

EASTER SUNDAY

Holy Baptism and the Holy Eucharist
April 5, 2026 - 10 a.m.

Welcome! We're so glad to have you joining us for worship today.

ST. MARK'S
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PALO ALTO

Welcome to Saint Mark's

We are a community dedicated to deepening our relationship with God and embodying the Spirit of Christ through faithful expressions of love, service, compassion, and justice.

All are welcome to join in worship. Assistive listening devices are available—please ask a greeter for more information.

Newcomers and visitors are encouraged to fill in a Welcome Card or sign the visitor book, which will be on the welcome table.

*Please see instructions for receiving Communion on p. 22. **All who seek to draw near to Christ are invited.***

*The art in the Sanctuary and the Chapel of St. Mary Magdalene to inspire our prayer in this season is **Icons in Transformation** by Ludmila Pawlowska. Born in Kazakhstan and now based in Sweden, Pawlowska has been shaped by profound experiences that continue to inspire her art. *Icons in Transformation* has been shown in cathedrals and museums around the world, and is in Palo Alto through Easter.*

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PRELUDE

Two pieces from *Judas Maccabeus* G. F. Handel (1685-1759), arr. Robert Gower (b. 1952)

La Rejouissance, from *Fireworks Music* G. F. Handel, arr. Robert Gower

Aria, from *Variations on Outburst of Spring Triumphant* Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 207 Jesus Christ is risen today

EASTER HYMN

Please stand in body or spirit.

Descant

4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

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!

praise e - ter - nal as his love; 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!

praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, 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!

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. 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

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en. Christ is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.	
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
There is one Body and one Spi - rit; There is one hope in God's call to us;	
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
One Lord, one Faith, one Bap - tism; One God and Crea - tor of all.	

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Mass in G*

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

*Gloria in excelsis deo,
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.*
*Laudamus te,
benedicimus te,
adoramus te,
glorificamus te.*
*Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.*
*Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.*
*Domine fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe.*
*Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris.*
*Qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.*
*Qui tollis peccata mundi:
suscipe deprecationem nostram.*
*Qui sedes ad
dexteram patris:
miserere nobis.*
*Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu
in gloria
Dei Patris. Amen.*

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace
to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we worship you,
we glorify you.
We give thanks to you
for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only-begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father.
You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world:
receive our prayer.
You are seated at the
right hand of the Father:
have mercy upon us.
For you alone are holy,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of
God the Father. Amen.

The Gloria in excelsis is an ancient song of praise traditionally sung at masses on Sundays and major feasts. Not used during Lent, its reappearance on this day is indicative of the move from a season of penitence to one of joy and celebration.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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

Please be seated.

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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The Collect of the Day thematically gathers our prayers and readings for the day.

This passage is from St. Luke's second book, the *Acts of the Apostles* [10:34-43]. In it, he tells the story of the growth of the early church—here recounting the words of St. Peter concerning the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The verses are sung by the choir; please remain seated to sing the refrain as indicated.

Choir, then repeated by All



This is the day the Lord has made;
let us re-joice, let us be glad.

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**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS

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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Today's epistle (letter) is attributed to the apostle Paul and addressed to the church in Colossae [3:1-4]; in it, the author teaches about the resurrected Christ.

HYMN 178 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord ALLELUIA NO. 1

Please stand in body or spirit.

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. 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,

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

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
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

Here the evangelist John [20:1-18] tells of Mary Magdalene’s encounter with the risen Christ.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON The Reverend Kirsten Snow Spalding

A period of silent reflection follows.

HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Presider The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors I present John to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsors I will, with God’s help.

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Sponsors I will, with God’s help.

Presider Do you renounce all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Sponsors I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Sponsors I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Sponsors I renounce them.

The sermon helps us to reflect on the Scriptures we have heard and to connect them to the Good News present in our lives now.

Each candidate for Baptism has at least one sponsor – someone who is already baptized, who walks the journey of faith alongside them (often known as a godparent).

Presider Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Sponsors I do.

Presider Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Sponsors I do.

Presider Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Sponsors I do.

Please stand in body or spirit.

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People We will.

