

# ***Easter Day***

***Sunday, March 31, 2024***

10:15 AM

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## **VOLUNTARY**

Sinfonia Festiva  
This Joyful Eastertide

James Biery  
arr. Charles Evans

South Coast Brass

*(The people stand)*

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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## **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Presider* ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!  
*People* THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

## **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

God's Paschal Lamb is Sacrificed For Us

Robert Buckley Farlee

God's paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us; therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;  
Forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth. Alleluia.

Now is Christ raised and will not die again; death has no more dominion over him.  
Through him we die to sin and live to God. Alleluia.

In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead; though Adam's sin has doomed all flesh to die,  
In Christ's new life shall all be made alive. Alleluia. (Carl P. Daw, Jr.)

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* 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.**

*(The people are seated)*

## FIRST READING

Acts 10.34-43

*Lector* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "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."

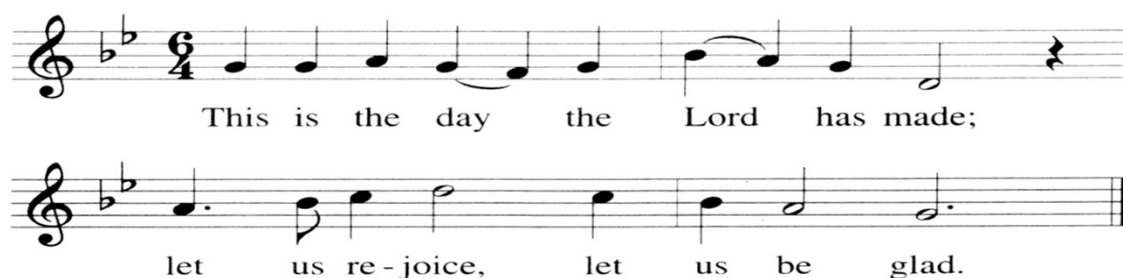
*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 118****PSALM FOR EASTER DAY**

Setting: Richard Proulx

*The choir sings the antiphon once and the congregation repeats. The choir sings the Psalm verses. The choir and congregation then sing the antiphon following each section of verses.*



Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
God's love endures for evermore.

So let the children of Israel say:  
God's love endures for evermore.

**Refrain**

The Lord's right hand has triumph brought;  
the Lord's right hand has raised me up.

I shall not die but I shall live,  
Singing of all God's mighty deeds!

**Refrain**

The stone the builders would not use  
has now become the cornerstone.

Such wonders are the work of the Lord,  
And they are marvels in our sight.

**Refrain****SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

*Lector*      A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to

me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

*(The people stand)*

### **SEQUENCE HYMN**

Come, Ye Faithful, Rise the Strain

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### **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 20.1-18

*Presider*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.  
*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.

*Presider*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*         **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### GOSPEL RESPONSE

Halle, Halle, Halle (*sung twice*)

Traditional Caribbean, arr. Marty Haugen



(*The people are seated*)

### SERMON

The Rev. Michael K. Fincher

(*Silent reflection*)

**NICENE CREED** *(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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(Please stand or kneel as you are able)*

We come with anticipation on this first day of the week to become witnesses, sharing in the resurrection life of Jesus, as we pray: Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Almighty One, you have filled your Church with new life and empowered us through the conquering love of Jesus: Raise us with your Spirit that we may live in the power of Christ's resurrection to bring life and light to all the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The right hand of the Most High has triumphed over evil and death, bringing new hope to all the world: Speak your living truth to everyone who leads and holds authority among the nations, that they may be agents of life and justice.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Apostle Peter has taught us, O God, that you show no partiality, but you accept all who live reverently and do right: Let your peace extend to every person, that the power of evil and injustice may be banished, and all people may live as beloved children of the divine.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Be with us in this community that we may be glad witnesses of your goodness, O Holy One. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Christ the wounded healer has overcome all that can threaten us. Let his resurrection power bring healing and hope to those for whom we pray, especially those we mention now, silently, aloud, or in the comment section.

*(Pause)*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Christ has died and is risen, bringing life and immortality to light. We remember those who have died. May they live in him and share in the joy of Easter. We pray especially for those we mention now, silently, aloud, or in the comment section.

