

St. John's Episcopal Church



Easter Day

Year B

March 31, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Welcome

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. Whether you are passing through or looking for a church home, we are honored by your presence and we invite you to worship with us fully—singing, praying and receiving communion. We are a multigenerational community that strives to serve Christ through invitation, inclusion, faith and action. Most Sundays we have two services: a contemplative 7:45 a.m. service and a choral service at 10:00 a.m.

Children are welcome at all services. Children's coloring bulletins, books and crayons are available near the back of the sanctuary. Children in PreK – 4th grade are invited to their own children's worship service upstairs at 10:00 a.m. and will return to the sanctuary for communion. Nursery is available for infants and toddlers beginning at 9:45 a.m. until noon.

All are welcome to receive communion at St. John's. This includes children of all ages. At the 7:45 service we gather around the altar. For the later services we have communion in stations, the right side for the bread and the left side is for the wine. We receive the Body of Christ, the bread, in our outstretched hands. Wine will be available to all who wish to take it via the common cup. If you do not wish to receive any part of the communion you may still come forward for a blessing. Crossing your hands over your chest lets us know you wish to receive a blessing.

If you would like more information about St. John's or to be included on our mailing list, please fill out the visitor book found near the entrance to the sanctuary or email <admin@stjohnsoakland.org>.

Land Acknowledgment:

Oakland and Berkeley sit in the territory of Huichin, part of the stolen land of the Chochenyo Muwekma Ohlone, the successors of the historic and sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. We acknowledge the land and labor of the Ohlone people, whose connection to this land we remember, and whose presence—past, present, and future—we respect. We acknowledge that the land we are meeting on today is the original homeland of Ohlone people. We seek to show respect by rejecting the stories and practices that erase Indigenous people's history and culture, while seeking to invite and honor the truth.

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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

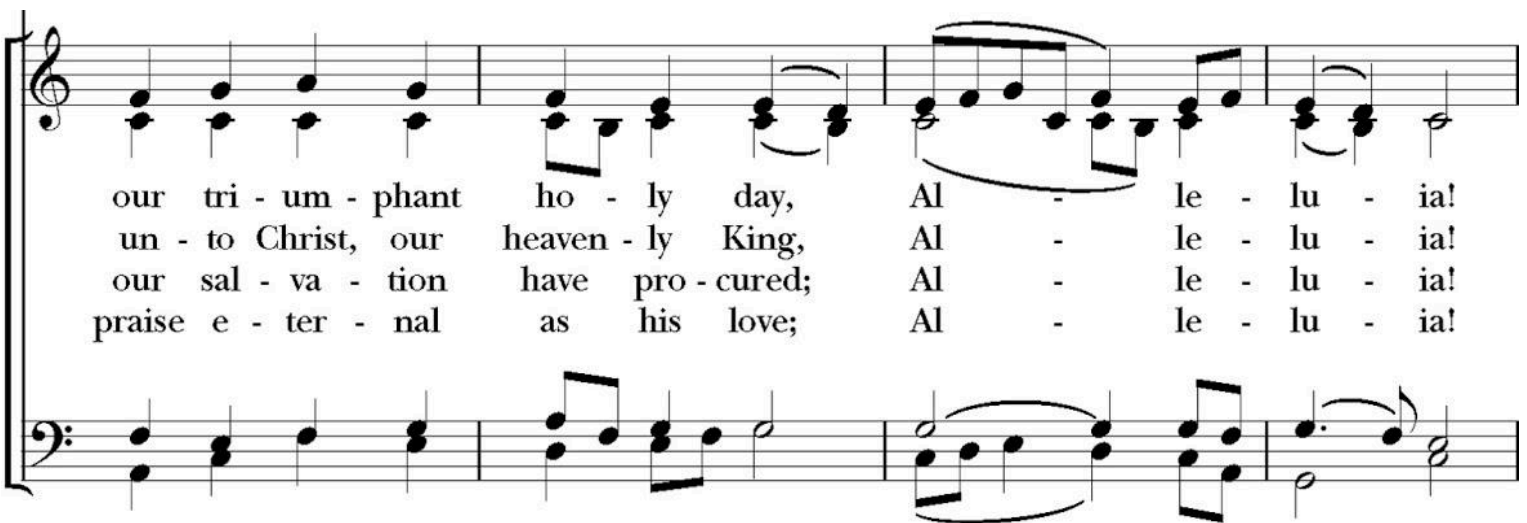
Processional Hymn 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

Easter Hymn



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!

The Processional Hymn continues on Page 4....

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!

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect for Purity

BCP p.355

People **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.**

Please be seated.