Presider Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

**People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,**

Occasions of baptism are a time for the whole Church to remember and recommit to the work we are called to do and the life we are called to live. Today we use the Apostles' Creed, in question and answer format, because this has traditionally been the creed candidates were required to profess before baptism. It is based on a similar profession of faith dating from the second century.

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Presider Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We renew our baptismal vows, recalling that sacrament in which our sins are forgiven and we are raised to the new life of grace.

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

This prayer thanks God for the life-giving gift of **water**, and blesses its use in our daily and sacramental lives.

At the following words, the Presider touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Presider John, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Presider anoints the newly baptized, saying

John, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The Presider prays over the candidate, saying

Let us pray.

Holy God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sins, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

We baptize in the historic Triune formula ("in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"), found in Matthew 28. This is held in common by the worldwide Church, the Body of Christ.

Following the welcome, clergy will asperse (sprinkle with holy water) the assembly during the hymn.

HYMN 296 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more ENGELBERG



We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life.
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God.
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. Al - le -
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Holy God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. We pray for the church around the world, especially for the peace of Jerusalem, for all congregations gathering in areas of conflict and war, and for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico. In our local community, we pray for Austin our Bishop, and for the Church of the Resurrection, Pleasant Hill.

Embolden your people to proclaim the good news with urgency and joy. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, we long for your reign of justice and truth in our broken world. We pray for every nation, and for all places ravaged by war and aggression. We pray for our President, for Congress, for the Supreme Court, and for all leaders tasked with governance in these divisive times, that they may work for peace and justice. We pray for our military, and for the militaries of all nations with whom our government is in conflict. We pray for a whole and reconciled world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, we are filled with wonder at the marvels of your creation. We pray that you will renew the earth and all its inhabitants by the light of the resurrection. May we be faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. We pray for the poor, the hungry, the incarcerated, and the abused. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with peace, freedom, dignity, and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. We pray for our homes, families, friends, schools, and workplaces. We pray especially for Peter; Liz and Mike; Bob; Patty; Marina; Rick; Charles; Larry; Cecile; Paul; Colleen; Daniel; Julia; JoAnn; Eric; Christine; Louise; Alyssa; Jay; Jane; Jamie; Jena and family; Jan; Michael; Dolores; Susan; all others on our Prayer List; and those we name now ... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death, especially all who have died in war, and all in whose names memorial gifts have been offered:

Anna and Dick Young *(by Robert Bell)*

Bob and Bettie Bell *(by Suzanne Bell)*

Andrew Cerda; Kate Ho; Beryl Latham *(by Matthew Burt)*

Among those in need, we continue to hold in prayer: Meredith; Vassar; Chung-Ling; Jackie Ray; Emily; Bill; Justin; Mary; Jerry; Ed; Ed; Anna; Lydia; Anna; Danielle; Roma; Malin; Kathy; Yo; Joanna; Ted; Kathy; Justin; Tony and Maggie; Kevin; Scott; Martin; Kalia; Jim; Alberto; John; April; Joan; Sujata; Gordon.

Jae Cha (*by Shin-Mee Chang*)

Mr. and Mrs. P.Y. Wong (*by Lena Chow*)

Lola and Albert Lanting; Barbara, Ralph (Sr.), John, and Andrew Gerra
(*by Linda and Ralph Gerra*)

Judith Cain (*by Kathy Gillam*)

Juanita Jones Girand (*by Jim Girand*)

Alvin Jones; Beatrice Harris; Derrick Harris; Barbara Alexander
(*by Mildred Jones*)

Flora and Bill Klay; Amber Rose Hendry (*by Anna Klay*)

Rex Schmidt (*by Crystal Larsen*)

Caitlin MacCalla (*by Mandy MacCalla*)

Lisa Kase; Michael Urban (*by Cheryl Miller*)

Pat and John Meldrum; Gerald Milner (*by Liz and Marius Milner*)

Bill and Nelda Newsome (*by Bill Newsome*)

Andrew John Paisley (*by Lorna Paisley*)

Malcolm and Cosette Dudley (*by the Rock Family*)

Patrick “Pat Hetic” Herrmann; Jessie Jones (*by Nancy Ross*)

Bill Terry (*by Jan Terry*)

Mammen Titus (*by Debie Thomas*)

Elaine Jenkins; Marguerite Anderson; John Steward (*by Janis Wick*)

and those we now name ... Bring us, together with all your saints,
into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful Savior we commend all for
whom we pray, trusting that those who have died are with you in
resurrected life; and that all people and other creatures who suffer
injustice, oppression, hunger, violence, or have any need, know
you as the Love that abides to bring new life to all of creation. In
your name, Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

We share Christ's
peace, given to the
disciples.