*(Pause)*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Presider*      You have anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, O Eternal One, and raised him from death on the cross into resurrection life: Feed us with his life as we eat and drink with him in this Easter Eucharist, that we may be his witnesses, sharing in the Spirit's work of reconciliation and peace, through the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider*        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 Risen Lord.)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL BLESSINGS

***Birthday and Anniversary Prayer:*** 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 ANTHEM

Christ Our Passover

Will C. MacFarlane

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast.  
Not with old leav'n, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness,  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.  
Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more:  
death hath no more dominion over Him.  
For in that He died, He died unto sin once:  
but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God.  
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin:  
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Christ is risen, is risen from the dead:  
and become the first fruits of them that slept.  
For since by man, for since by man came death:  
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam, for as in Adam all die:  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
World without end. Amen.

## PRESENTATION HYMN

We Know That Christ is Raised

Engelberg

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The score includes a first ending bracket and a second ending bracket labeled 'To Beginning'. The lyrics are: 'We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em-braced by death he broke its fear-ful hold; A new cre-a-tion comes to life and grows as Christ's new bo-dy takes on flesh and blood. and our des-pair he turned to bla-zing joy. Al-le - The u-ni-verse re-stored and whole will sing: lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! A-MEN!'.

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em-braced by death he broke its fear-ful hold;  
A new cre-a-tion comes to life and grows as Christ's new bo-dy takes on flesh and blood.

and our des-pair he turned to bla-zing joy. Al-le -  
The u-ni-verse re-stored and whole will sing:

To Beginning 2. lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! A-MEN!

Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), Music Engelberg, Vharles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. It features two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The 'Celebrant' part is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The 'People' part is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The score includes a first ending bracket and a second ending bracket labeled 'To Beginning'. The lyrics are: '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 him thanks and praise.'.

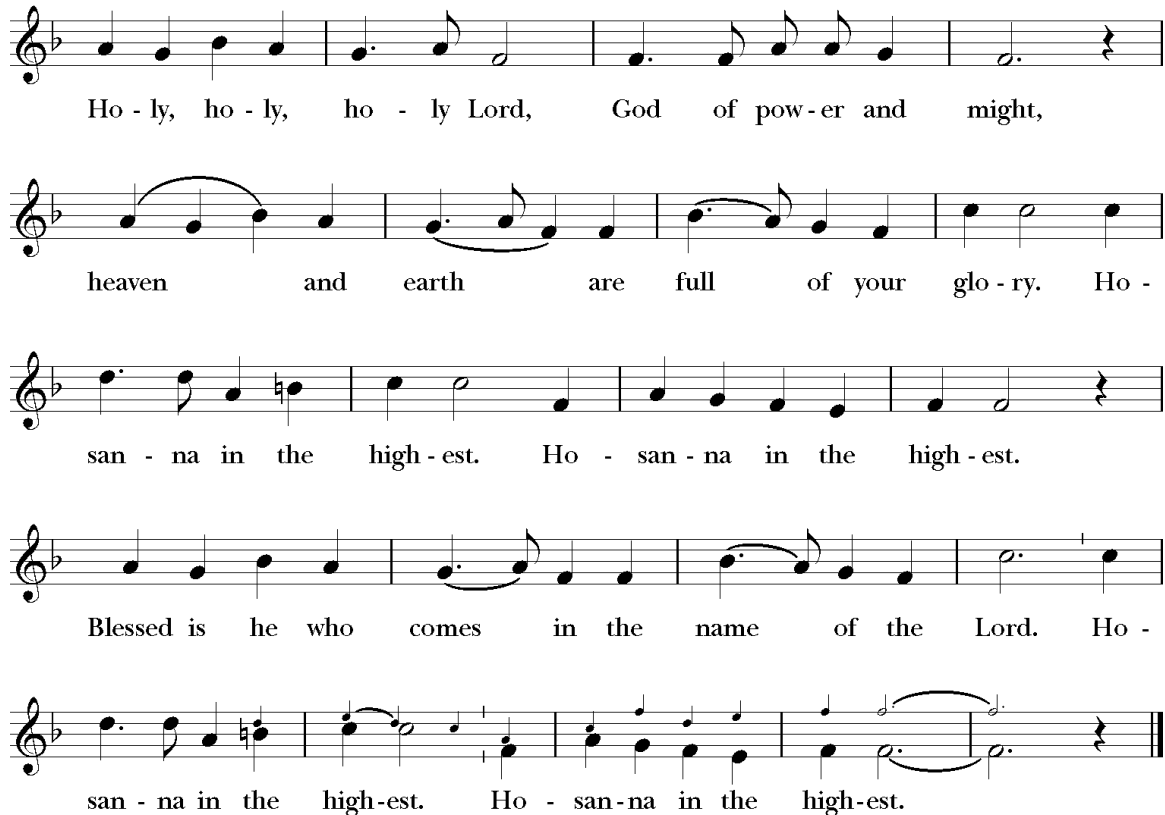
*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. 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.

