the ordinariness of our lives glow with the wonder of your eternal life. Take these gifts of bread and wine and make them be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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."

Great is the mystery of faith.

People Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Presider

Companionable God, you turn Word into flesh, and your perfect love casts out fear. You show us a way to love you by giving us siblings to love us as we love you. Abide with all whose lives are far from fruitful; remain with those who have experienced pruning; dwell with any who fell like branches that have been discarded. Unite your whole church, living and departed, as branches of your one vine, and through being rooted and grounded in you, make us fruitful in body, mind and spirit, until we stand before you, with your whole creation, and you are all in all.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

People Alleluia! AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

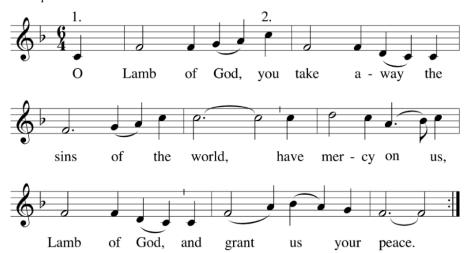
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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into 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

LAND OF REST

The bread is broken; silence is kept.



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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Tom Dinan

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine for ever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. In death's dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me. Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth; and oh, what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth! And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never: Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house for ever.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Dean Jesus said to his disciples, "Come away to a quiet place and rest for a while." Therefore, let us now rest in Christ's presence in the silence.

A period of silence is kept. At a signal from the Dean, the silence is broken.

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 Please stand as you are able

Presider God is with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Alleluia!

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.**

CLOSING SONG 664

RESIGNATION



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. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Dialogue sur les Grands jeux Francois Couperin

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