

All Angels Episcopal Church
Easter Sunday



April 5, 2026

Prelude

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus -

arr. Dallas Blair

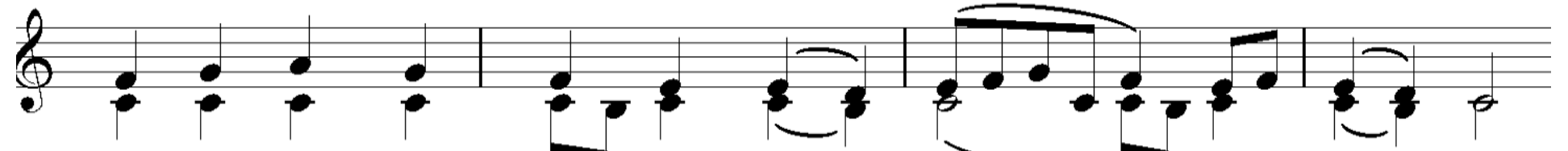
Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1982 Hymnal #207



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!

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, who made this holy morning to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Lessons *Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.*

Introduction: Happy Easter! Today's lesson is St. Peter's speech that features what he himself witnessed about the death and resurrection of Jesus.

A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 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 honors and respects 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

The psalm reading for this morning is from Psalm 118

Ps 118:1-2, 13-16

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,

"His mercy endures for ever."

I was pressed so hard that I almost fell,

but the LORD came to my help.

The Lord is my strength and my song,

and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory

in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!

the right hand of the Lord is exalted!

the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter to the Colossians

Colossians 3:1-4

If you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side. Think about the things above and not things on earth. You 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:
4 that, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

The Sermon

The Very Rev. David J. Marshall

Reflection Hymn

This Joyful Eastertide
Julie Micheletti, flute

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The Nicene Creed (*The word “catholic” means universal or global body of Christian believers*)

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 (*Please stand or kneel or sit as you are able*)

Lord, we give you thanks and praise for rolling away the stone of death so that all might follow your path of peace. We pray for the universal Church and all houses of prayer; we pray for All Angels, for Christ Church, Longboat Island Chapel, St. Mary Star of the Sea, St. Armands Lutheran and for Temple Beth Israel. Help us to shed our fears. Give us the courage and conversion to live in community. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our elected and appointed leaders that they will work with a spirit of unity in our communities and nation. Roll away the stone of fear and distrust and bring us your peace. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who serve our community especially those who protect us at home and abroad. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer chronic medical conditions, especially Downs IV, Holden, Barbara, Caitlin, Victoria, Alice, Annette, Charles, Anne, Ellie, Patricia, Bob, Agie, Eric, Amy, Trude, Donna, Beverly, Carling, Carol, Rafaela and Ed.

We pray in Jesus' name for those going through cancer treatments and those in remission, especially, Downs III, Lauren, Nancy, Shannon, Frank, Carmen, Zachary, Claudia, Will, Pete, Cara, Jennifer, Lauren, Melinda, Lindsay, Melissa, Kelly, Davidson, and Kelsey.

Roll away the stone of fatigue and bring your healing and peace to all who suffer. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those whom we love but see no longer. *Silence*

We pray for all who grieve. And, we pray for all the saints who have gone forth from our community and carried the light of Christ from generation to generation.

To the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you gave your life for the life of all, we commit our lives to following you. Guide us to live into your Beloved Community; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession is omitted during the season of Easter

The Peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory Anthem *In Thee Is Gladness*

Robert Hobby

Thank you for your offering to God through All Angels.
If you would prefer to make an electronic offering,
please scan the QR code.



The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Holy Eucharist Prayer B

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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:

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.**

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Jesus invites everyone to meet him here. If you would like to receive the bread or a blessing, please come forward. If you would prefer to have communion brought to you, please let one of the ushers know and we will bring it to you.

Communion Music

David Stasney

Prayer After Communion

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

Alleluia Sing to Jesus

1982 Hymnal #460



1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the



1 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
5 scap - ter. his the throne: Al - le - lu - ia! his the



1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the



1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a



1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery



1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Postlude

Alleluia!

arr. D. Stasney

New to All Angels? Welcome!

Be sure to sign the guest registry in the lobby.

Announcements

America is turning 250! Join Interfaith 250 on Saturday April 18th.

8:30 am, Adopt-a-Highway clean-up on Gulf of Mexico Drive.

9:30 am, Interfaith Breakfast & Fellowship at Temple Beth Israel

10:00 am, Interfaith Breakfast & Fellowship. Celebrating American freedom with sacred texts, prayers and reflections on the red, white and blue.

Sign up and get an All Angels t-shirt.

Gallery Artist Our featured artist through April is iconographer Christine Hales. Please stop by and enjoy the work of this talented local artist. Checks should be written to All Angels.

Choir Rehearsals Thursday mornings at 10 am. New members are ALWAYS welcome!

Prayer List If you'd like a loved one to be on the list, please contact Maria or Linn, and please specify if it is for general prayers, for cancer treatment, or for hospice.

Coffee Hour Host One of the most important things we do is gather after the service for coffee hour. If you are interested in hosting, the sign up sheet is on the Gallery table. If you would like help, sign up and we will find someone to show you how it is done.

Birthdays & Anniversaries If you have a birthday or anniversary coming up next month, please email Linn Torres at lt@allangelslbk.org

Visit our Website Video of Today's Service, Discussion Group Articles, Gallery Artist, and our weekly Tidings can all be found on our website: www.allangelslbk.org.