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:



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,  
**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his

sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
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 - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*(A period of silence is kept after the Celebrant breaks the host)*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Christ Our Passover

David York

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu \_\_\_\_ ia. Christ our pass - ov - er is

4  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le -

8  
lu - ia, al - le - lu \_\_\_\_ ia.

*The Presider says the following or a similar invitation*

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.

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this Altar. Holy Communion will be distributed from a single Communion Station at the foot of the chancel steps. The Ushers will release people by row to receive Communion. **Gluten free wafers are available upon request.***

### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Those participating in the live streamed service and therefore not able to receive communion may wish to say the following prayer in recognition that the desire to receive communion carries the same spiritual benefits as actually consuming the consecrated elements.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have instituted for us a great sacrament in your promise of life and love, which we remember now as we hear your words again: "This is my body; this is my blood — given for you." Feed us in our hearts with faith and trust, draw us closer to you and to each other, and strengthen us for service to our neighbor. We come before you now, with hearts you have fed all our lives with the promise that you have given yourself for us. Keep us strong in that faith until we can meet at your table again. Amen.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Alleluia, Alleluia

William Byrd

South Coast Brass

This Joyful Eastertide

arr. Vernon Hoyle

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Refrain:*

*Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst this three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber,  
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

*Refrain*

Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

*Refrain*

## COMMUNION HYMN

Now the Green Blade Riseth

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## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider* 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 the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

## EASTER SEASONAL BLESSING

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. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

The Day of Resurrection!

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## THE DISMISSAL

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

## VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune

Nicholas Bowden

*If you wish to leave during the Postlude, please do so quietly,  
out of respect for the Organist and out of courtesy for those staying to listen.*

**Please join us in Francis Hall for refreshments and fellowship  
following the worship service**

(Francis Hall is out the main church doors and to the left)

## TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Presider & Preacher	Fr. Michael Fincher
Organist	David York
Crucifer	David Luebben-Morrill
Lector	Dave DeMent
Lay Eucharistic	Holly Graham
Ministers (LEMs)	Dorothy Edwards

**We thank our musicians for their contribution to our Easter Day worship:**

**South Coast Brass**

John Deemer, trumpet  
Steve Kraus, trumpet  
Mark Lillienthal, horn  
Craig McKnight, trombone  
Faith Valdez, tuba

**St. Gregory's Choir**

David York, Music Director & Organist

Sean Dunnahoe, percussion

Soprano

Sally Curry  
Barbara Garrett  
Holly Graham  
Mary Fran Luebben- Morgan  
Lindee McTigue  
Alice O'Keefe  
Ellen Ramsdell  
Brianna Zucker\*

Alto

Sharon Burgess  
Lucy Edwards\*  
Beth Eldon  
Sharon Nemitz  
Jan Rosson  
Elizabeth Spencer

Tenor

Casey Ramsdell  
Dylan Wick\*

Bass

Bill Eldon  
Ray Rosson  
Jordan Tickner\*

\*Denotes Section Leader

**Thank you to all who helped make this year's Holy Week and Easter services particularly special:**

Kevin Wood for preparing all our bulletins

David York for preparing our musical offerings and directing the Choir

The Chancel Choir for their musical gifts and talents

The Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors who assisted in these services

The Readers of the Palm Sunday and Good Friday Passion Narratives

The Altar Guild for preparing our worship space

Everyone who attended and participated in our worship services

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**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**  
*Hymnal 1982, Hymn 207*

