

Feast of the Resurrection Easter Sunday



St Mark's Episcopal Church
Syracuse, NY

About worship in the Episcopal Church

Eucharist is the primary form of worship in the Episcopal Church. It is also commonly known as Holy Communion or The Lord's Supper. The service has four distinct elements: Gathering, Listening and responding to the Word of God, Sharing the Meal of Christ, and the Sending. This is the pattern of worship found in the ancient Christian Church, reflecting the pattern found in Jesus' feeding of the thousands and in the Last Supper as recorded in the Gospels.

Jesus said to love the Lord, our God, with all our hearts, with all our souls, and with all our minds. In other words, with our whole selves. Traditionally then, Episcopal worship has sought to engage the whole body and all five senses in the act of worship. You will find that in Episcopal worship, there is a lot of movement: standing, sitting, kneeling and coming forward to receive communion. Though many people find these patterns of worship comforting, no one is required to participate in such a way as to make them uncomfortable. The Episcopal Church welcomes all baptized persons, of any age and from any Christian tradition at communion.

Worship is the work of the people of God and we hope worship at St Luke's is a meaningful experience for everyone.

GATHER

Prelude

Invocation

The Celebrant says;

O blessed Lord,

To whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life,

and we believe and have come to know

that you are the Holy One of God

Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today

Hymnal1982 # 207

Opening Acclamation

All standing, the Celebrant says three times

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

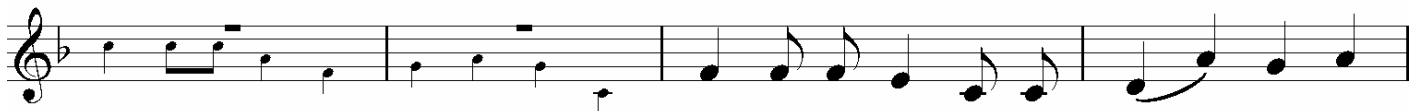
The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

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.**

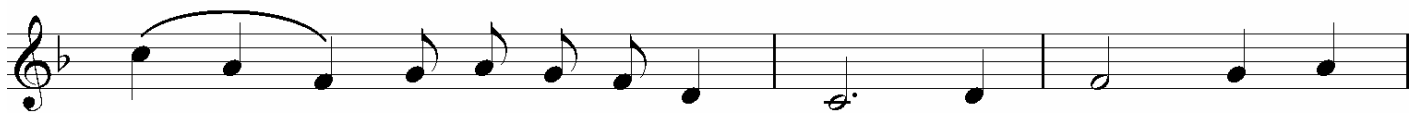
Opening Anthem

The following is sung, all standing

S280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - mighty 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.

WORD

Most Sundays include four Bible readings, usually:

- *Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament- the stories of God's people, Israel)*
- *Psalm (one of 150 ancient poems expressing the human experience of God)*
- *Epistle (one of a series of letters written by Jesus' disciples to early Christian churches)*
- *The Gospels (stories about Jesus' life)*

Prayer of the Day

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.

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

St Peter recounts the story of Jesus and the meaning of his life, death and resurrection

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

Confitemini Domino

Give thanks to God who is good; *
God's mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim *
"God's mercy endures for ever."

God is my strength and my song *
and has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Most High has triumphed; *
the right hand of the Most High is exalted;
the right hand of the Most High has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live *
and declare the works of God.

God has punished me sorely, *
but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to God.

“This is the gate of the Holy One; *
those who are righteous may enter.”

