

St. George's Episcopal Church

Serving the Southern Maine Seacoast Region

☞ Welcomes You ☞



☩ *The Resurrection of our Lord* ☩

Easter Day March 23, 2008

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist, *Rite II*, with Music

9:00 a.m. Family Eucharist, with Music

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, *Rite II*, with Organ and Choir

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✠ THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO ✠

Easter Day 7:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

✠ THE WORD OF GOD ✠

Preludes: *Jesus Christ Our Savior Who Overcame Death—Johann Sebastian Bach*
Christ Lay in Death's Strong Bonds—Johann Sebastian Bach
Fugue in E Flat—Johann Sebastian Bach

11:00 a.m. **Introit:** *This Joyful Eastertide* *Parish Choir*
Please stand **Opening Hymn:** 207, *Jesus Christ is risen today* *Easter Hymn*

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

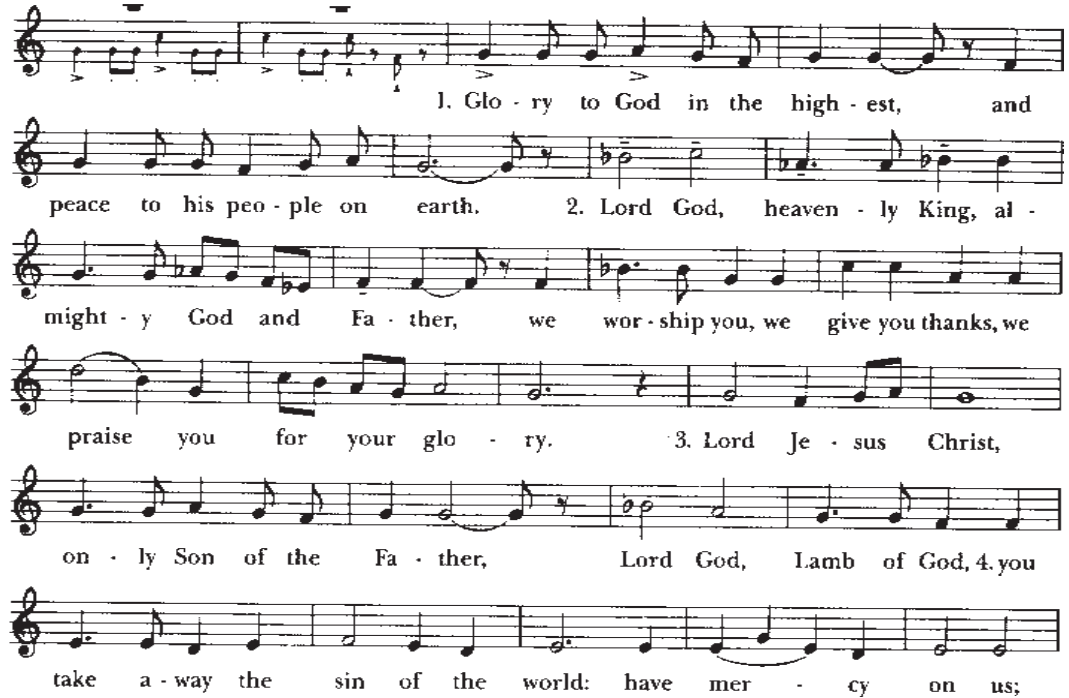
People: ***The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!***

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.***

7:45 - the Gloria is spoken **Gloria in Excelsis** —*setting by William Mathias*

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11:00 - The Gloria is sung



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. 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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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

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.**

Please remain seated

The Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24, *Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
”His mercy endures for ever.”
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he 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 LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open 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.”
- 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 the LORD’S doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4

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.

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People: ***Thanks be to God.***

**BUT WE SHALL ALL
BE CHANGED
IN A MOMENT
IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE
AT THE LAST
TRUMPET**


11:00 service only

There is no Alleluia Verse at the 7:45 service.

Please stand


Gospel Processional: WLP 848, Alleluia and verses, Eastertide

Congregation




Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Choir




Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.



