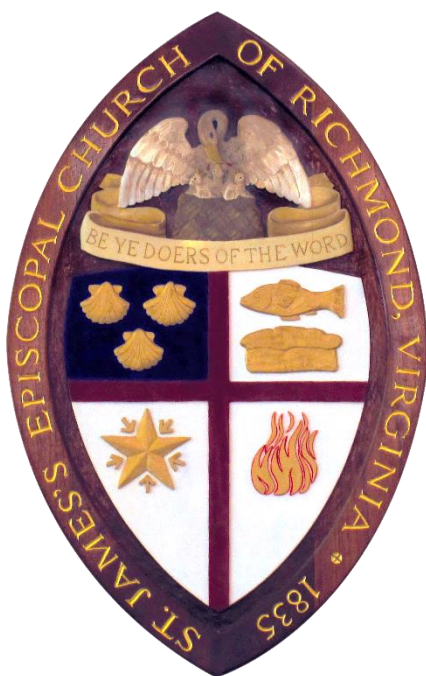


THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

EASTER DAY



FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST

APRIL 4, 2021

St. James's Episcopal Church
The Sunday of the Resurrection of our Lord
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude: Concerto for Two Trumpets

Francesco Manfredini

Hymn 179: *Fortunatus*, "Welcome, happy morning!"

Welcome, happy morning age to age shall say:
hell today is vanquished; heav'n is won today.
Lo! the dead is living, God forevermore!
Him, their true Creator, all his works adore.
Welcome, happy morning age to age shall say.

Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all,
thou, from heav'n beholding human nature's fall,
of the Father's Godhead true and only Son,
manhood to deliver, Manhood didst put on.
Welcome, happy morning age to age shall say.

Thou of life the author, death didst undergo,
tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;
come then, true and faithful, now fulfill thy word,
'tis thine own third morning! Rise, O buried Lord!
Welcome, happy morning age to age shall say.

Loose the souls, long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;
All that now is fallen raise to life again;
Show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
Bring again our daylight; day returns with thee!
Welcome, happy morning age to age shall say.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria S280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

Collect of the Day

BCP 222

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 199: *St. Kevin*, “Come, ye faithful, raise the strain”

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh’s bitter yoke Jacob’s sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days’ sleep in death as a sun hath risen.
all the winter of our sing, long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus’ resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb’s dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal:
but today amidst thine own thou didst stand, bestowing
thine own peace, which evermore passeth human knowing.

Epistle: I Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

Hymn 207: *Easter Hymn*, “Jesus Christ is risen today!”

Jesus Christ is ris’n 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 heav’nly 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 heav’nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:1-18

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”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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

Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying: Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

God of life, in gratitude and great joy we laud you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. On this day give us hope, for Christ is risen:
Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

On this Easter day may we commit ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, that Christ's body may be one, for Christ is risen:
Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; for all our brothers and sisters, that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen:
Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

For all who suffer and all who mourn,
that today you will wipe away all tears, for Christ is risen:
Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene
and the surprised belief of Peter and John.
May we long to be your sign of life in our world, for Christ is risen:
Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ,
for Christ is risen:
Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

Celebrant

God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

Peace

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

The Holy Communion

Offering of Gifts and Praise

Anthem: Most glorious Lord of life William H. Harris

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day
Didst make thy triumph over death and sin,
And having harrowed hell, didst bring away
Captivity thence captive, us to win:

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
And grant that we for whom thou diddest die,
Being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,
May live for ever in felicity:

And that thy love we weighing worthily,
May likewise love thee for the same again;
And for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,
with love may one another entertain.

So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People 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.

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 S129

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.

Celebrant

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,

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed James, our patron and all the 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,

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 this time you may consume your bread.

Music at Communion

Anthem: Lord of the Dance Shaker Tune, arr. David Willcocks

Refrain: “Dance, dance, wherever you may be,
 I am the Lord of the Dance,” said he,
 “ And I’ll lead you all, wherever you may be,
 And I’ll lead you all in the Dance,” said he.

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun;
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth. *Refrain*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John—
They came with me and the dance went on. *Refrain*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame;
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance, and I still go on. *Refrain*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
And they left me there on a cross to die. *Refrain*

They cut me down and I leapt on high;
"I am the Life that'll never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance," said he. *Refrain*

Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant and 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.

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.*

Hymn 175: *Salve festa dies*, “Hail thee, festival day!”

Refrain Hail thee, festival day! blest day that art hallowed forever;
day whereon Christ arose, breaking the kingdom of death.

Lo, the fair beauty of earth, from the death of the winter arising!
Every good gift of the year now with its Master returns. *Ref*

He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the ruler of nature;
all things created on earth sing to the glory of God. *Ref*

Spirit of life and of power, now flow in us, fount of our being;
Light that dost lighten all, life that in all dost abide. *Ref*

Praise to the Giver of good! Thou Love who art author of concord,
pour out thy balm on our souls, order our ways in thy peace. *Ref*

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in
the power of the spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude: Toccata from *Symphonie pour Orgue No. 5* Charles-Marie Widor

*The Easter Trumpets are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of Nathaniel Wade Parham*

*The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Arthur Sumner Brinkley, Jr., Joanne Raines Brinkley, William Giles Raines,
Grace Mosey Raines, and Mary Ayres Daniel Moncure*

Service Participants

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Deacon: The Reverend Hilary Streever

Assisting Priest: The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

Lay Chaplain: Blake Singer

Lectors: Christy Lantz, Anastasia Redmond

Musicians

Singers: Jeanne Lapierre, Kay Tyler, Lisa Edwards Burrs, Heather Jones
Chris Rock, Scott Triplett, Will Conn, John Tyndall

Trumpets: Rex Richardson, Brian Strawley

Organist: Daniel Stipe

Director of Music: Dr. Mark Whitmire

Music Notes



“O sing unto God with the voice of melody.” -Psalm 47:1

Concerto for Two Trumpets is by the Italian Baroque composer Francesco Manfredini (1684 –1762). Manfredini served as a trombonist and violinist in the court at Bologna. He later became Maestro di Capella at St. Phillip’s Cathedral in Pistoia, where he served until his death.

Most glorious Lord of life is by the 20th-century English composer William H. Harris (1893-1973). Harris became Assistant Organist at St David’s Cathedral in Wales at age 14. He went on to serve at Lichfield Cathedral, Christ Church Oxford, and St. George’s Chapel, Windsor.

Lord of the Dance is an arrangement by the late Sir David Willcocks (1919-2016) of a traditional Shaker tune. The Shaker religion (the United Society of Believers) was a movement which began in the Anglican Church in Manchester, England, in 1747. The name ‘Shaker’ is derived from the shaking and dancing.

Toccata is from the *Symphonie pour Orgue No. 5* by the French organist and composer Charles-Marie Jean Albert Widor (1844-1937). At the age of 24 Widor was appointed assistant to Camille Saint-Saëns at Église de la Madeleine in Paris. St. James’s sang at La Madeleine in 2010.

Welcome, Happy Morning and *Hail Thee, Festival Day!* are arranged for brass and organ by Mark Whitmire. The brass arrangement of *Jesus Christ is risen today* is by Virginia Whitmire. It marries the famous Advent melody, *Wacht Auf!* with the ever-popular *Easter Hymn*.