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS *Mass in G*

Franz Schubert

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus,
Deus sabaoth,
pleni sunt coeli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full
of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Sanctus, "Holy," is the song of the angels (Isaiah 6 and Rev. 4). It has been an acclamation of the congregation since around the 4th century.

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus 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 Jesus 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."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with Mary, Mary Magdalene, Mark, Nicholas, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Great Amen is the people's consent to and affirmation of the Eucharistic prayer.


THE LORD'S PRAYER *Nicholas Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908), arr. George Black*

Our Fa - ther in heaven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

The Gospels of both Matthew and Luke record Jesus teaching this, commonly called the "Our Father" or the "Lord's Prayer," to his disciples when they asked to learn how to pray.



Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king-dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SINE NOMINE

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

God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are **welcome** at this, Christ's table, to receive the bread and the wine, if desired. Gluten-free wafers are available.

In addition to the consecrated bread, wine (or grape juice in the glass chalice) is available to those who wish to receive it.

Please drink directly from the cup, guiding it to your mouth, and do not intinct (dip) the bread.

Healing prayer is available in St. Nicholas chapel— all are welcome.

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:



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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand in body or spirit.

Let us pray.

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

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.**

Please be seated.

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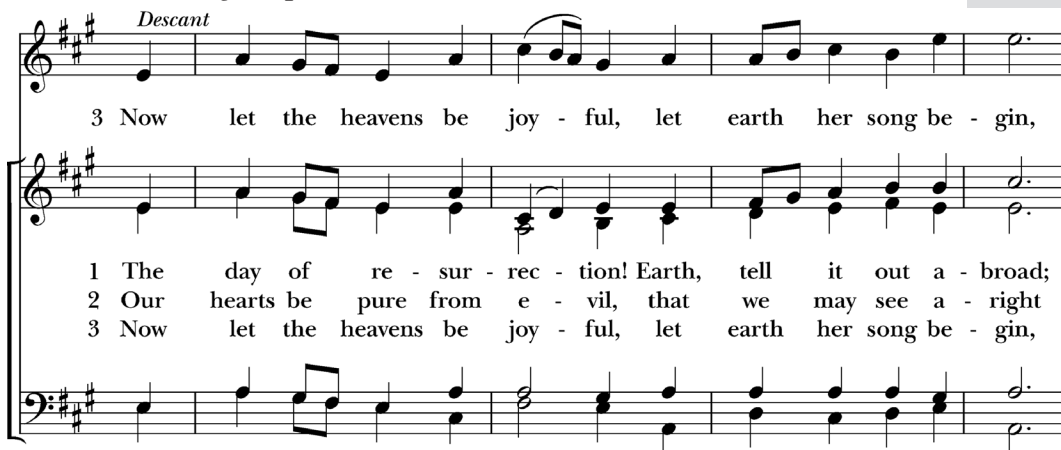
This Post- (after) Communion prayer offers thanks to God for the gifts we have received in the Eucharist, and requests of God that we may fully live as the Body of Christ which we are.

A blessing recognizes and asks for God's presence with us.