Verse

Cantor



(Verse appointed for the day)

Congregation



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

Choir



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



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Gospeller:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People:

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller:

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Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

11:00 service only

Please be seated

Please stand

The Sequence Hymn: 179, “*Welcome, happy morning!*”

Fortunatus

The Sermon

The Rev. Paige M. Blair, Rector

The Nicene Creed

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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, Form III

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The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader: Loving God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: ***That we all may be one.***

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Collect:

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

There is no confession during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

The Peace

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Please stand *The Celebrant says to the people:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

✠ THE HOLY COMMUNION ✠

Special Easter Offering. The Vestry has designated this year's Special Easter Offering to be split between *Caring Unlimited* and *The Maine Sea Coast Mission*. *The Maine Sea Coast Mission* is an ecumenical, faith based social service agency operating in Downeast Maine. Utilizing their specially equipped boat, the MV Sunbeam, they provide both medical and spiritual services to the island communities in Penobscot Bay. In addition, they run a food bank, a thrift shop and a very successful after school and summer program for kids at risk in several communities in Washington County. It is the mission of *Caring Unlimited* to work with the community to end domestic violence in York County. This includes providing support and safe haven to women, their children and men whose lives are affected by domestic abuse. Services and programs include a 24-hour Hotline (324-1802 or 1-800-239-7298), legal advocacy, education and support groups, emergency shelter, transitional housing and services, Community Response Program and Young Adults Against Dating Abuse (YAADA). Please use the Easter offering envelopes found in the pews.

7:45 service **Offertory:** *My Heart Abounds with Pleasure—Johannes Brahms*

11:00 service **Offertory Anthem:** *Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah—Händel* *Mega Choir*

Please stand **Offertory Verse:** *The Doxology* *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ***It is right to give our 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

7:45 - Sanctus is spoken
11:00 - Sanctus is sung

Sanctus & Benedictus es—William Mathias

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Please stand or kneel, as the spirit leads you.



Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: 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.

Celebrant: 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:

ALL: ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, 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 God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

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

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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said:*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**
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 are welcome at God's table.

*The Worship Leaders receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.
The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:*

Priest: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
Communicant: **Amen.**
Chalice Bearer: The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.
Communicant: **Amen.**

During the Ministration of Holy Communion:

<i>7:45 service</i>	Hymn: 204, <i>Now the green blade riseth</i>	<i>Nöel nouvelet</i>
<i>7:45 service</i>	Hymn: 336, <i>Come with us, O blessed Jesus</i>	<i>Werde munter</i>
<i>11:00 service</i>	Hymn: WLP 738, <i>Day of delight and beauty unbounded</i>	<i>In dir ist Freude</i>
<i>11:00 service</i>	Hymn: 204, <i>Now the green blade riseth</i>	<i>Nöel nouvelet</i>
<i>11:00 service</i>	Hymn: 178, <i>Jesus is the Lord of all the earth</i>	<i>Alleluia No. 1</i>

Send-off Prayer for Lay Eucharistic Visitors

O God, guide these Lay Eucharistic Visitors as they go forth bearing your holy gifts to those who cannot be with us. May we share with them the communion of Christ's body and blood. Lord, make us who are many, one body, because we share one bread and one cup. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand

Post-Communion Prayer

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

Closing Hymn: 182, *Christ is alive!*

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11:00 service

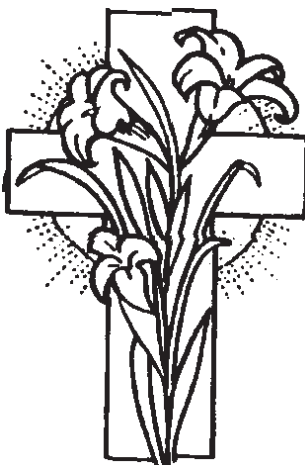
Anthem: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You—Lutkin*

Mega Choir

Dismissal

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Postlude: *Toccata—Théodore Dubois*



✠ FAMILY EUCHARIST ✠

Easter Day 9:00 a.m.

✠ THE HOLY EUCHARIST ✠

Preludes: *Jesus Christ Our Savior Who Overcame Death—Johann Sebastian Bach*
Christ Lay in Death's Strong Bonds—Johann Sebastian Bach
Fugue in E Flat—Johann Sebastian Bach

Please stand **Opening Hymn:** 207, *Jesus Christ is risen today*

Easter Hymn

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: ***The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!***

Glory to God—Iona Community

Glo- ry to God; Praise to the Son; Love to the Spir-it; Three and yet One.
Glo- ry to God; Praise to the Son; Love to the Three and yet One.

Salutation

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.***

Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

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.***

Gospel Processional: WLP 784, Hallelujah! We sing your praises!

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es! All our
 Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
 bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

prai - ses! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!
 ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. **Fine**

Christ the Lord to us said: "I am wine, I am bread, I am
 Je - sus says to us still: "All who do the Lord's will, all who

wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger!"
 do the Lord's will are my sis - ters and my bro - thers." **D.C.**

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

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

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

Sermon for Children of All Ages

The Rev. Paige M. Blair, Rector



The Creed: *I Believe in God Almighty*



1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all
2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and
3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the



things that be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens,
cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied—
saints with - in one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly,



Keep - er of the sky and sea. I be - lieve in
True Life there had tru - ly died. I be - lieve that
where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the bod - y's



God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ of the Spir - it
on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed
res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's



and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Let us pray.