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

*Easter Hymn*

*Descant*

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

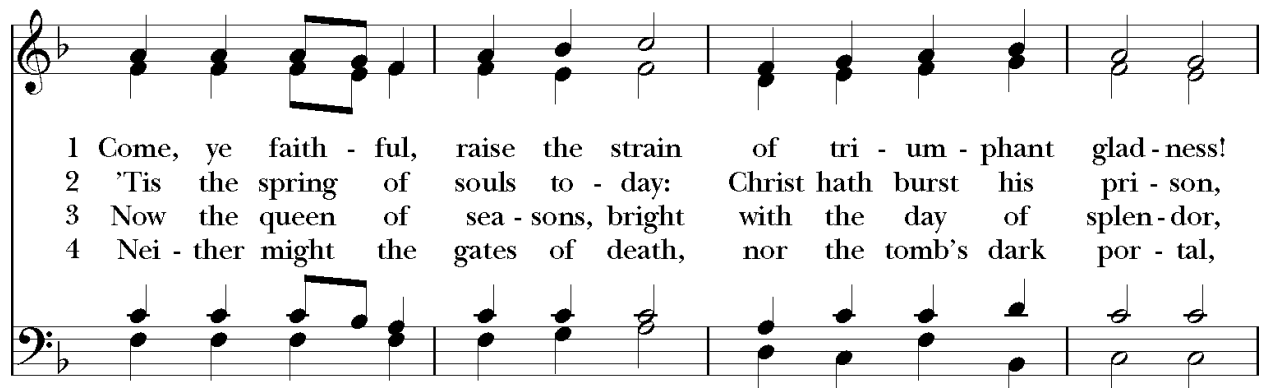
suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

# SEQUENCE HYMN

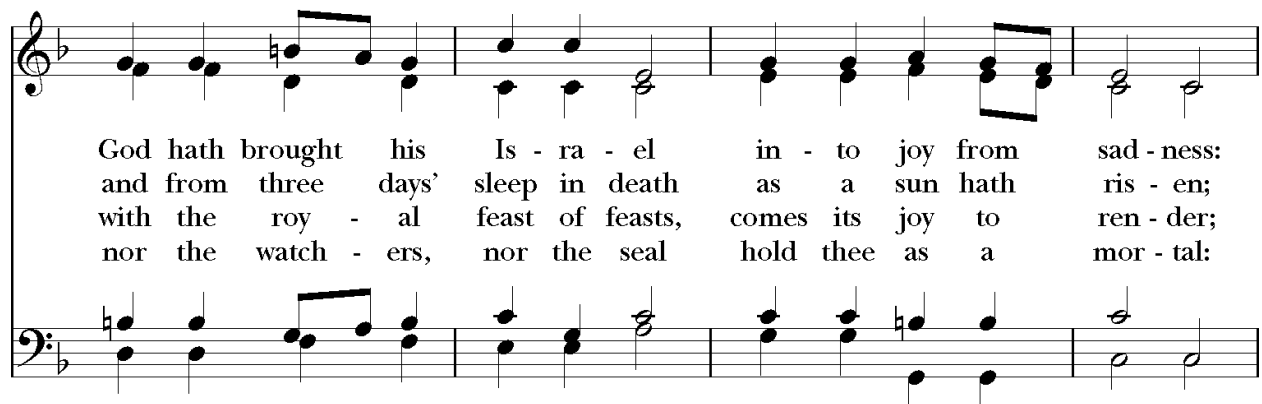
*Hymnal 1982, Hymn 199*

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

*St. Kevin*



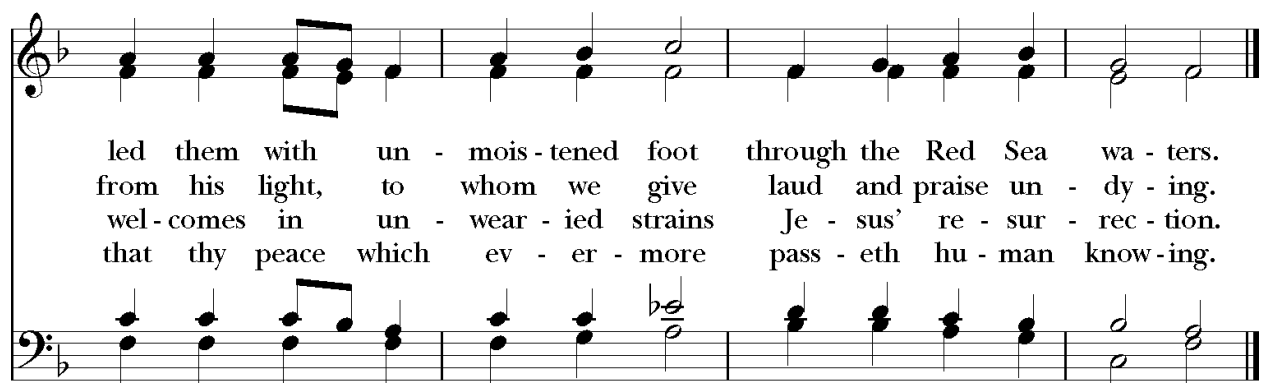
1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:  
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;  
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;  
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing



led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.  
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Hymnal 1982, Hymn 204*

Now the Green Blade Riseth

*Noël nouvelet*



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain,  
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

RECESSIONAL HYMN  
Hymnal 1982, Hymn 210

The Day of Resurrection!

