

EASTERSUNDAY

April 5, 2026

Opening Hymn #207 "Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!"

Descant

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!

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!

Presider: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

The Collect for Purity

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 magnify your holy name through Christ our Redeemer. *Amen.*

GLORIA # S-280. *Please ring bells during the Gloria!!*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty 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.

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The Collect

Presider: God be with you

People: And also with you

Presider: Let us pray

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and open 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 lifegiving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Acts 10: 34-43

Reader: 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."

Reader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people

People: Thanks be to God.

Reflective Silence *Begins and ends with the toning of a singing bowl.*

Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2;14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

People: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

²Let Israel now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

¹⁵There 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!”

People: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

¹⁷I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open 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.”

²¹I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

People: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

²²The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Reader: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Church in Colossae

[Since] 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: Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn # 208 "The strife is o'er, the battle done,"

Antiphon (at the beginning)

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

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1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

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

Ped.

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Music: *Victory*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

The Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to John

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.

Presider: This is the Good News of Jesus the Christ!

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Rev. Craig Vocelka

Reflective Silence *Begins and ends with the toning of a singing bowl.*

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Presider continues:

My dear Saints, let us join with those who have gone before us and renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

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,
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 the 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.

Presider: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

Presider will bless the water and asperge the congregation

The Prayers of the People:

Leader: Christ our Savior, our Redeemer, You are ALIVE! Your earthly sacrifice has destroyed death and given us eternal life. Let us experience Your Presence here in the now and be transformed in every moment of daily life. Grant us the wisdom, the understanding, the joy of this indescribable gift as we pray: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ our Savior, free us from the fear-mongering and political bullying that killed You. Empower us to stand in Your Name against such tyranny before all who govern in this World, this Country, and this Community.

We pray especially for: *Pause, add your own petitions silently or aloud* to you we pray:

People: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Leader: Christ our Savior, lighten the burden of the hopeless in serious illness, despair, or desperation, and breathe new strength into all who give them care. We now join our voices to pray for those in need: *Pause, add your own petitions silently or aloud*, to you we pray:

People: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Leader: Christ our Savior, may the glory of Your Resurrection remind all who mourn that earthly grief is temporary and we shall rejoice again with our loved ones in life everlasting. We pray especially for: *Pause, add your own petitions silently or aloud* to you we pray:

People: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Leader: Christ our Savior, we pause at this moment to offer You our other heartfelt intentions and petitions: *Pause, add your own petitions silently or aloud,* to you we pray:

People: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Leader: Christ our Savior, in our baptism we each have been called, renew the essence of vocation in all who minister to the needs of others. Energize and enliven them to take us forward in this glorious season and meet You again on our way. *Pause, add your own petitions silently or aloud,* to you we pray:

People: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Presider: Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, Your Resurrection changed the face of the world for ever. Excite our hearts and minds; guide us to follow Your Gospel in our thoughts, words and actions. We ask through You, our glorious Savior, and the Holy Spirit, the breath of our souls, who together with our Creator, are One God, now and forever in eternity. *Amen.*

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory.

The Presider gives the invitation for the Offertory.

The People are seated

Members of the Altar Guild will bring Bread and Wine to the Altar.

The Usher will bring the People's Offerings to the Altar.

The singing group will sing "Easter Day"

The Great Thanksgiving

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Presider: God be with you

People: And also with you

Presider: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to our God.

Preside: Let us give thanks to the God our Creator.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider:

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 Paschal 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider 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. 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 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 in 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his 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.

Presider and People:

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

Presider continues:

Lord, 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 your Son 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 minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Bede 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 your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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

People and Presider:

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.*

Give us today our daily bread.

*Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.*

*Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.*

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia! We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: *We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.*
Alleluia!

Invitation to the Table

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time or never before. You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the People of God. Come, not because the Church invites you; It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

*Adapted from Iona Community, Iona Abbey Worship Book
(Glasgow, UK: Wild Goose Publications, 20021).*

All are invited to the table, if you, for whatever reason, do not feel comfortable participating in the meal, please ask for a blessing (simply cross your arms across your chest, and the priest will bless you.

The Presider says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Food for Holy People.

If anyone has trouble coming forward for Communion, please inform the Usher and Communion will be brought to you.

Post Communion Prayer (Please stand as able)

The Presider says: Let us pray

Presider and People:

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Easter 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.*

Recessional Hymn # 210 “The day of resurrection!”

Words: John of Damascus ((8th cent.) tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Ellacombe, from Gesangbuch de Herzogl.* Adapt *Katholis Gesangbuch*, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc Cyril Winn (1884-1973)

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Descant

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

Presider: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, let us go forth to tell the world that Christ is risen!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!!

Easter Egg hunt and Fellowship Time to follow in the Parish Hall

Presider: The Rev. Craig Vocelka

Musician: Mary Ferreira

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathleen Ebbert, Mark Williamson

Altar Guild: Mary Ferreira, Kathy Huffman

Godly Play: Kathen Bathgate, Judy Wilkin

The Sanctuary Candle
is given by Geraldine Liborio
in Thanksgiving for her many Blessings.

Easter Azaleas are given by:

Karen Bathgate in Thanksgiving for her many blessings

Bev Dawson in Thanksgiving

Gary and Kathleen Ebbert in Thanksgiving for their many Blessings

Geraldine Liborio in Memory of her Loving Husband Dennis and of her Mother and Father

Lorna Payne in Thanksgiving for her many Blessings

Linda Varda in Thanksgiving for Passover and Easter