We pray for God's people throughout the world, for our bishops,
for all ministers and people.

God of love and mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for peace, that fighting and wars will stop, that all people may
learn to care for each other.

God of love and mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for our president and the leaders of all nations,
that they may make wise decisions for the good of all creation.
God of love and mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for people who are sick, hungry, poor, in prison or in any kind
of trouble, especially those we name in our hearts and minds and voices.
(pause for people to add petitions)
God of love and mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We thank you for all the blessings of this life.
(pause for people to add their thanksgivings)
God of love and mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for those who have died. *(pause for people to add petitions)*
God of love and mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your
mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are
gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now
and for ever. *Amen.*

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Offertory: 211, *The whole bright world*

Parish Choir

Please stand

Offertory Verse: *The Doxology*

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ***It is right to give our 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.

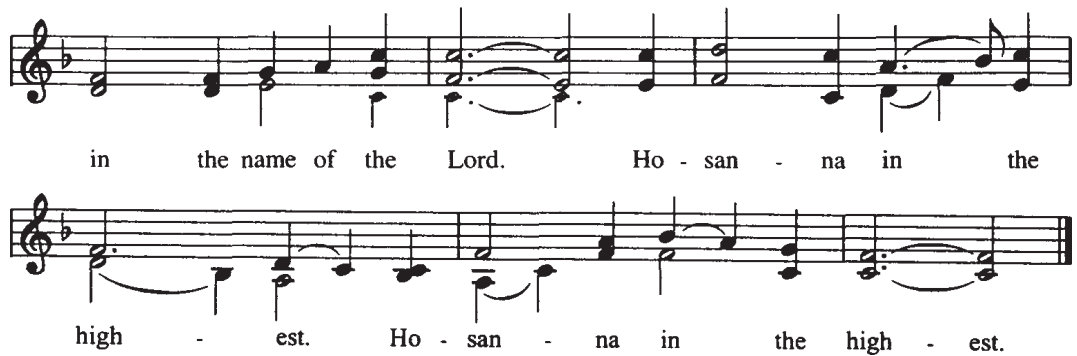
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus & Benedictus es—*Appalachian folk tune*

Please stand or kneel, as the spirit leads you.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes



Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: 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.

Celebrant: 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:

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

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, 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 God, now and forever. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray,
All: *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 forever. Amen.*

The Fraction

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All: ***We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.***

Celebrant: This is God's table and all are welcome here.

The Distribution

During Communion:

Solo

Craig Lane, organ

Hymn: 178, *Jesus is Lord of all the earth*

Alleluia No. 1

Hymn: WLP 738, *Day of delight and beauty unbounded*

In dir ist Freude

Postcommunion Prayer

All: ***God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.***

Easter Benediction

Closing Hymn: 182, *Christ is alive!*

Truro

The Dismissal

Celebrant: The service has ended and now ours begins. Go forth into the world in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!***

Postlude: *Toccata—Théodore Dubois*

Laity Participating In Our Worship Services

Greeters: Art & Jan Johnson (7:45); (9:00); Cynthia Raymond, Carol Gronquist (11:00)

Acolytes: Alec Jordan, Chris Jordan (7:45); Andrew Segalla, Joe Yauch, Hunter McKay (9:00);
Oliva Dow (11:00)

Ushers: Lew Butler, Jean Tucker (7:45); (9:00); Pat & Burt Linscott (11:00)

Lectors: Ralph Davison, Bette Pollock (7:45); Bill Yorston, Liz Reisz (11:00)

Prayers of the People: Linda Huls (7:45); (9:00); Carol Gronquist (11:00)

Chalice Bearers: Barbara Boschert, Cynthia Hayes (7:45); (9:00); Brenda Ervin, Beverly Collymore
(11:00)

Altar Guild: Jane Sweeney Beecher, Janet Crandlemire, Debby Ehret, Marj Esau, Kate Ford, Charlotte
Hefford, Carla Jillson, Jan Johnson, Marianne Lindquist, Jean Mercer, Claire Woodward

Flower Guild: Karen Gilroy, Carol Gronquist, Kathy Hutchins, Jean Lincoln, Cindy Perkins

Organist: Geoff Wieting

Pianist: Kathy Fink

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs): *Harbor Home:* Carol Gronquist; *Sentry Hill:* Marj Esau

STANDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all those persons who may be visiting St. George's for the first time. Please sign the guest book and let us know who you are!