Ellacombe

*Descant*

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,  
1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,  
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;  
the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;  
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;  
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,  
From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain  
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

## ***THIS WEEK AT ST. GREGORY'S***

### **Tuesday, April 2**

**Centering Prayer** at **6:30 PM** via Zoom. Contact Fr. Michael for access information.

### **Thursday, April 4**

**Holy Eucharist and Healing Service** at **10:00 AM** in the Chapel.

**Bible Study** at **11:00 AM** in the Fireside Room. You may also access via Zoom. Contact Fr. Michael for access information.

### **Sunday, April 7 – Second Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday School** for ages 5 and up at **9:30 AM** in Room 7.

**Episcopal Visitation with Bishop Ed Little** (Holy Eucharist with music) at **10:15 AM** in the Church and live streamed on the St. Gregory's Facebook page. Note that we will only be having one service on April 7<sup>th</sup>. A parish lunch will follow the worship service.

***Nursery Care is available on Sundays, starting at 7:45 AM, in the Nursery (Room 3)***

### **Daily Offices (Tuesday through Thursday)**

**Daily Morning Prayer:** Tuesday through Thursday at **9:00 AM** on the St. Thomas Facebook page (<https://facebook.com/Saint-Thomas-of-Canterbury-Episcopal-Church-of-Long-Beach-CA-124554214274325/>).

**Daily Evening Prayer:** Tuesday through Thursday at **5:00 PM** on the St. Gregory's Facebook page (<https://facebook.com/stgregoryslongbeach/>).

*For the Daily Offices, you will need either a Book of Common Prayer or you can download the Morning and Evening Prayer liturgies and the Psalms for the week from the St. Gregory's website ([www.stgregoryschurch.com](http://www.stgregoryschurch.com)).*

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

### **Sunday, April 28 – Music at Four**

**Laós Chamber Music** at 4:00 PM. Laós Chamber Music, hosted on the campus of Church of Our Saviour in San Gabriel and led by cellist Dustin Seo, will present music by Ludwig van Beethoven and Johannes Brahms. Inspired by the tradition of liturgy as an active invitation to community and belongingness through public participation, Laós Chamber Music believes that music can also serve as a conduit for human connection and incubate safe and vulnerable spaces for individuals to feel welcomed and heard. A reception will follow the concert.



## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Our Sunday School has prepared an Easter Egg Hunt for all children 8 and under. Meet in the Courtyard off the Parish Hall immediately after today's worship service. We will let the youngest go first, depending on how many participants we have. We look forward to all the fun!

**Flowered Cross:** The Flowered Easter Cross is back! The cross has been flowered by our Altar Guild and is in the Courtyard off the Parish Hall. Those wishing to take pictures with the cross are welcome to do so after the service.

**Episcopal Visitation – April 7<sup>th</sup>:** Every two years, we are scheduled to be visited by a bishop. This is the year, and our visitation will be on Sunday, April 7, when we will host Bishop Ed Little, the retired Bishop of Northern Indiana and now one of the Assisting Bishops in the Diocese of Los Angeles. **That day, we will have only one service at 10:15 AM.** Lunch will follow the worship service. There is a sign-up sheet for lunch outside the church doors.

**Roamin' Gregorians April Outing:** The Roamin' Gregorians are going to the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures in Los Angeles on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. We will carpool to the museum after church and most likely be there for two to three hours. The regular admission fees are Adults \$25, Seniors \$19, Students 18+ with ID \$15, 17 and under are free. There is an additional fee for an exhibit called "The Oscar Experience." If we have ten or more sign up for this event we can get a group rate. Prices for a group will be announced at a later date. If interested, please sign up near the Greeter's table before April 7<sup>th</sup>, or contact Susan or John Mora at (562) 531-1883 / (310) 894-0731 or John at (562) 577-7562.

