



St. John's Episcopal Church

415 S. Lexington Street, Arlington, VA 22204
The Reverend Julie D. Bryant, DMin

Easter Day, March 31, 2024, 9 am

Typically, Episcopalians stand to sing and for the proclamation of the Gospel; kneel for confession and prayer; and sit while listening to reading or preaching. You will see some indication for those postures in the bulletin. Your presence is more precious than your posture: please stand, sit, or kneel as you are able and prefer.

Welcome! We're glad you're here!

Page references are to the red Book of Common Prayer. Music is indicated by "S" for service music (front of blue Hymnal), "LEVAS" for hymns from Lift Every Voice and Sing, and "WLP" for hymns from Wonder, Love, and Praise.

PRELUDE *Morning Has Broken*

Traditional Gaelic Melody

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

HYMN 179 *"Welcome, happy morning!" (verses 1, 4, 5, and 6)*

THE OPENING SALUTATION

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

GLORIA S 280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord 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.**

THE LESSONS

Seated

First Lesson

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN 180 *He is risen, he is risen!*

Second Lesson

A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles. *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."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN 178 *Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Stand as able

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *20:1 - 18.*
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.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Julie D. Bryant

THE NICENE CREED

Stand as able

Celebrant and People

**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 Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for peace and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Our prayer list is offered at this time.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Be Thou My Vision*

Traditional Irish Melody

DOXOLOGY 380, V 3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Standing, seated or kneeling

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God 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 Pascal 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:

SANCTUS S 125

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

The Bread and the Cup are distributed with these words

The Body (and Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.

COMMUNION MUSIC *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Ludwig van Beethoven

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.**

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 207 *Jesus Christ is risen today*

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE *Jesus Has Risen*

Thelma Johnson Ryser

PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Julie D. Bryant, DMin, Rector
Lynn Robinson, Minister of Music • Carol Dunlap, Guest Organist • Karen Sonnet, Flute
David Dunlap, Reader • Eileen Tallent, Prayers of the People • Barbara Olivere, Chalice
Dave Dunlap and Franny Sonnet, Ushers
Peter Olivere and Sandy Winger, Tellers • Lin Novak and Lisa Pope, Fellowship
Eileen Tallent and Lynn Robinson • Altar Guild
Peter Olivere and Sandy Winger, Sound and Live-stream Coordinator

EASTER FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God by:

Patricia Broida in memory of Nancy and Peter Goldsmid who were married March 31, 1948.

Bill and Faye Pritchard in memory of Robert and Eileen Unger, and William and Shirley Pritchard

Lynn Robinson in memory of David Robinson, Jim and Drue Green, Vernon and Olene Robinson, Anna and Julian Green, Irene Hazelwood, and Edna Hockaday, and in thanksgiving for the faithful here at St. John's and ministry of Julie Bryant.

Bob and Eileen Tallent in memory of S. Jones and Irma Tallent, Albert and Ruth Teschner, and Mary Claire Tallent.

Christine Williams, Caroline and Oscar in memory of John R. and Christine Williams, Theresa Lutchman and Richardd Williams.

Julie Bryant in memory of The Very Reverend Canon Peter Davis Haynes.

Live-Stream Worship Continues on Sundays. We continue to use the following Zoom access link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353789589?pwd=OWlmaElNYnpDZ1N2ZVF5S0ZlU0oZDUT09>

and Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589. The password is still 2020. Any other information remains the same.

If you can't copy the link, go to zoom.com/join and enter Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589 and Password: 2020.

If you don't have Zoom on your device you will need to do that prior to the service.

Welcome: We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors and newcomers. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Or you may come forward and receive a blessing.

Let's begin in silence. The parlor is available for socializing before worship, and you are encouraged to make use of it to catch up with one another. This allows the sanctuary to be a quiet space for those who wish to pray or prepare themselves to read and gives the prelude its due attention as an invitation to worship.

Emergency Pastoral Care. For pastoral emergencies please call or text the Reverend Julie D. Bryant at 703-336-2255. Her email address is rector@stjohnsarlingtonva.org.

Worship in the time of Covid 19. We encourage anyone feeling unwell to wear a mask. Please continue to exercise good judgment and sensitivity during your time in Church. Please do not ask those who continue to wear masks why this is the case; and respect any wish for distance. Communion will be in both forms using an intinction cup; you are welcome to request the Chalice.

St. John's position on racism can be found on the home page of our website, www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org.

Barbara Olivere maintains our common Prayer List, and sends cards to people who are ill, as well as birthday cards and anniversary cards. Please communicate with her at prayers@stjohnsarlingtonva.org. If you are able to share in this ministry, please be in touch with the Rector or Barbara, as keeping in contact with one another is particularly important to those unable to be with us in worship.

Rev. Bryant also serves as Rector of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Falls Church. They celebrate their Sunday service at 11 am where you are welcome to attend. The church is located at 3241 Brush Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042. Their website is www.saintpatricks.us Their YouTube Channel carries their services live as well as past weeks. The channel is <https://www.youtube.com/user/StPatsEpiscopal>.