Celebrations this week: Birthdays: Betsy Carlisle, Tiffany Chabot, Jeff Peltz, Lynn Dube, Kathy Hutchins, James Eaton, Olivia Schuyler, Rae Lynn Stackpoole, Charles Moulton, Kelsey Root, Nin Dell Isola, Mikaylee Ginchereau, Carol Gronquist.

EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES

Easter Egg Hunt will take place indoors after the 9:00 family service TODAY.



Easter Sunday Breakfast will be served downstairs from 8:45 to 11:00 a.m. TODAY.

There will be no Church School or Spiritual Formation on Easter Sunday. March 30—Godly Play/Time: the lesson will be on the Crosses. Jesus Kids: the Rev. Aaron Perkins will discuss prison ministry.

The parish office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, March 24 and 25.

Youth Classes. Godly Play & Godly Time: No Church School on Easter Sunday, March 23. On March 30: the Crosses. **The Jesus Kids:** No Church School on Easter Sunday, March 23. On March 30: the Rev. Aaron Perkins will speak about prison ministry.

Flowers all year (mostly)! If you liked the beautiful Easter flowers that graced our church, you may want to consider dedicating flowers during the rest of the year—perhaps for a loved one's birthday, your wedding anniversary, the anniversary of a loved one's passing, or any reason at all. It's easy—just pick a Sunday on the altar flower poster at the back of the nave, write your name there, fill out a dedication card and leave the card with your check in the parish office (you may also mail it to the church). During Lent, there are greens on the altar instead of flowers and there are palms on Palm Sunday, but you may still make a dedication—contact the parish administrator.

The Dating of Easter. Easter is March 23 this year, 2008, and that is the earliest any of us will see for the rest of our lives. The next time Easter will be this early will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). Only the most elderly

of our population have ever seen it this early (95 years old or older!). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones who were around for that!). Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox (March 20). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar. Based on the above, Easter can actually be one day earlier than this year, but that is pretty rare. The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

St. George's Outreach "blog"—A blog (short for "weblog") has been defined as "a personal online journal that is frequently updated and intended for general public consumption." St. George's Outreach blog is located at <http://stgeorgesyorkharbor.blogspot.com/>. We plan to use the blog as a way to keep people informed about our outreach efforts. Now that the New Orleans missionaries have returned, it will be a way to spread information about our other outreach efforts.

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ): Questions? Call Episcopal Youth Ministries at 800-244-6062, x29, email youth@episcopalmaine.org or check out www.maineyouth.org. Invite your friends!

✝ Who: High School youth from all over Maine and New England

✝ What: A weekend led by teens for teens

✝ When: March 28-30 (6:30 p.m. Friday to 5:15 p.m. Sunday)

✝ Where: Trinity Church in Portland, Maine

✝ Cost: \$35, or \$15 if you want financial aid (for 100% aid, just call) (for late registration after March 17, \$45 or \$20 w/aid)

Table of Plenty. St George's next turn at the Table of Plenty is April 1. We will be serving shepherds pie and homemade cakes. The sign-up sheet is up and we are in need of people to prepare food at home and drop it off or arrange for pick up. We of course need workers at the meal: set-up people, cooks, servers, dishwashers and clean up. If you can give a few hours of your time please sign up or call Karen Gilroy 363-3904.

AIDS Walk. Time to start planning to participate in the annual AIDS Response Seacoast AIDS Walk, one of their most important fundraisers each year. Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 4, 2:00 p.m. St. George's always sends a large contingent—let's continue that tradition. (Remember, dogs can walk, too!) Lauren Segalla 363-8642 and Abbie Duquette 363-2556 are the St. George's Team coordinators, contact them for more info, or go to <http://aidsresponse.kintera.org/walk08>.

Opportunities for Youth at Bishop's Consecration. 6th-12th Graders & Young Adults are invited to serve at the Consecration of the 9th Maine Bishop on May 3rd, 2008. Crucifers, torch-bearers, streamer carriers and parking greeters are needed. The application deadline is April 1! Maineyouth.org – events – current applications.

Diocesan Youth Ministries' Annual Planning Meeting. The annual meeting to guide and direct Diocesan Youth Ministries will be Saturday, April 12, 2008, from 10:00 - 2:30, at Christ Church, Gardiner. I encourage adults and teens (grades 6-12) who are active in youth ministries at St. George's to come and be part of it! How can we help teens to grow closer to Jesus Christ? What diocesan youth events and opportunities should we offer? How can the Diocesan Youth Ministries support congregations' ministries to youth? Where is God leading us? Please let Steve+ know by April 1 if you are interested in attending. Maybe we could carpool.