HYMN 210 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad ELLACOMBE

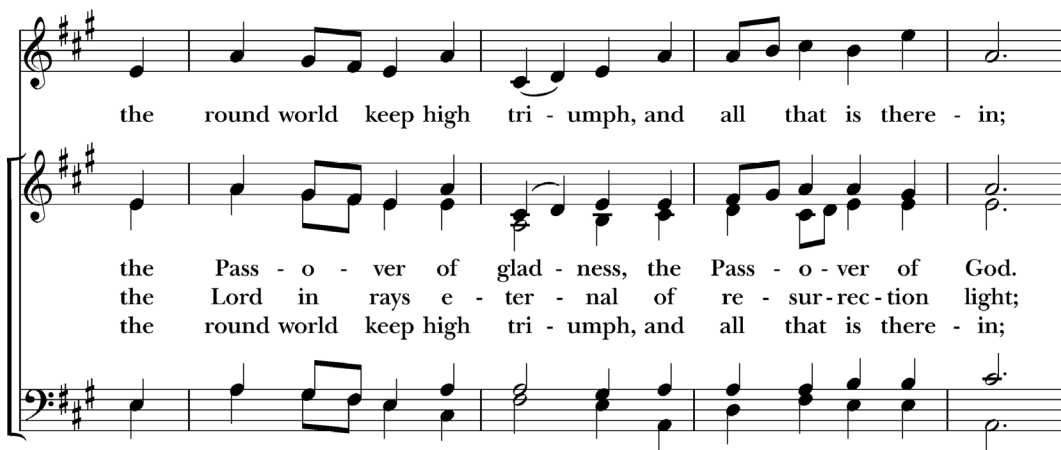
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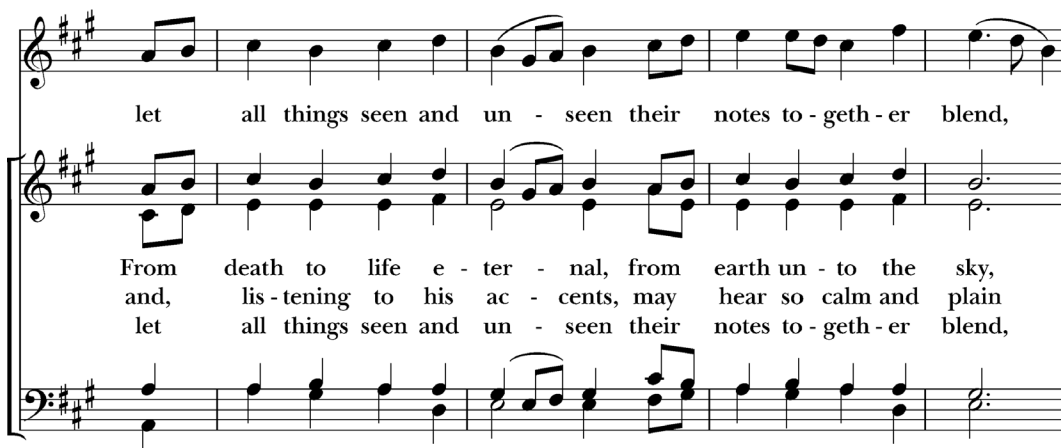
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

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.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The dismissal sends us out to do our work in the broader world. Alleluias are added from Easter until the Day of Pentecost.

POSTLUDE *Toccata, from *Outburst of Spring Triumphant* Mary Beth Bennett*

Many thanks to these and all the volunteers who made this celebration possible:

Brie Linkenhoker and all who prepared the Easter breakfast

Those who helped to stage the Easter egg hunt

The Altar, Flower, Bread, and Liturgical Arts Guilds

The string quartet—Joel Pattinson, Mariechristine Lopez,

Alessandra Aquilanti, and Naoya Kanai

Saint Mark's Choir

Margaret Kvamme, Guest Organist



A CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY

Saturday May 9 at 10 a.m.

Please join us at St. Mark's as we celebrate our new Rector,
The Reverend Kirsten Snow Spalding.

The Right Reverend Austin Rios, the Bishop of California,
will preside and preach; a festive lunch follows the service.

JAZZ EUCHARIST AND PARISH PICNIC

The Day of Pentecost
Sunday May 24 at 10 a.m.

We celebrate the gifts of the Spirit with a Eucharist featuring St. Mark's Choir and a Jazz Ensemble directed by Randy Smith. A picnic in Hoover Park follows the service.



WELCOME

We are so glad that you have joined us today! If you are new to St. Mark's and would like to get to know us better or to meet with a member of the clergy, please fill out your name and contact info and put this page in the collection plate.

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