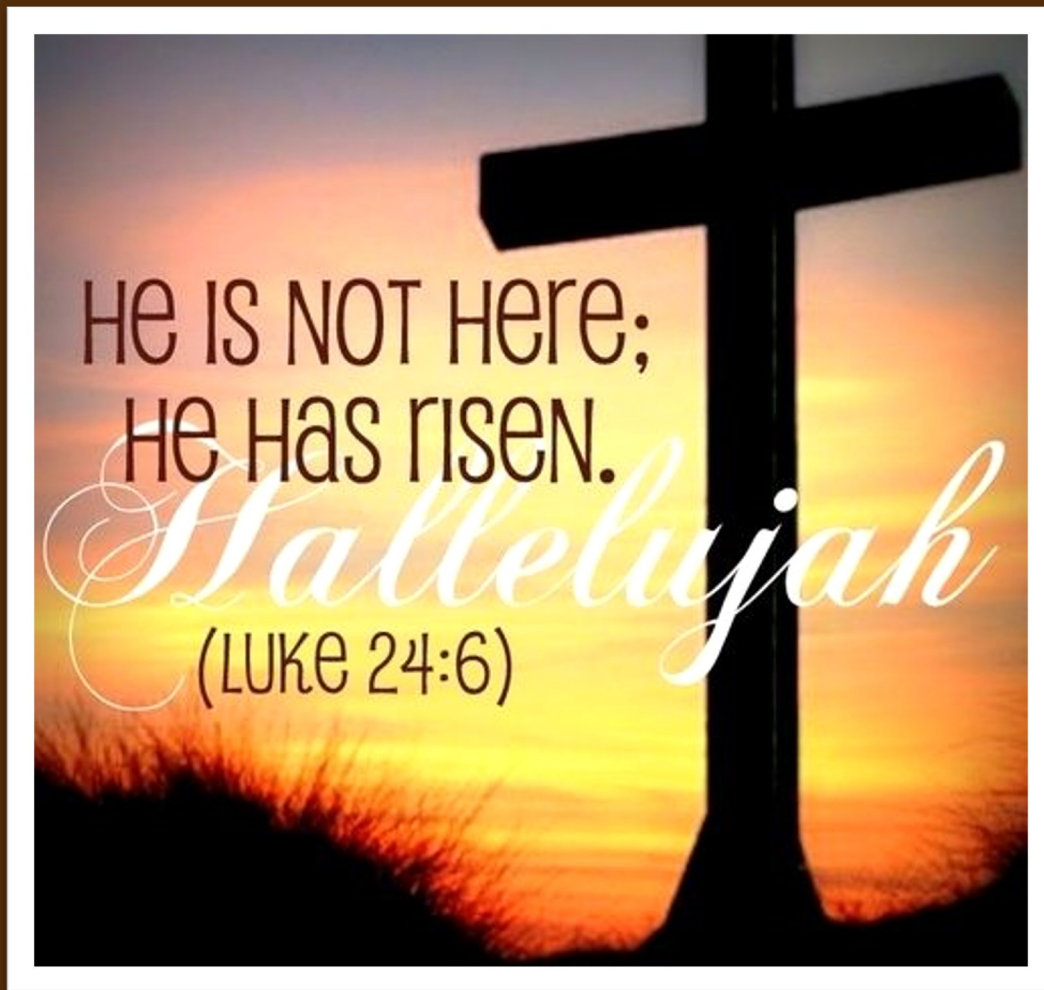


# Easter Day



April 04, 2021  
10:30AM

**Today's Easter altar is adorned with lilies,  
Given to the Glory of God, and to the Risen Christ,**

**In loving memory of**

- ◆ George & Mary Cousparis given by Dean Cousparis & Renee Tyrrell.
- ◆ Mildred & Floyd Cousins, Frank Medearis given by Joel Cousins.
- ◆ Cliff Franklin given by Diamond Franklin.
- ◆ Linda Edwards, Emily Green, Debby Schrader, Marion & Emil Stratton, Bernice & Eddie Edwards given by David Edwards.
- ◆ Inez Johnson given by Cedric Johnson.
- ◆ David & Francis Holder, Peter Synnestvedt given by Tim & Kaia Holder.
- ◆ Cooper Cox, George & Betty Knapp, Vivian & Loretta Wilkinson given by DI & Nancy Wilkinson.
- ◆ Catherine Kahn & Mary Ridge given by Stephen & Patricia Bradley.
- ◆ Ada Wood & Paul Archer given by Lora Sellers.
- ◆ Gail Sevier & Audrey Hansen given by Jean Lewis.
- ◆ Linda Batty given by Nancy Hurley.
- ◆ Our parents, Jim Blair, Harley Hamm given by Van & Marlene Odom.
- ◆ JR & Red Palmer, Romeo & Francis Charbonneau given by BJ & John Charbonneau.
- ◆ Edward Smith, Jared Lybarger, Tom Alford, Don Baker given by Bret Smith.
- ◆ June, Freeman & Tommy Little, Freddie Ramirez, Larry Woods, Dante Chelossi, ,
- ◆ Lynn Robinson & Roy Hickey given by Peggy Jones.
- ◆ Lee & Betty Jo Ketcham given Gary Ketcham.
- ◆ Mallory Paige Coburn given by Katherine Coburn.

**In honor of :**

- ◆ B.J. Charbonneau given by Joel Cousins.
- ◆ Dorothy Fite, Nancy & DI Wilkinson, my children and grandchildren given by David Edwards.
- ◆ Janice Robertson given by Cedric Johnson.
- ◆ Audre & George Lynde, Cynthia & Gerald Haugland given by Connie & Richard Haugland.
- ◆ Our grandchildren given by Van & Marlene Odom.
- ◆ Molly, Kenzie Jacob & Lainey given by Doug & Lisa Duffy.



## Introduction

**Celebrant:** Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church in Muskogee Oklahoma to those of you with us in person for worship and to those watching online. Welcome. The only thing that needs to be said today, on the Feast of the Resurrection is: Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
To which you are to respond: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## Prelude:

