YOU ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS WHO WAS CRUCIFIED. HE ISN'T HERE...HE'S BEEN



MATTHEW 28 5b-6a

# Grace Episcopal Church

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## The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day ~ March 31, 2024, 10:00 AM ~

You may flower the cross during the pre-service music. Please return to your seat for the Processional Hymn.

Prelude		Thomas Mellan
Pre-service music	"Fanfare for Easter " Grace Parish Choir ~ Brass Ensemble	Jane M. Marshall
	"Seek Ye First" Sounds of Grace Handbell Quartet	Boude Moore
	"Easter Introit" Grace Parish Choir ~ Brass Ensemble	John Ferguson
Processional Hymn 20	07	Easter Hymn
-	"Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!"	

## The Word of God

#### **Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

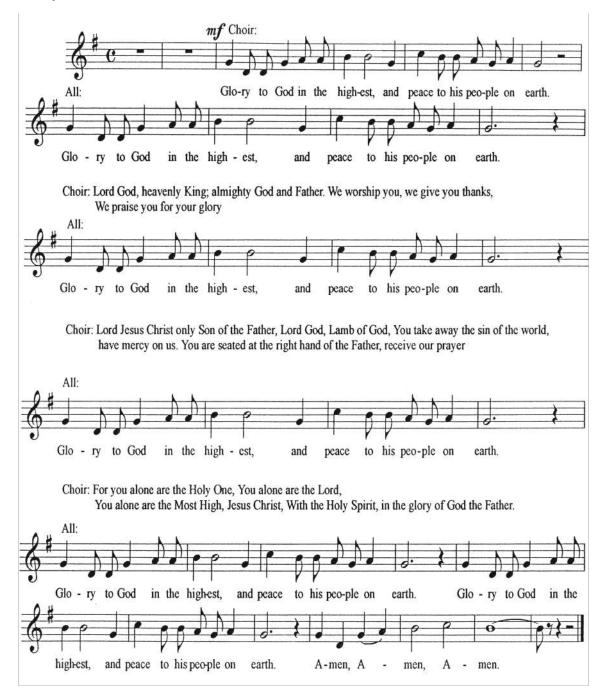
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### **Collect for Purity**

Celebrant: 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.** 

#### Glory to God

#### Jonathan Tuuk



#### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.Celebrant:Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

(Please be seated.)

The First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43	Lucie Pelleriti
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Lector: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

"You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ-he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how 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. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not 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.

He 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Anthem	"Norwegian Dance"	Edvard Grieg
	Sounds of Grace Handbell Quartet	arr. Jane Kristenson

The Second Lesson: Colossians	3:1-4	ŀ

Lector: A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 208 (Verse 3 - Choir only)	Victory
"The strife is o'er	,
The Gospel: John 20:1-18	The Rev. Susan Scranton

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Early 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. So 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.

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

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

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton

**The Nicene Creed** 

(Said by all. Please stand.)

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.

Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying:

### Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

God of life, in gratitude and great joy, we laud you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. On this day give us hope, for Christ is risen:

#### Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

On this feast day which brings joy to all Christian believers, may we commit ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, that Christ's body may be one, for Christ is risen:

#### Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.** 

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; for those on our Parish Prayer List; for all our brothers and sisters, that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen:

### Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

For all who suffer and all who mourn, that today the Lord God will wipe away all tears, for Christ is risen:

#### Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be God's sign of life in our world, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.** 

May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ, for our life is hid with Christ in God, for Christ is risen:

### Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

Celebrant: God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **AMEN.** 

## **Confession and Absolution**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

#### (Said by all.)

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.

Celebrant: 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.

~ Welcome, Announcements and Special Blessings ~

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Holy Communion**

Offertory Ar	nthem	"He is Risen!"	Craig Courtney
	G	race Parish Choir ~ Brass Ensemble	-
Presentatio	n Hymn 180 (vv.	1 & 4)	Unser Herrscher
		He is risen, he is risen!	
The Great T	hanksgiving (Pra	yer A)	
Celebrant:	The Lord be wit	h you.	
People:	And also with ye	ou.	
Celebrant:	Lift up your hea	rts.	

People:	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



<sup>(</sup>Please kneel as able.)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### Celebrant and People:

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

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

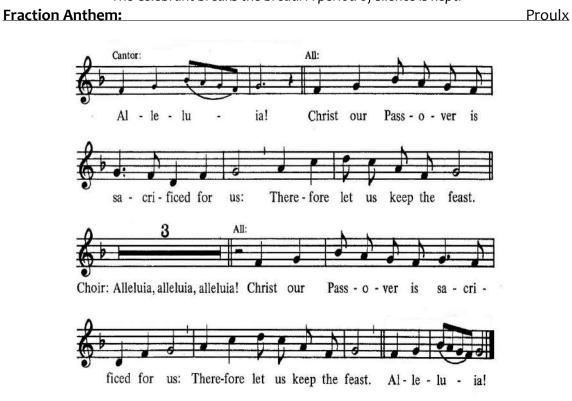
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.** 

#### The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread



#### Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. If you have difficulty coming forward, please notify an usher, and we will be happy to bring Communion to you where you are seated.)

Communion Anthem	"Alleluia for Easter"	Lani Smith
	Grace Parish Choir ~ Brass Ensemble	

The Celebrant breaks the bread. A period of silence is kept.

#### **Postcommunion Prayer**

(Said by all.) Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Easter Blessing:**

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of His Son, our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **AMEN.** 

Recessiona	Hymn 210 "The day of resurrection!"	Ellacombe
Dismissal		
Celebrant: <b>People:</b>	Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia. <b>Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.</b>	
Postlude		Thomas Mellan

## Serving in Today's Worship:

Celebrant
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Miles Bresee, Patricia Meyer
Lectors Lucie Pelleriti, Jon Sharp, Laurel McKenzie
Acolytes Claire Wainwright, Mitchell Patterson, Karen Williamson, Morgan Patterson
GEC Stream Team Ethan Seielsted, Karen Williamson, Mizuki Williamson
Choirmaster David Aldrete
Organist Thomas Mellan
<b>Grace Parish Choir</b> Janet Kawamoto, Laurel McKenzie, Harmony Nichols, Bobbi Patterson, Nancy Rice, Ruth Aldrete, Stacey Aldrete, Debbi England, Donna McAlmond, Frank Boyd, Kim Boyd, Patrick Geranger, Jack Nisbet, Karen Huss, Jacen Godinez, Justin Kawamoto, Patrick McAlmond, Steven Patterson, Jon Sharp
Trumpet Josh Lawrence, Daniel Verdugo
Trombone Josh Linares, Anthony Garcia
Handbell Director Marilyn Scranton
Sounds of Grace Handbell QuartetJared Anders, Crystal Hoffman, Jade Petteruto, Susan Scranton
UshersCarl Colley, Alex McKenzie, Rick Sandona, Rob Van Derbur
Altar Guild Janese Grady, Dawn Mellon, Patricia Meyer, Debbie Pullen, Cathy St. Onge
Flower Guild Denise Barcelo, Rosann Kindt, Amelie Palpant, Hannah Palpant, Liz Sandona, Marilyn Scranton, Susie Seielstad, Nancy Rice, Todd Rice, Rob Van Derbur
Hospitality Debbi England, Donna McAlmond, Pat McAlmond, Lucie Pelleriti, Linda Rice, Susie Seielstad, Susan Sherman
Vestry Person of the Week Linda Rice

