

The Sunday of the Resurrection
Easter Day
Holy Eucharist
April 5, 2026
11:00am



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Welcome to St. Mary's!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to this service celebrating his resurrection and our victory over death! We hope that you will worship with us again during the Great 50 days of Easter and throughout the year.

The Episcopal Church has its roots in the New Testament community of the Apostles, and our structure, liturgy, and faithfulness to scripture date from the ancient Church. This parish emphasizes inspiring worship, loving without exception and giving of ourselves completely. If you are new to us, we would be delighted for you to make St. Mary's your church home.

Our Liturgy is taken from The Book of Common Prayer (1979). The hymns we sing during this service may be found in the blue Hymnal.

If you're new to the Episcopal Church, know that we follow an ancient and enduring pattern of worship called Liturgy, which is designed to give glory to God and draw people closer to God. We sing and pray together, and stand, sit and kneel at different times using our bodies, minds and voices as we worship in the Spirit. All of those directions are in this guide, which is drawn from the Book of Common Prayer you see in the pew racks in front of you. We have communion every Sunday (and sometimes more often!) and everyone is invited to the altar, regardless of membership or from what denomination they've come. If you haven't been baptized, or aren't sure you're ready to receive communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing and talk to a priest after the service about getting baptized. For more information about Saint Mary's, please see our website at www.stmaryshighpoint.org or check out our [Facebook Page](#).

The liturgy begins on page 355 in The Book of Common Prayer

Music Before the Service

St. Mary's String Quintet

Welcome and Announcements

The Word of God

Hymn 207 Jesus Christ is risen today

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis Deo S-278

William Mathias

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

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

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

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

All are seated

10:34-43

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."

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

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

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures forever.
2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures forever."
14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous.
16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
23 This is the LORD'S doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Colossians

3:1-4

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.

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

Alleluia & Hymn 199

The choir sings the Alleluias, then all repeat.



V. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast.

Hymn 199 Come ye faithful, raise the strain

The Gospel

John 20:1-18

Gospeller 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.

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

The Sermon

All are seated

The Rev'd Louis Patrick Mua

The Nicene Creed

All stand and say together

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

We pray for the peace of the world, especially Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico, our companion dioceses of Botswana and Costa Rica, most especially Santa Maria Siquierres, Church of the Redeemer, Holy Trinity, Greensboro. 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.

Silence

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Joan, Bill, Cheryl, Debbie, Barry, Pat, Clara, Susan, Sam, Eamon, all those on our parish prayer list and all on the Daughters of the King prayer list, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Steve Burke and Bill Fenn, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Celebrant Gracious God, hear our prayers on behalf of those for whom we pray, and give us peace in this time of our Easter rejoicing, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen and exalted Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

All kneel

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Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory

The strife is o'er

The strife is o'er, the battle done;

now is the Victor's triumph won;

O let the song of praise be sung.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,

Henry Ley

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,

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, 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.

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, 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. Father, 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, he 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 he 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 him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him 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 he 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."

All sing

Jeffrey Smith, Mass in E



Choir: *Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.*
All repeat the Alleluias.

The Celebrant says

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.

Music at the Communion

Motet This Joyful Eastertide

Trad. Arr. Charles Wood

1. 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 his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.

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

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

Hymns 190 Lift your heart rejoicing, Mary
 208 The strife is o'er
 213 Come away to the skies

After Communion, all stand and the Celebrant says

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Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
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.

The Celebrant blesses the people

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.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Hymn 210 The day of resurrection

Voluntary St. Mary's String Quintet

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar are given by Audrey and Jack Harris to the Glory of God in Thanksgiving for the Daughters of The King at St Mary's - For their vigilant prayers, good works, and evangelism: Pam Brock, Kathy Cloyd, Stephanie Cole, Kathy Conrad, Evie Cottam, Amy Danielik, Susan Fleenor, Sarah Foster, Amanda Gane, Susan Heard, Rebecca Henderson, Peggy Hussey, Helen Idol, Brenda Jones, Catherine Jones, Betsy Lehman, Smedes Lindner, Rebecca McAtee, Margaret McDonald, Laura Mims, Eleanor Oliver, Laura Passmore, Diane Rankin, Bunnie Smith, Beth Tuttle, Llewjean White, Kathy Woltjen, Mary Beth Yates, and Father Rob as our Chaplain, and in memory of Daughter Barbara Crowell.

