

# ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## EASTER

### *Easter Worship Booklet*

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*Welcome to St. George's! We are blessed by your attendance at our worship today.*

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# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

## Processional Hymn

“He is Risen, He is Risen”

Hymn 180

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
\*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,  
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion  
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the  
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.  
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.  
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

# The Word of God

## Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

*The Celebrant says*

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

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

*The Celebrant then says the following prayer that our hearts may be made pure for worship*

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.***

## The Trisagion

BCP 356

Lord, have mercy.

***Christ, have mercy.***

Lord, have mercy..

## **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant     The Lord be with you.

*People       And also with you.*

Celebrant     Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The First Lesson**

**Acts 4:32-35**

A Reading (Lesson) from Acts.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*At the end of the lesson, the reader will conclude with*

The Word of the Lord.

*People   Thanks be to God.*

## The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

*Then, all standing the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

***People***    ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*At the end of the lesson, the reader will conclude with*

The Gospel of the Lord.

***People Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**The Homily**

**The Rev. Robin Reeves-Kautz**

**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.***

**We invite your prayers of thanksgiving and supplication at this time.**

**Thank you God that you are \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*(King of Kings and Lord of Lords, sovereign, gracious, creator, redeemer, sustainer, loving, merciful, covenant maker, promise keeper, path maker—we worship and adore you)*

**Thank you for blessing us with \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*(new life through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, Hope for our future blessings, a loving family, friends, nice weather, health, good food, work, a way back to you through Jesus Christ)*

**We pray Thy Will Be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven.**

**Thank you for \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*(a loving faith community, your peace in the midst of life's challenges, healing, loving us while we were still sinners and when we've denied you.)*

**Forgive us for \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*(our wrath, envy, lust, gluttony, pride, greed, and slothfulness, our complacency, not putting you first, not having faith over fear, for trusting things of this world over you)*

**We forgive others (systems & institutions) for \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*(inciting violence, spreading fear, betraying us) as we have been forgiven.*

**We pray you give us \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*(humility, generosity, moderation, patience, temperance, charity, diligence)*

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil of \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*(hatred, fear, apathy, luke-warm faith, pride, doing life on our own and not relying on you)*

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

BCP 359

*Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

**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.***

*The Priest says*

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

BCP 360

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

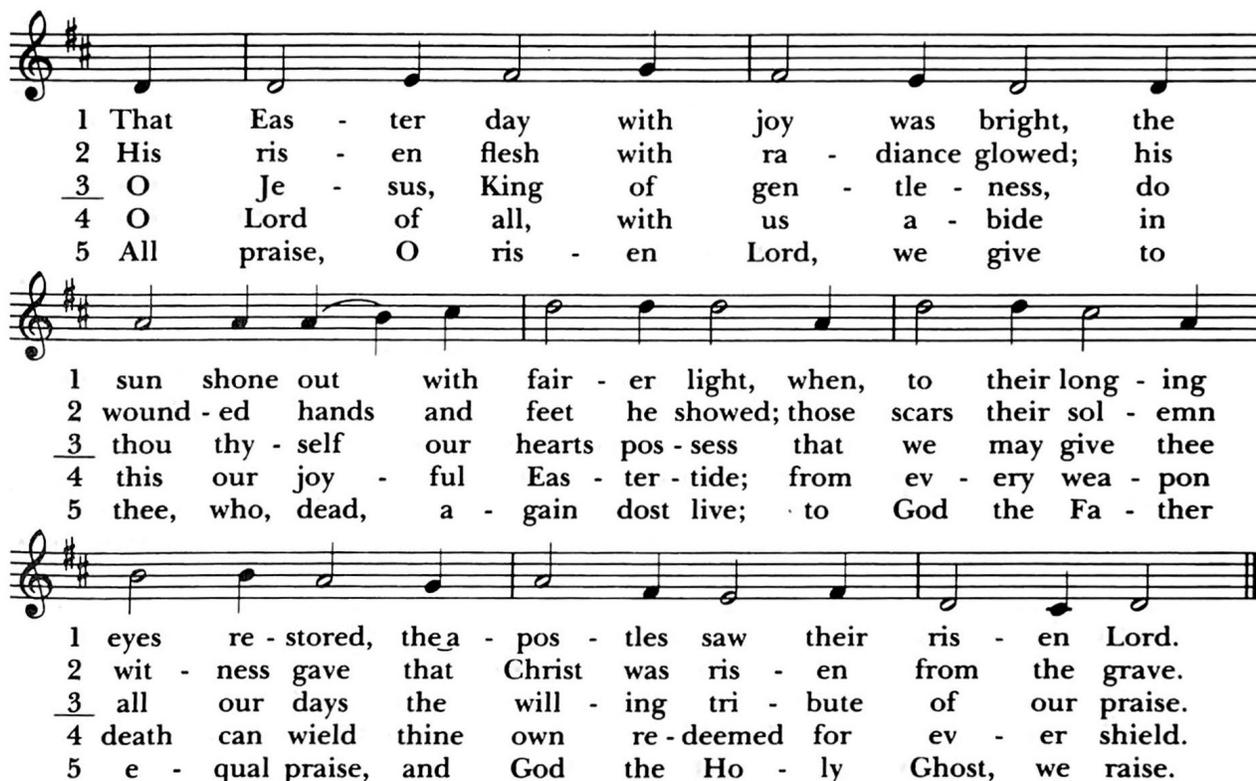
*People And also with you.*

# The Blessing

## Recessional Hymn

That Easter day with joy was bright

Hymn 193



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the  
2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his  
3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do  
4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in  
5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing  
2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn  
3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee  
4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon  
5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther

1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.  
3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.  
4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.  
5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

Words: Latin, 5th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*

Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

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## The Dismissal

**Celebrant** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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