



RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

10:30AM

PRELUDE

Solemn Entry

STRAUSS

INTROIT

My Master from a Garden Rose ELEANOR DALEY (*Contemporary*)

We stand.

BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Beloved in the Lord, on this day, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, we are gathered here in worship and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His Sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with You, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Preparation Of The Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle represents our Risen Lord shining in the light and splendor of His resurrection. He is the new "Pillar of Fire" leading His redeemed people out of the bondage of sin into the Promised Land of faith.

The cross is traced on the paschal candle.

Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending,

The Greek letters Alpha and Omega are traced on the paschal candle.

The Alpha and the Omega.

The year is traced on the paschal candle.

His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever.

Five wax nails are placed into the paschal candle.

By His wounds, we have healing both now and forever. Amen.

The paschal candle is lit.

May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share this night in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the Light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

The Light of Christ.

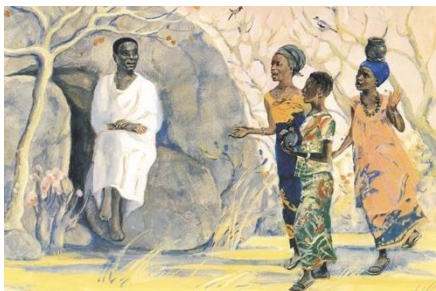
Thanks be to God.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!



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!

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus, Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

GLORIA

Fast and lively



Org. *f*
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

5
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al -

9
-migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

13 *mp*
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

18
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

22
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

27 Org.

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

32 *f*

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

35

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

40

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

44 *ff* *rit.*

A - - - men, a - - - men, a - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

We sit.

WORD

FIRST READING

ACTS 10: 34-43

A reading from Acts.

PETER began to speak to the people: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality,³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:³⁸ 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.³⁹ 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;⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,⁴¹ 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.⁴² 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.⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL PSALM *Sung by the choir. Music by Sarah MacDonald (contemporary).* 118: 1-2; 14-24

GIVE thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever. Let Israel now proclaim, “His mercy endures forever.” The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!” I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. The lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death. Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. “This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter.” I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

GOSPEL

LUKE 24:1-12

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

ON the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

PASTOR MARTHA MCCREIGHT

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

NICENE CREED

**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 and the Son,*
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.**

We kneel or sit for the prayers.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each intercession ends with these words:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We stand.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you
always.

And also with you.

We sit.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Now The Queen of Seasons STEPHANIE MARTIN
(contemporary)

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor, with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render; comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection welcomes in unwearied strains Jesu's resurrection.

*Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal, nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal: but today amidst the twelve thou didst stand, bestowing that thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.
Alleluia now we cry yet again, Alleluia!*

We stand.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Majestic

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Slower

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

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

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With all your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.



Our Fa - ther who art in__ hea - ven, Ha - llow'd be thy Name;
Thy king - dom come; thy will be__ done, on earth as it is in hea - ven.
Give us this day our__ dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pass - es as

we for-give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us
 not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from e - vil. For thine is the
 king - dom, the po - wer and the glo - ry, for e - ver and e - ver.
 A - men. For e - ver and e - ver. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All who believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine, forgiving sin and promising eternal life, are welcome to the Table of the Lord. Gluten-free wafers are available if requested.

We sit.

MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

MOTET *Love's redeeming work is done* JUNE NIXON (contemporary)

We stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
 Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May our glorious God
grant you a spirit of wisdom to know
and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, ✙ Son,
and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! [Refrain]

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. [Refrain]

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant	The Rev. Martha McCreight
Organist	Cantor Nathan K. Lively-Greyling
Worship Assistant	Pat Fisher
Reader	Irene Hendricks
Communion Assistant	Anita Gallo, Irene Hendricks
Acolytes	Peter Bartels, Isaac Ylitalo
Usher	
Altar Committee	Sheila Koch
Counters	J. Geils, Janet Halpin, Charlie Enright
Musicians	St. John's Choir and the Jordans
Coffee Hour	Church Council - Beldotti Bakery
Little Free Pantry	Cathy & Mike Mahler

The Easter Lilies given in loving memory of:

OPA HANES & OPA MANFRED
given by Karen & Kaete Weinseiss

THEIR LOVED ONES
given by Cathy & Mike Mahler

ANNE BUDNER, SOPHIE VOJT
given by Andrea Budner

NATHAN NEWHALL
given by Amy Newhall

EMMA CHRISTENSEN & MARGARET RYLE
given by Inger Ruffels

JOHN & DEL ARCHER, JOHN WATKINS & ANN CROOKER,
ABBY WATKINS BERNON
given by David & Patti Watkins

WENZEL EICHLER
given by Roberta Eichler

THEIR PARENTS; Antoinette & Harold Schaefer, Clara & Floyd Coffin
given by Lois & Peter Coffin

SEGERDELL & WILLIAMS FAMILIES,
ROBERT MEYER, BRUCE KOCH
given by Ken & Janet Segerdell

JOHN SADLON, JR.
Given by Jack & Carol Sadlon

JAMES & LORRAINE BELDOTTI
given by Amy, Chris, Lucas, Zack, Max & Grace Beldotti

MIKE ZBORAY & ANNE VOJT ZBORAY
given by Jeannette Vojt Zboray

HER PARENTS
given by Kathy Caraballo

THE JAKUBEK & WAGNER FAMILIES
given by Eva & Paul Jakubek

HER PARENTS, HELEN & GEORGE GLECKLER
given by Barbara Gleckler

DEAN BARTELS
given by The Bartels Family

BEVERLY & ROLAND HENDRICKSON
RUTH JOHNSON
given by David Hendrickson

THEIR LOVED ONES
given by Rowe Family

Given in honor of:

ANDREA VOJT BUDNER
given by Jeannette Vojt Zboray

THEIR GRANDCHILDREN; Henry, Charlee, and Jojo Pruitt

OMA HEIDI & OMA MARGOT
given by Kaaren & Kaete Weinseiss

CAROL & PASTOR EMERITUS DENNIS ALBRECHT,
JOAN, PAUL & ROBERT HENDRICKSON
JULIE, CRAIG, COURTNEY, PIERCE & JACKSON WHITING
TAMMIS LAZARUS
REVEREND MARTHA MCCREIGHT
ST. JOHN'S CONGREGATION
given by David Hendrickson

This week we pray for . . . Pastor Denis and Carol Albrecht, Andrew, Beryl, Collette, Diane, Don, Jean, Jeanette, Jack, Marie, Nicolette, and Sandra

If you have pastoral needs, please reach out to Pastor Martha by email MMcCreight@sjlcstamford.com or on her cell phone (406)565-3592.

Christmas Eve Services, Wednesday, December 24

Family Holy Communion with Pageant | 5pm
Candlelight Holy Communion with choir | 9:30pm

ACOLYTE SIGN-UP



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Choral EVENSONG

SUNDAY, MAY 4 | 5PM

My Master from a Garden Rose | Eleanor Daley
Canticles in E | Watson
Responses | Clucas
Psalm 30 | Sarah MacDonal & Margaret Burk
The Lord is my shepherd | Diane Bish



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