Easter Lilies

In loving memory of **Barbara Crowell**, given by the Crowell Family.

In memory of my daughter, **Katherine Anne Marsh** and my late twin, **Jack Marsh**, given by Jane Marsh.

In memory of **Alice Whitehorne** and **Hazel Lee Ennis**, given by Jane Marsh.

In honor of my daughter, **Katharyn Ernst**, and wishing her love and joy, given by Brenda Jones.

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In memory of **our son, Peter Caress**, given by Ed and Ginger Caress.

In memory of the **Rev'd Delia K. Higgins**, given by Dr. Lloyd and Camille Higgins.

In memory of **Dr. Robert Dacus**, given by Dr. Lloyd and Camille Higgins.

In memory of **Mary Gordon**, given by Donald Cassidy.

In memory of **Asa and Alice Whitehorne**, given by Robert and Jane Whitehorne.

In memory of **Jack Marsh**, given by Robert and Jane Whitehorne.

In memory of **Grover Hodges Cole and Eleanor Allen Cole**, given by Hodge and Stephanie Cole.

In memory of **Linda Simmons Gardner and in honor of Ronald Ford Gardner**, given by Hodge and Stephanie Cole.

In honor of the members of The Order of Daughters of the King, given by Stephanie Gardner-Cole.

In memory of **George and Violet Freeman**, given with love from the George Freeman Family.

In honor of **Mary Alyce Watkins**, given by Shannon Wiedner.

In memory of **White G. Watkins**, given by Shannon Wiedner.

In memory of **Sue Travis Alexander**, big sister to Fr. Carroll Travis and Aunt to Fr. Robert P. Travis, given by Fr. Carroll Travis.

In memory of the **White/Phillips family and the Spencer/Lynde family**, given by Ruth White.

To the glory of God in thanksgiving **for the support of this parish in health and recovery; for the care and concern of the rector, staff and vestries; for the dedication to the service to God and perseverance of the choir & musicians; for the industry of St. Mary's support staff; and for Grace of time and love of family and friends**, given by Hallie & Charles Hogan.

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Celebrant

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Preacher

The Rev'd Louis Patrick Mua

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Jason Johnson

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Keeping in Prayer this Week: We pray for those whose needs are closely linked with ours and for those who suffer from any sickness, grief or distress, also remembering and praying for those on our parish prayer list, including Helen Congdon, Linda Nitz, Emily Finch Johnson, Anne Miressi, Trish, Thea Oglesby, Steve, Jerri Phillips, Elizabeth White, Richard Glover, Rick and Margaret Lewis, Frankie Gurganus, Nancy Jenkins, Kathy, Diane Kearns, Joan Cardwell, Bill Fenn, Cheryl Warren, Debbie Ewing, Barry, Pat Hayes, Clara Blythe, Susan Hayne, Sam Hawley, Robert Eamon Kelly, David Stewart, Jane Gill-Shaler, Denni Mikola, Shirley, Greg Denison, Hannah, Linda Focarelli, Carter, Tom Peterson, Loyd, Mike Hennen, Connie Strader, Em, Kim Williams and family, Land Hurley, Erin McDonough, Gary King, Betty Jean and Les Ipock, Kim Susnik, Kim, Carlin, Jess, Claire, Katharyn Ernst, Laura Covington Marsh, Suzanne Swadener, Belen Perez, Brenda B, Ben and Meredith Jenkins and family, Diane Rankin, Stephanie Gardner-Cole, Angel Berdiales, Mike Cook, Judy Jarrell, Laura Simcox, Jack, Joe P., Deb Bingham, Bob, Ari Shaver.

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