**Purcell's Suite I and II**

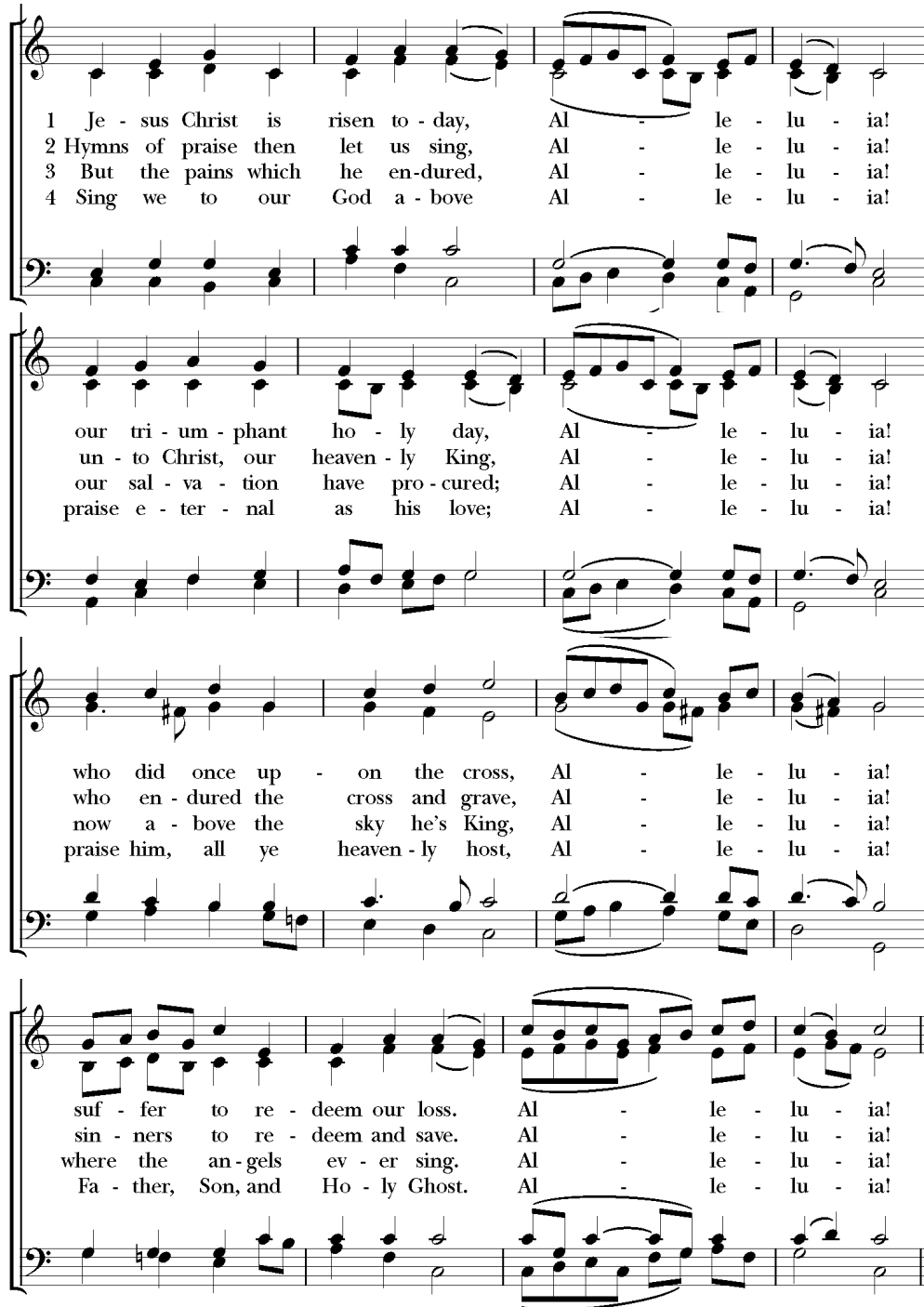
**Kaia Holder**

## Processional Hymn: #207

**Jesus Christ is risen today**

*All Stand and Sing*

Words: Charles Wesley



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!

## Opening Acclamation

*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 S-277

*All Stand and Sing*



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.

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

*Please be seated.*

*Reader:* A Reading from the book of Acts.

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.**

## Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

*Reader:* Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*

*People:* **his mercy endures for ever.**

*Reader:* Let Israel now proclaim, \*

*People:* **"His mercy endures for ever."**

*Reader:* The LORD is my strength and my song, \*

*People:* **and he has become my salvation.**

*Reader:* There is a sound of exultation and victory \*

*People:* **in the tents of the righteous:**

*Reader:* "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*

*People:* **the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"**

*Reader:* I shall not die, but live, \*

*People:* **and declare the works of the LORD.**

*Reader:* The LORD has punished me sorely, \*

*People:* **but he did not hand me over to death.**

*Reader:* Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*

*People:* **I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.**

*Reader:* "This is the gate of the LORD; \*

*People:* **he who is righteous may enter."**

*Reader:* I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*

*People:* **and have become my salvation.**

Reader: The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
 People: **has become the chief cornerstone.**  
 Reader: This is the LORD's doing, \*  
 People: **and it is marvelous in our eyes.**  
 Reader: On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
 People: **we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

## Second Lesson: Mark 16: 1-8

*Please be seated.*

Reader: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

