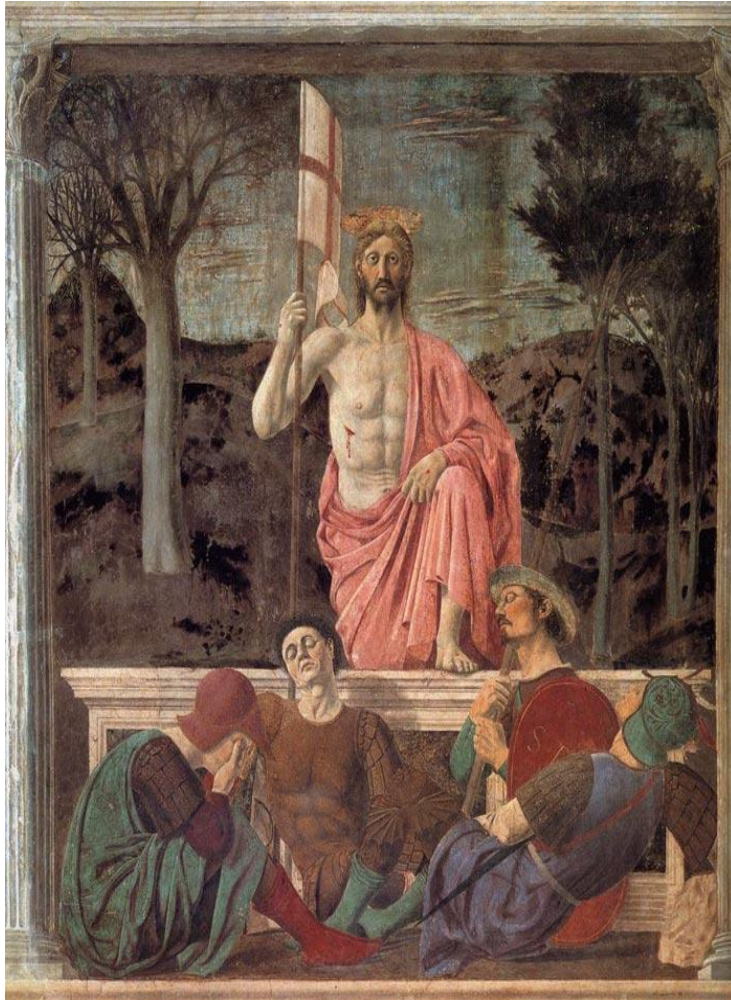


The Sunday of The Resurrection

Easter Day

5 April 2026



'The Resurrection' Piero della Francesca, 15th c.

SUNG EUCHARIST at 10.00am

Organ

Prelude on 'East Acklam' from *Five Preludes on English Hymn Tunes*
Francis Jackson (1817-2022)

Liebster Jesu, wir sind heir (Blessed Jesus, We Are Here) J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Prelude on 'God of Grace' Paul Manz (1919-2009)

All stand when the sacristy bells ring. At the step, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Processional Hymn

#207 in the Hymnal 1982

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!**

Remain standing. At the font, the Celebrant sings the following Collect.

Let us pray. Eternal Father, by whose almighty power thy Son, our Savior, rose victorious from the tomb: Grant that we, who were baptized into his death and raised to new life in him, may ever live to his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Procession continues, all singing the hymn,

#210 in the Hymnal 1982

- 1. The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.**
- 2. Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.**

3. **Now let the heavens be joyful,
let earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.**

At the altar, the Celebrant sings the Collect for Easter Day.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to the 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.

All stand.

The Gradual Hymn

#208 from the Hymnal 1982

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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| 1. The strife is o'er, the
battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has
begun.
Alleluia! | 2. The powers of death have done
their worst,
but Christ their legions hath
dispersed:
let shouts of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia! |
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3. **The three sad days are quickly sped,
He rises glorious from the dead:
All glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!**
4. **He closed the yawning gates of hell,
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!
Alleluia!**

5. **Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

St John 20.1-18

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Fr Wallace

All stand.

The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God;
begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried:
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

All kneel.

The Prayers of the People

As we give thanks for the good news of Our Lord's Resurrection, let us pray for those who seek to bring peace to our trouble world, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East. In the Church, we remember the diocese of Albany, our bishop, Jeremiah, and the ministry of All Saints' Cathedral. We ask God's blessing on those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week; and those whose year's mind falls at this time.

In joy and hope, let us pray to the Lord, saying Lord, hear our prayer:

That our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That he may strengthen with the light of his presence the sick, the weak, and the dying, especially; let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes with a Collect.

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto 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 thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand. At the exchange of the Peace, you may greet those around you in the name of Christ.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

During the hymn, a collection will be taken to support the ministry of Bethesda Church.

