The mission of St. John’s Episcopal Church is to be a community of God’s people who heal brokenness, build bridges, and exemplify borderless kindness.
DAILY MORNING PRAYER, Rite II

Hymn 193: “That Easter Day”

That Easter day with joy was bright,
The sun shone out with fairer light,
When, to their longing eyes restored,
The apostles saw their risen Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed;
His wounded hands and feet he showed;
Those scars their solemn witness gave
That Christ was risen from the grave.

O Lord of all, with us abide
In this our joyful Eastertide;
From every weapon death can wield
Thine own redeemed forever shield.

All praise, O risen Lord, we give
To thee, who dead, again dost live;
To God the Father equal praise,
And god the Holy Ghost, we raise.

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

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our
Lord Jesus Christ.
I Corinthians 15:57
Confession of Sin

_The Officiant says to the people_

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

_Silence may be kept._

_Officiant and People together,_

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.

_The Priest stands and says_

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._

The Invitatory and Psalter

_Officiant_ Lord, open our lips.  
_People_ And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

_Officiant and People_

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen, Alleluia.

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.
Hymn WLP 800: “Christ Our Passover”

God’s Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;
Forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Now Christ is raised and will not die again;
Death has no more dominion over him;
Through him we die to sin and live to God.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:
Though Adam’s sin had doomed all flesh to die,
In Christ’s new life shall all be made alive.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Psalm 16

1  Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
   I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
   my good above all other."
2  All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
   upon those who are noble among the people.
3  But those who run after other gods *
   shall have their troubles multiplied.
4  Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
   nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
5  O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
   it is you who uphold my lot.
6  My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
   indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
7  I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
   my heart teaches me, night after night.
8  I have set the Lord always before me; *
   because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
9  My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
   my body also shall rest in hope.
10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”
Canticle 13: A Song of Praise
Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy
he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of
Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by
the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the
last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to
suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more pre-
cious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to
result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Alt-
ough you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not
see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glo-
rious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of
your souls.

Canticle 18: A Song to the Lamb
Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,*
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation,*
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne,*
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,*
for ever and for evermore.

\textit{The Gospel: John 20:19-31}

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.
The Sermon: The Rev. Ann McLemore

The Apostles’ Creed

*Officiant and People together*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.
*People* And also with you.
*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

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.

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V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your Name for ever.
V.  Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R.  Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V.  Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R.  For we put our trust in you.

V.  In you, Lord, is our hope;
R.  And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

A Prayer for the Search for a Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Hymn 209: “We walk by Faith”

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight;
   no gracious words we hear
   from Christ who spoke as none e'er spoke,
   but we believe Him near.

2 We may not touch His hands and side,
   nor follow where He trod;
   but in His promise we rejoice
   and cry, "My Lord and God!"

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,
   may we behold You as You are,
   with full and endless sight.

The Prayers of the People: Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your
truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy
People: Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and
peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy
People: Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its
resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy
People: Hear our prayer.
Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for those celebrating a birthday, and for all those celebrating the anniversary of their marriage.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

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The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.
A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Blessing

_The Priest may bless the people._

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

_Romans 15:13_

Postlude
PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Sunday, April 19
10:00 AM
12:00 PM

Second Sunday of Easter
Morning Prayer Rite II in English
Morning Prayer Rite II in Spanish

Monday, April 20
6:00 PM
7:00 PM

Finance Committee (Zoom meeting)
Vestry Meeting (Zoom meeting)

Wednesday, April 22
7:00 PM

Viewing and discussion of the movie “The Apostle” (Zoom meeting)

Thursday, April 23
10:00 AM

Thursday Morning Study: Celtic Saints
(Zoom meeting)

Sunday, April 26
10:00 AM
12:00 PM

Third Sunday of Easter
Morning Prayer Rite II in English
Morning Prayer Rite II in Spanish

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