## Gradual Hymn: #188

**Loves redeeming works done**  
 Words: Charles Wesley

*Remain seated*



1 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.  
 2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; where, O death, is now thy sting?  
 3 Soar we now where Christ has led, fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head;



Death in vain for - bids him rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
 Once he died our souls to save, where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?  
 made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

## Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

*Please stand as you are able.*

Deacon: 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";

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

## ***Fake News or Good News?***

***The Rev. Bob Wickizer***

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! (The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!)

I want to start this morning with a story from an old hunting buddy who also loved Labrador retrievers. One spring morning, my friend rose early to find his dog on the patio covered in dirt with a rabbit in his mouth. The rabbit wasn't bloody, just dirty. His neighbor's kids raised blue ribbon rabbits they proudly entered in the county fair each year. He knew the rabbit must have come from next door.

He took the rabbit away from the dog. Labs, by the way, are trained not to chomp on or chew up the game they retrieve. He grabbed a hose and washed all the dirt off. The neighbors were away but he knew they were returning Sunday afternoon. This guy is kind of clueless and he remembered that some animals play dead. He was hoping rabbits were in that category. Quickly, he took the wet but clean bunny and put it back in the cage in his neighbors' back yard.

That afternoon, they arrived home. Soon after, my friend heard his neighbor's children AND their parents screaming. My friend goes through the gate to ask what's wrong. They said their rabbit died three days ago and they buried it, but now, it's back in the cage.