**Altar Flower Donations:** Need a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one or friend? Make a flower donation. There is a flower donation chart located on the Narthex wall that you can use to sign up for special dates to donate altar flowers. Simply fill out a donation form attached to the bottom of the chart and return the form to the Parish Office. Payment for

flowers can be made by check or online at <https://stgregoryschurch.com/4721-2>. Make sure you specify your donation is for Altar Flowers. The Altar Guild thanks you.

**Feed My Lambs and Food Bank:** THANK YOU for your generosity and your donations. Here's the latest news on our parish feeding programs.

- **Feed My Lambs** has the following needs: **100 HARDBOILED EGGS; HOMEMADE COOKIES**
  - **Homemade cookies** can be brought to church on any Sunday, in ziplock freezer bags, labeled "Feed My Lambs" to the kitchen.
  - **Wednesday, April 3 from 9:00 AM to Noon** you can deliver to the office:
    - Hardboiled eggs
    - Homemade Cookies
  - **Thursday, April 4 until 11:00 AM** you can deliver to the kitchen:
    - Homemade Cookies
    - Hardboiled Eggs
  - **Friday, April 5 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM** you can deliver to the kitchen:
    - Hardboiled Eggs
  - **Our Guests always need white athletic socks and belts!** Which you can put in the Feed My Lambs bin outside the church on any Sunday.
  - **Volunteers** – We need some additional volunteers to help with serving our guests at St. Luke's on the first Saturday of every month. Contact Tamera if interested. If you have questions about helping out with Feed My Lambs or dropping off items, contact Tamera Benedict at ([tlbenedict4@gmail.com](mailto:tlbenedict4@gmail.com), 562.301.6800).
- **Food Bank** has the following needs:
  - **Volunteers** – We need volunteers to assist with the Food Bank distribution on the THIRD Wednesday of the month between 8:30 and 11:00 AM. Please contact Kevin at the Parish Office ([info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com), 562.420.1311) for more information about the Food Bank.

Your continued support of our feeding ministries, through product and monetary contributions, is greatly appreciated!

**Gratitude for Your Support of the Parish:** We continue to be humbled and so incredibly grateful for your generosity in supporting our parish and its ministries! While you may not be able to drop your donation in a real offering plate, there are still ways you can make sure your donation gets to the parish:

- You can mail your check to the parish office.
- Make donations through our online payment account, accessible through the parish website at <http://stgregoryschurch.com/4721-2/>.
- Scan the QR code found in the Sunday bulletin.

And again, THANK YOU for your continued support!

**Parish Directory:** Our online parish directory is at <https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/>. This is a secure site and can be accessed using the email address you had published in the parish directory. You can also download the "Instant Church Directory" on your smart phone. Versions are available for Android, iPhone, iPad, and Kindle.

**One Body & One Spirit Annual Appeal:** The Diocese has established an ongoing campaign focused on raising funds to assist congregations, schools, affiliated institutions, and their communities who are faced with unprecedented challenges. We are invited to prayerfully consider making a donation to help others in our Diocese who may have unmet needs. More information is available at <https://diocesela.org/annual-appeal/>.

**Forward Day By Day:** For those who use the Forward Day By Day booklet for personal devotions and need the newest edition mailed, please contact Kevin at 562-420-1311 or [info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com).

**In Case of Emergency . . . Notify Your Priest!** With our combined ministry program with St. Thomas of Canterbury comes additional coverage for pastoral emergencies. In the event of a hospital stay, illness, death in the family, or other pastoral emergency, please call Father Michael on his cell phone (909-373-6478) any day except Monday, his Sabbath day. Mother Sharon (562-833-3393) covers emergencies in both communities on Monday, just as Father Michael covers emergencies in both parishes on Friday, Mother Sharon's Sabbath. And PLEASE, no excuses about not wanting to bother me. That's why we are here – for YOU!

## ***PRAYER LIST***

Lydia Gibbs, Suzan Laverty, Martin Nemitz, Ferdinand Gonzalez, Patrick McDonough, Mike Laverty, Michael S., Kim White, Bob Gergen, Barbara Smuck, Mother Beryl, Kathryn Courtney, Eric Graham, Walt Gupton, Scott Morgan, Fran Luebben-Morgan, Rosy Ixco, Harold Peacock, Heather Simundson, Rudy Revell, Jared Baker, Kimberly Bouzguenda, Shannon Romano, April Southwick, Ralph Tesla, Danny Kimball, Betty Lang, Anne Cantrell, Karen McDonough, Marilyn Finney, Kathy Stein, Matt Burger, David Feit-Pretzer, Kathy Edwards, Darlene Feit-Pretzer, Derrik Higgins, Jo Ridenour, Brad Stevens, Garren Plemmons, Barry Plemmons, Charlotte Kuchinad, Keeley Gilmore, Robyn, David, Edith Finney, Mark Padgett, Marissa G., Maria White, Anita, Laura Mae Harper, Carol Fincher