Song of Praise

An Easter Alleluia!
St. John's Senior Choir

Timothy Shaw

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Halle

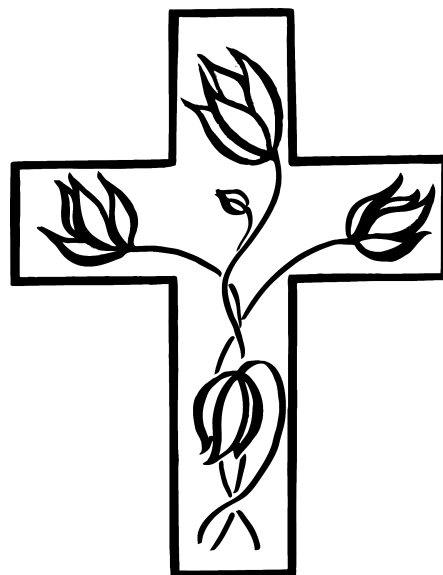
Caribbean



Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!



Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! _____



The Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

Gospeler

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Gospeler

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

The Rev. Scott Denman

Meditation

Please stand as you are able.

The Prayers of the People: Form IV

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Let us pray for the Church and for the world. For Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Marc Andrus, our Bishop; Austin Rios, our Bishop-elect; for the Vestry, Wardens, clergy, and staff of St. John's. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for the needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering this week...

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, remembering this week..., that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your 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.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

We greet those nearest us in the name of Christ.

Announcements

Birthday/Anniversary/Transition Prayers

BCP p.830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life/lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*God grant them many years

WLP 824

God grant *them* ma - ny years! God grant *them* ma - ny years!

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains two measures of music with lyrics 'God grant them many years! God grant them many years!'. The second staff contains a single measure with lyrics 'God grant them many years!' and a final double bar line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence.

The Flowering of the Cross

The Great Thanksgiving

*Today's Eucharistic prayer is adapted from a liturgy created for families
by the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem in Pennsylvania.*

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.**

Yes, it is always right to thank you, God. Thank you for making the world: sunlight and nighttime, rivers, rocks and seas, birds and animals, plants and people.
Thank you for your whole world!

And thank you, God, for giving us Jesus, Your son and Mary's son, the good shepherd, and our brother.
Thank you for Jesus Christ, our Lord.

And thank you, God, for the good news Jesus brought: good news for poor people made strong, and sick people made well; good news of blessing for children, and a feast for everyone.
Thank you for this good news!

And thank you, God, for loving your people: teaching us and protecting us, feeding us and forgiving us.
Thank you for the Holy Spirit in your church.

And now we sing together...

Sanctus WLP 858

Land of Rest

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

On the night he died for us Jesus reminded us what's important. He shared a meal with the friends he loved. And he took bread and wine. He thanked you for it and gave it to his friends. "Take, eat and drink," he said, "This is my body and blood. Do this to remember me."

So we do this to remember him and we say:

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

Thank you, God,
That Jesus died for us.

Thank you, God,
That he is alive with you forever.

Thank you, God,
You give us the Holy Spirit.

All glory and honor are yours now and forever. **AMEN.**

Lori Robinson will lead the congregation in simple movements during *The Lord's Prayer*.

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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. All are welcome.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the altar.

You may consume the bread and then drink from the cup, or you may choose to receive bread only.

If you do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Gluten-free vegan wafers are available on request.

The bread and cup are given to the people with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn 178

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Alleluia No. 1

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

Praise to his Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
 Now we shall live for ev - er. er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

Repeat Refrain

Please stand as you are able..

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant
People

Let us pray.

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.

Blessing

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

Dismissal

Subdeacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Come, o come, our voices raise

Sonne der Gerechtigkeit

arr. Aaron David Miller

Our thanks to those serving the ministry of the Church today

Our thanks and appreciation go to the members
of the Altar Guild and Flower Guild

Altar Flower Arrangements by Carrie Leadingham



Rector: The Rev. Scott Denman
Associate Rector: The Rev. Kathleen Moore
Director of Children and Youth Ministries: Lori Robinson
Minister of Music: Dr. Ben Riggs
Associate Clergy: The Rev. Ed Bonsey
Associate Clergy: The Rev. John F. Dwyer
Associate Clergy: The Rev. Dr. John Kater
Associate Clergy: The Rev. Dr. Fran Toy
Finance & Operations: Kathy Araujo
Parish Administrator: Siv Ricketts
Altar Guild Director: Ken Fuller
Flower Guild Director: Pauline Felder

2024 Vestry:

Steve Baronian — Senior Warden
Sarah Jones — People's Warden
Michael Daly, Jen Howard-Lukens, Judy Kridle,
Ann Lester, Nancy Lehrkind,
Edward Likely, Anne Meyer,
Gene Williams, Linda Williams
Tina Popenuck – Clerk of the Vestry

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through invitation, inclusion, faith and action.*

*St. John's mission is to manifest the love of God through the Holy Spirit with each other,
our community, and the world through worship, spiritual growth, and Christian service.*