The field of epistemology is all about knowing things—about what we know, and more importantly, HOW we know. As you can tell from the story, what we know can also depend upon our point of view and how we come to know certain things. The distinction between fake news and real news is one of epistemology. Modern detractors of Christian belief would say the story of the resurrection is "fake news." Today I want to rescue our belief from the naysayers and give you some truly good news.

This morning we heard Mark's account of the women at the empty tomb, and then we heard the exact same story told from John's point of view. Mark's was the first gospel written around the same time Paul was writing his letters about thirty years after the crucifixion and resurrection. John, however, writes almost thirty years AFTER Mark, or about sixty years after the resurrection.

A lot of history passed under the bridge between Mark and John. During Mark's writings, the early church was flourishing and expanding rapidly. Christians worshipped in Jewish synagogues as a religious sect of Judaism that simply believed the Messiah had indeed come. The Romans tolerated the Jews and the Christians who were part of that group. Within a few years of Mark finishing his gospel, Emperor Nero blamed the Christians for the burning of Rome and began the first brutal persecution of Christians. A Jewish revolt resulted in Romans destroying Jerusalem and banishing the Jews to the countryside. By the time John writes his gospel, the relations between Christians and Jews had gone sour and Christians were no longer welcome in synagogues.

In between Mark's and John's writings, the most destructive volcano on the planet erupted about 150 miles south of Rome, killing over 30,000 residents of Pompei and Herculaneum. While this had very little political or economic impact on the vast Roman Empire, it reminded them that things they did not know were sometimes in the power of their gods to determine. Volcanos cannot be predicted or controlled.

We, modern folks, often make assumptions about the ancient minds and what they knew or believed. We imagine the ancients as dividing up knowledge into two categories: 1. Things that are known and understood by logic such as the wheels on your chariot must be the same diameter or it will never go straight. And 2. Things that cannot be understood or explained are supernatural or superstitious, belonging to the realm of religious belief. In our modern worldview, we make the same kind of mistake. We divide knowledge into the same two compartments: 1. Things that are understood by science. And 2. All other things that cannot be explained are supernatural, superstitious, or religious. It has become a popular fad among thoroughly modern people to ridicule and discount any person who holds beliefs in the second category. In their eyes, we are all a bunch of religious nutcakes believing in magic.

But there is a third category of knowledge—that there are things that will be knowable or explainable someday, but we just do not understand them today. This is actually the hinge between modern science and religion. Neither field makes a claim to perfect knowledge.

We know that at the time of Jesus, other prophets and rabbis are reported in written testimony to have performed the same miracles as Jesus did, but today, those people are minor footnotes in history. What's the difference?

We do know that SOMETHING happened. Something powerful enough that the disciples would all (except for John) die brutal deaths, and some by crucifixion. Something powerful enough that inspired and gave hope to millions of people. Believers in the resurrection would die helping other non-Christians in countless plagues and pandemics. Believers would devote their lives to helping the poor, the elderly, and the lame. Something happened that gives hope today. Something happened that is worth dying for. Something happened that brings down the powerful from their thrones and raises up the lowly.

Believing in the resurrection is not all about going to heaven. It is about taking the mission and message of Christ and making it your own. Believing that something happened means that you take the central message of God to suffering people and make it your message.

God creates you, loves you, and forgives you. To show that you understand that message, reach out and help someone else you do not know. When you do, you will give hope and meaning to a world in need of the love that only you can give.

## **Nicene Creed**

*All in unison; Please stand as you are able.*

**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. 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.**



## Prayers of the People

*Please kneel, sit or stand.*

*Reader:* Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to God our Father.

*Reader:* For peace from things that separate us from one another and for our salvation.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, especially...

*People:* **St. John's, Oklahoma City; Diocese of Indiana; The Anglican Communion in Japan.**

*Reader:* For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For...

*People:* **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Bob & Tom, our clergy; Tim & Pat, our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. We pray for our leaders, especially...

*People:* **Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice-president; Markwayne, our Congressman; James & Jim, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Marlon, our Mayor. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...

*People:* **Barbara & Family, Blackwell Family, Brad, Brewer Family, James & Shirley, Judy, Sherri, Bea, Eathen, Linda, John, Angie, Brian, Glen, Dante, Marilyn, Gary, Ann, Connie, Jan, Cliff, Esther, Ann, Ronald, Michael, Sheila, J.J., Marlee, Betty, Carl all those affected by the pandemic, all the front line workers involved with patient care, all first responders, law enforcement, postal workers, all fire and safety personnel, all United States Military serving at home and abroad, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

*Reader:* We pray for those in the armed services. We pray for those who have died, (especially...)