*Note: Unless we are aware of on-going concerns, names only stay on the Parish Prayer List for a month. If names need to be re-added, please notify the Parish Office.*

# Easter Flower Donations 2024

## In Loving Memory of

My Husband, Harry  
by Lurlie Edgecomb

Roberta Raymer  
by Daniel Raymer & Dana Lindsay

Bonnie & Chuck Horton, Annie Irving,  
Helen Bastian, and Loree & Phill McElmurry  
by Kimberly Bouzguenda

Our mothers Alice & Jean,  
and my sister Stephanie  
by Shirley & Dave DeMent

Laura Curti  
by Nita Scott

Luella Dreifus  
by James Dreifus

James & Edna York  
by David York

Elsie & Harlan Hostetter  
by Chris Hostetter

BC Deans, George Nicholas, Johnathan Rodi,  
and John Rodi  
by Cheryl Rodi

Clyde & Helen Fawson  
by Susan & Karen Fawson

Richard Lyddon  
by Shirley & Family

Frank Risica III, Frank & Carmella Risica, and  
Gretchen & Mark DeStefano  
by Matt Risica

Miko, Gracie, Kasey, Trudi, Grey & Shadow  
by Kris & Abby Koerkenmeier

Ray Fincher  
by Fr. Michael Fincher

Rick Smuck, my loving husband  
by Barbara Smuck

Paul Edwards  
by Dorothy Edwards

My parents Molly & Bill, and my husband David  
by Elizabeth & Sarah Spencer

Dougan & Mary W. Luebben,  
and Jerry & Betty Morrill  
by David Luebben-Morrill

My parents & past St. Gregory's members,  
Frank & Dency Courtney  
by Kathryn Courtney

Robert Peter Graham  
by Brian Graham

Eugene & Lillian Tretter  
by Jeannie Battung

Our parents and grandparents  
by Scott Morgan & Fran Luebben-Morgan

Virginia & Felix, my mother & father  
By Alice O'Keefe

My brother Michael J. Eldon  
by Beth & Bill Eldon

## In Thanksgiving For

My family & friends  
by Blair Carty

My St. Gregory's family  
by Elizabeth Spencer

Our parents and God's graces  
by Kris & Abby Koerkenmeier

My family  
by Shirley & Dave DeMent

My friends & Family  
by Julie Robinson

Our St. Gregory's family  
by Greg & Tamera Benedict

Our children & grandsons  
by Steven & Barbara Cleantis

Scott Morgan & Mary F. Luebben-Morgan and  
Mark & Michele Morrill  
by David Luebben-Morrill

Fr. Michael Francis , Fr. George McLaren &  
Canon Halewood  
by Scott Morgan & Fran Luebben-Morgan

Our shared ministry with St. Thomas of  
Canterbury  
by Fr. Michael Fincher

## In Honor of

All the members of our Church  
who helped us get through Covid and thrive  
by John & Susan Mora

Brian & Roxie Morrill  
by David Luebben-Morrill

The Altar Guild and Choir  
by Scott Morgan & Fran Luebben-Morgan

## Other Donations

Anonymous  
Robert & Janet McCormick  
Janice Rosson







# ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## **WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!**

St. Gregory's is a warm and caring community of families and singles, young and old, committed to sharing the good news that Jesus is the Lord of all life. We are an Episcopal Church, having members from all backgrounds and religious traditions. Many of us had no church involvement before coming here. We want to offer to you the same welcome and friendship that were extended to us when we came to St. Gregory's.

## **ST. GREGORY'S MISSION STATEMENT**

God has called us into Christian community and gifted us for ministry:

To worship and glorify God  
To transform faith into action  
To share the love of Jesus Christ

The Right Reverend John H. Taylor  
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles

The Reverend Michael K. Fincher, Rector  
[rector@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:rector@stgregoryschurch.com)

David York, Music Director & Organist  
[york1635@aol.com](mailto:york1635@aol.com)

Kevin Wood, Parish Administrator  
[info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com)

Parish Office Hours: 9:00am-12:00pm, Tuesday – Friday