Confirmation and Reception Service. Bishop Knudsen will preside, and the Rev. Stephen Lane (about to become the 9th Bishop of Maine) will preach, at a regional service for Confirmation at St. George's on Saturday

afternoon, April 5, at 4:00. Four adults and three youth from St. George's will be either confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. Members of St. Ann's in Windham will also be confirmed or received at this service. Please come and support our members making this important commitment to Christ and the church, welcome other members of the diocese, and greet our bishop. **To honor the confirmands, as well as Bishop Knudsen and Bishop-Elect Lane, we would like to put on a good reception after the service. If you can help, especially if you would be willing to coordinate or co-coordinate such a reception, please contact Nancy Merrill ASAP at 351-1017 or jnmerrill@aol.com. Let's make this occasion a special one!**

Divorce, Separation and Mixed Families Group. Have you experienced divorce, separation or the mixing of families? You may be surprised at how many members of our community have too. A group has formed and continues to welcome new members on the 4th Wednesday of each month, 6:30-8:00. Speak with Steve+ or just drop by. The next meetings are March 26, April 23, and May 28.

"Berwicks Church." Do you live in South Berwick or Berwick, North Berwick or Eliot or in that general neck of the woods? As many as twenty St. George's parishioners are gathering the last Thursday of each month at 5:45 at the First Parish Federated Church in South Berwick (on Route 4/236, across from the Dunkin Donuts). We meet in the "Vestry" or fellowship hall under the sanctuary to celebrate the Eucharist in a simple, kid-friendly way and then share potluck supper. On March 27, Dave Dube will lead the Liturgy of the Word using Godly Play. The next gatherings will be April 24 and May 29. *Everyone* is welcome. Come drive across Route 91 and join us! Invite friends too, especially folks who live in or near the Berwicks who might not have found St. George's because it's a little to far too drive.

Roundtable Luncheon with U.S. Senator Susan Collins for an informal dialog about issues important to businesses in Maine. Friday, March 28, 12:30 - 1:30pm in the Main Dining Room at Sentry Hill Retirement Community in York Harbor. \$20pp by advance reservation only. Seating is limited! Reserve today at York Chamber of Commerce! 207-363-4422.



Rejoice
HE IS RISEN

✿ Easter Flowers & Memorials ✿

<i>Dedicated by:</i>	<i>Dedicated to—in memory of or in thanksgiving for:</i>
Susan Littlefield & Dick Balkite	our children and grandchildren
Eve & Ken Barrett	our mothers
Sudie & Peter Blanchard	for the lives of our parents
Sylvia Burke	Kenneth Burke
Lewis & Ellie Butler	loved ones
John & Pauline Cashman	our entire family
Marjorie Esau	family and friends
Marcia & Hank Foster	Fred Baldwin, Jr. & the Rev. Harry Foster
James & Sally Gambrell	Ernest Fiske, DeWitt Hornor, Gordon Carlstrom and Chip Vincent
the Gilroy family	Frederick Wills, Helen Gilroy and Kathy Gilroy Brown
Jeannette Gross & family	Herman “Bob” Gross
Cynthia Hayes	family and friends
Linda Huls	loved ones
Art & Jan Johnson	Randy & Betty Parker
the Lane family	Melissa Lillian Lane
Judy McKenzie	Joe Overman
Nancy Merrill	my sister Lynette Marie Dale
Aaron, Cindy & Timothy Perkins	family and friends
the Phillips family	Bruce & Shirley Woodward
the Phillips family	Tracy L. Woodward Byrd
Mel & Liz Reisz	Kaye & Howard Reisz and Mary & Donald Crawford
Kathy Roosa	my mother Margaret Gallagher
the Santoro family	loved ones
Frieda Schenker	Edward Henry Schenker
Denice Scott	Sandra & Tom Roberts
Jean Uehlinger	Talbot Uehlinger
Marcia Williams	Russell Williams

St. George’s This Week

- Sunday:** 8:30-11:00 - Easter Breakfast - downstairs
 10:00 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt - after the 9:00 service (indoors)
- Monday:** Parish office closed
- Tuesday:** Parish office closed
- Wednesday:** 12 noon - **Deadline:** *March 30 bulletin*
 6:30 p.m. - Divorce/Separation groupmeeting
- Thursday:** 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist & Healing