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, (especially...)

*People:* **Martha, Marlana, Shelby, Josh, Patricia.**

*Reader:* Also those who are traveling, (especially...)

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* Remembering our most blessed Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

*People:* **To you, O Lord.**

*Reader:* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*Silence is observed.*

*Celebrant & 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.**

*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.**

## Peace

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

*Please be seated.*

*Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.*

*Celebrant:* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

## Offertory

*During this time we make an offering to the church to help maintain it's mission in creation. Its also a time in which we fully offer ourselves to be Christ in the World around us.*

## Offertory Anthem:

*Choir*

## Doxology

*Please stand as you are able.*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* When we reach the Lord's prayer in the service today, we will listen to a solo. Through our soloist, we are praying together.

### Sursum Corda

*All Stand*

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

### Preface of Easter

*Celebrant:* 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.

**Celebrant:** † 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 sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

**Celebrant:** 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:

**Celebrant & People:** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**Celebrant:** 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 forever  
**AMEN.**

## Lord's Prayer

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

**Solo:**

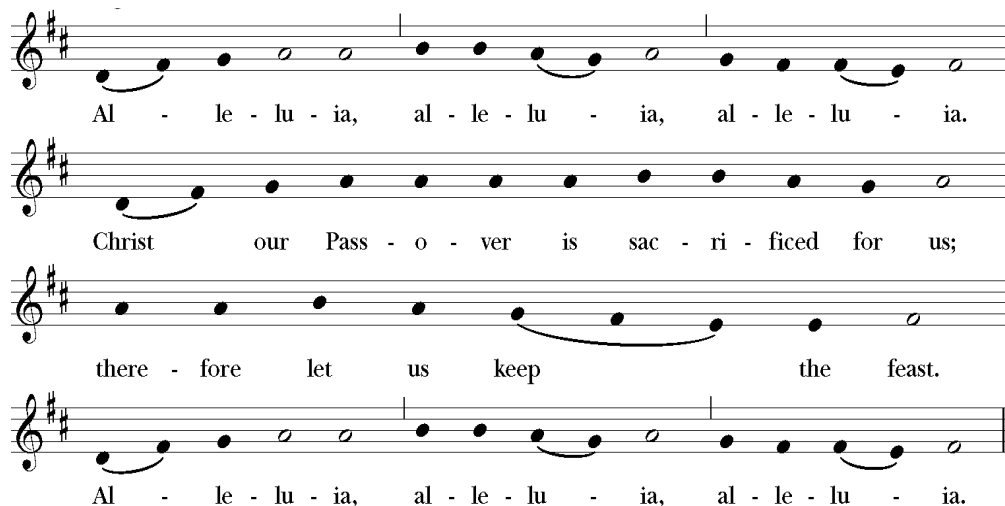
**Lord's Prayer**

**Lora Sellars**

## Breaking of the Bread

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

## Fraction Anthem: #S-154



*Celebrant:* 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.

*At Grace Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians from any church are welcome to receive Holy Communion."*

**Communion Music:**

*Muskogee Recorder Consort*

## **We Go Out To Do Our Work**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant & 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.**

### **Easter Blessing**

*Celebrant:* 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: #199**

#### ***Come, ye faithful, raise the strain***

*All Stand and Sing*

Words: John Mason Neale; Music: Arthur Seymour Sullivan

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a strong emphasis on the lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines in both hands.

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,  
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:  
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;  
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;  
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.  
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Postlude: *Purcell's Suite III* Kaia Holder

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* "Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia..  
*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

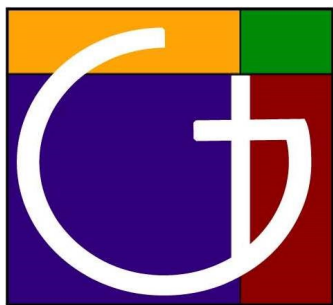
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**April 4, 2021**

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2nd Reader .....	Thomas Bentley
Head Usher .....	Ron Rogers
1st Cross/Server .....	Thomas Bentley
Torch.....	Brandon
2nd Cross.....	Terra Tomblinson





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