Hymn at The Offertory

#174 from the Hymnal 1982

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred Blood for wine,
gives his Body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
2. Where the Paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was
shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.
3. Mighty victim from on high,
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
thou hast conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light:
now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
thou hast opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.
4. Easter triumph, Easter joy,
these alone do sin destroy.
From sin's power do thou set free
souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise:
risen Lord, all praise to thee
with the Spirit ever be.

Remain standing.

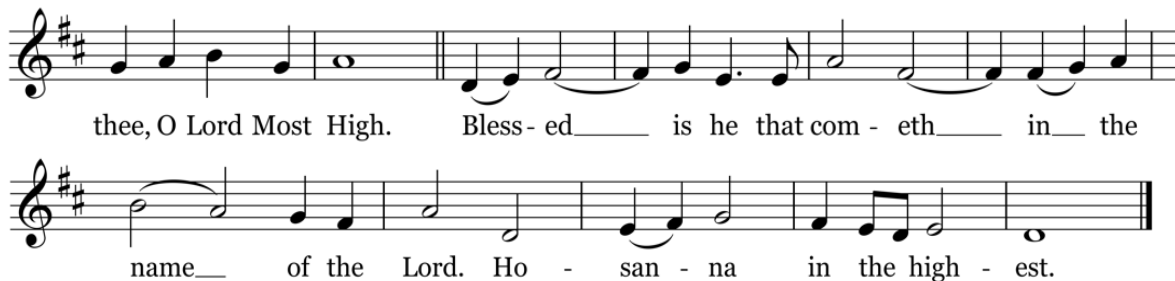
The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the High Altar, the Celebrant continues

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. But chiefly we are bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,





All kneel.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen**

Our Father

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 Fraction

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

The Agnus Dei from ‘*Missa Resurrectionis*’

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Communion is administered at the high altar. Please come forward at the direction of the usher.

Music during Communion

Choir:

Philip E. Baker (b. 1934)

Come ye faithful, raise the song of triumphant gladness, alleluia.
Our Christ immortal burst the bars of death’s dark portal, alleluia.
Kyrie eleison.
He who lay in the grave is come again all men to save.
Now all Christendom will sing that the Lamb is King of Kings!
Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn #187 (*remain kneeling or seated*)

from the Hymnal 1982

Organ: How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

After Communion, all kneel. The Celebrant says

The Prayer after Communion

We thank thee, heavenly Father, that thou has delivered us from the dominion of sin and death, and has brought us into the kingdom of thy Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to joys eternal; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Alleluia. Go into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

All stand.

The Closing Hymn

#180 from the Hymnal 1982

1. **He is risen, he is risen!**
Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison;
let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.
2. **Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,**
with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have
departed;
Jesus' woes are over now,
and the passion that he bore—
sin and pain can vex no more.
3. **Come, with high and holy hymning,**
hail our Lord's triumphant day;
not one darksome cloud is dimming
yonder glorious morning ray,
breaking o'er the purple east,
symbol of our Easter feast.
4. **He is risen, he is risen!**
He hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.

Organ Fugue on the Magnificat 'The Lord Magnifies My Soul' *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

Notices

Thank you to Darren Miller and Chris Lyons for reading and leading prayers.

Thank you to Sara, Christine, and Diane, our wonderful office volunteers, for all their hard work arranging Easter flowers and service orders.

Anyone wishing to take a lily to a shut-in or someone unable to attend Easter services, please come to the altar (or speak to the Rector) following the 10am service.

NEXT SUNDAY, there will be a service of **Lessons and Carols for Easter** at 10am.

Calling All Knitters! A mini-prayer shawl ministry is starting, and we hope you'll join us! You can pick up the pattern at the back of the church. Our first set of mini-prayer shawls will be blessed on Pentecost before being distributed to those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Carol or Jean for more information at office@bethesdachurch.org

There is a weekday service of Holy Communion **Thursdays at 12.10pm**. All are welcome.

Special Monthly Envelope Donations in **April** will be directed to the Thomas T. Parke Music Fund. Fr Parke was Rector of Bethesda from 1968 to 2012. In recognition of his commitment to the liturgical and musical life of the parish, a fund was established in his name which would provide additional financial support to our choral program throughout the year. Thank you for your generosity to the ministry of music at Bethesda.

Office After Easter Sunday, the parish office will be closed until Tuesday, 21 April.

Easter Commemorations 2026

Bethesda Church gratefully acknowledges

*The brass Paschal **Candlestick** given in memory of John Huppuch (1952-2020)*

The *Pascal **Candle*** given by Ann and Bob Bullock, Marcia MacDonald, and Gail and Tom Remington.

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