Today's presenters

8:00 am

BJ Bishop - Chalice
Bob Dixon - Lector
Barbara Pickrell - Prayers
Dave Bishop - Usher

10:00 am

Larry Elder - Chalice
Terry Cobb - Lector
Pam Toft - Prayers
Philip Deming, Graham Toft - Ushers
Bonnie Wolfgram - Piano
Julie Micheletti - Flute

Antonio Leal - Seminarian
Ethan Marshall - Acolyte
Elijah Marshall - A/V tech
Scott Wuesthoff - Zoom host
Linda Fletcher - Altar Guild
Philip Deming - Offering Counter

**The Easter Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
and for the Following Intentions**

In thanksgiving for my bounteous family

Fan Oleson

In loving memory of my parents, Donald and Dorothy Dodge

Daphne Walker

**In memory of our dear friend Dorothy Carter
and in thanksgiving for our family and friends**

Melinda and Bob Morrissey

In thanksgiving for my family in MD and PA and my friends on LBK

Nancy Boyd

In thanksgiving for All Angels by the Sea

Linda Fletcher

In loving memory of The Rev. Downs C. Spitler, Jr.

Virginia M. Spitler and family

**In memory of Helen B. James, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Deming Jr.,
Betty-Schuyler "Schuy" Deming Wood, David Stanhope Deming,
and Lynn Franklin Deming**

The Rev. Canon Nancy James Deming and Philip Schuyler Deming

In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren

Bob and Carol Erker

In thanksgiving for Fr. Dave

Beverly Joutras

In memory of Carole Crowley, my wonderful wife

Walter Crowley

In memory of John A. Williams

Ann T. Williams

**In memory of Henry and Mary Kochan, Sr., Kathleen Kochan,
Haig and Mary Bediguian,
Joseph and Fareeda Durna,
John and Saydoon Durna**

Hank and Jinx Kochan

**In memory of Joy Bishop and Bob Twigg
and in thanksgiving for our family and our All Angels family**

Dave and BJ Bishop

**In memory of Claire Cooper, Anne Roberts, Jean Langhaug,
Kim Bradshaw, and Diana Emrich**

Alison Jones

In memory of Don Judd

Carolyn Judd and family

In memory of Robin Foote (cousin) and Jill Bruce (sister)

Holly Bruce

**In memory of Rudy and Betty Fernandez
and in thanksgiving for loving parents**

Reuben Fernandez

In thanksgiving for our three daughters!

Ed and Elyse Rogers

In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life

Katzy Nager

**In honor of our parents, Ed and Elyse Rogers,
for their devotion, love and support**

Pamela, Cynthia and Jenifer

In memory of Marvin "Jake" and Delma Iden

Cathy Iden Becker

In thanksgiving for all God's blessings

JoAnn Heisen

In thanksgiving for our many friends and family

Ed and Virginia Upshaw

In thanksgiving for my wife, Diana K. Cable

Frederick Emrich

Reflection *Everyone or Anyone?*

A couple of weeks ago I wrote to you about the Committal service (when we place the ashes of a loved one into the ground) that begins with these words:

*Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.*

Based on what I wrote, I was asked this question after Sunday's service, "Is '*everyone the Father gives me*' the same as '*everybody will come to me*'?"

This is a wonderful question. I'd like to explore it with you.

The words of the Committal are taken from chapter six of John's Gospel. The chapter starts with an uncountable number of people following Jesus; he feeds them; he walks on water; the crowd catches up to him and he says,

"I am the bread of life. ... Everyone the Father gives me will come to me and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away."

The chapter ends with thousands of people leaving him (because he said, "You must eat of my flesh and drink of my blood"). Only Peter and the twelve remain. Jesus looked at them and asked if they will leave too.

Peter responded: "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

I think the context helps to understand the passage. Thousands of people were interested in Jesus. Let me clarify that; thousands of people wanted to see what Jesus could do – miracles, healings and signs. When it came time to believe and follow him, they turned away. He invited them from being spectators to become participants. And, as aforementioned, they walked away.

It might be easier nowadays to believe in Jesus because we don't have the expectation of witnessing miracles. But, back then they wanted to see the magic.

In the first few years that followed the crucifixion and resurrection, the movement of Jesus the Christ was called *The Way* because it was a way of life, a way of following Him who rose for us, and a way of participating in God's grace and love.

Jesus knew what was in the hearts of the multitudes – they wanted to see a show. In contrast, he wanted true disciples who would follow him along The Way. Yet, he did not say to them, "I cast you away because you are not interested in following the way of life I am teaching." Jesus taught them (he taught everyone) and they self-selected. Everyone and anyone who came to Jesus was invited along The Way. Not everyone followed.

When the crowd caught up to Jesus (after he walked on water), they asked him this question: "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus responded plainly, "This is the work [singular] of God: that you believe in him whom He sent." In other words, it's not many "works" that need to be done, it is one work: to believe. In the New Testament, faith and belief are action verbs – not thinking verbs. This means you can think plenty of doubts. There are many examples of when Jesus drew near to those who doubted. So, we can think doubts; but we act in faith.

Jesus said: "This is my Father's will: that all who see the Son and believe in him will have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day." (John 6:40) Anyone and everyone can think doubts but to believe is to step forward in faith; anyone and everyone who has faith will come to Him. He will never, ever turn anyone who steps forward in faith. He will raise them up on the last day.

- Fr. Dave