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is God’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

In his letter to the nascent church in Corinth, St Paul encourages the faith of those who seek to follow Christ

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

Gospel Sequence Hymn

Jesus is Lord of all the earth

Hymnal1982 # 178

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

All stand

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Grieving at the death of Jesus, several of his female followers go to the tomb to anoint his body and are shocked to discover the tomb opened and the body of Jesus gone

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

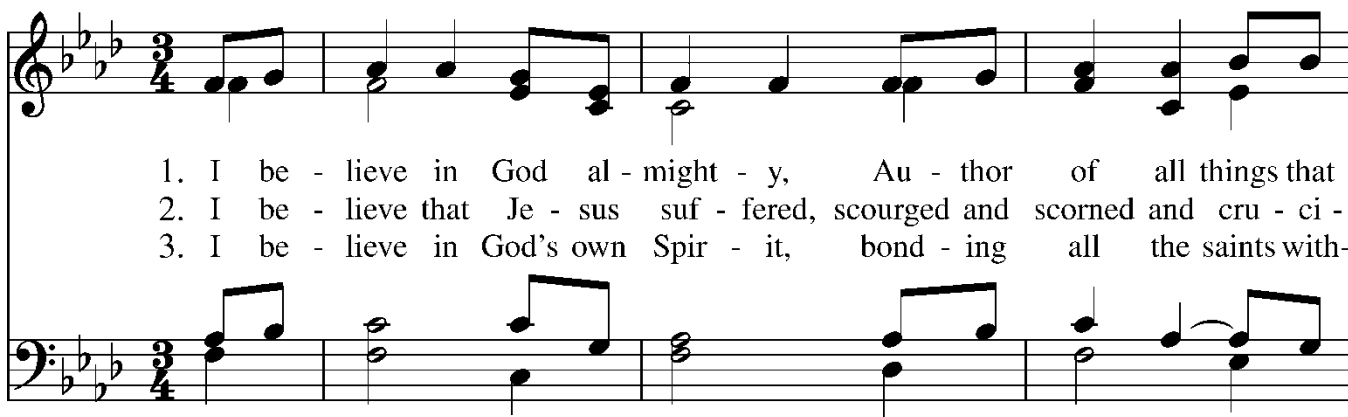
Sermon

The sermon is an opportunity to expand upon the scriptural witness and to proclaim Jesus' message of hope, connecting the actions of God in the past to the expectations of God's action in the here and now.

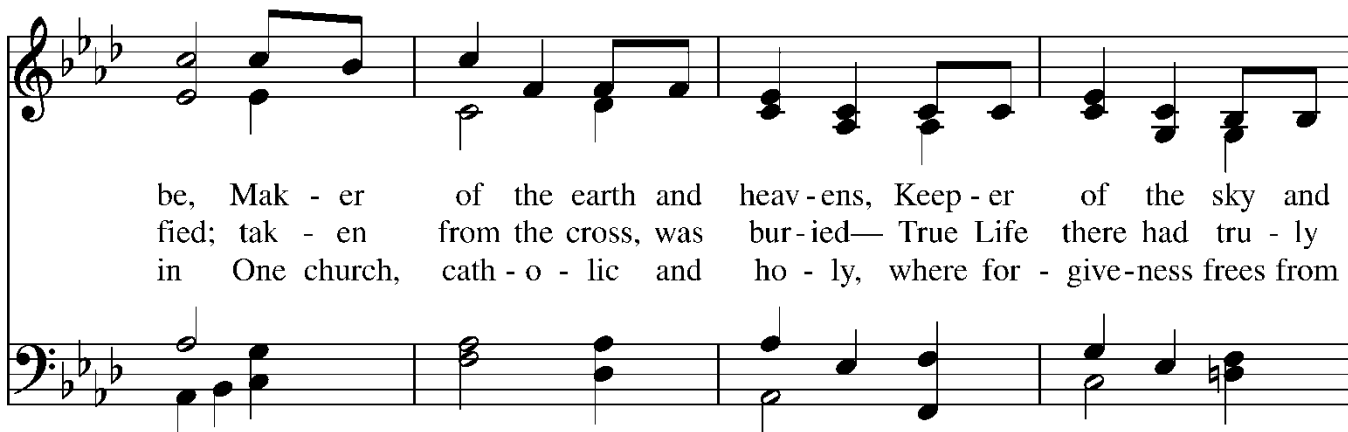
Creedal Song

This song, based on the ancient Apostle's Creed, describes the church's understanding of the nature of Christ and his relationship to us and to the other persons of the Trinity, God the Father, and the Holy Spirit

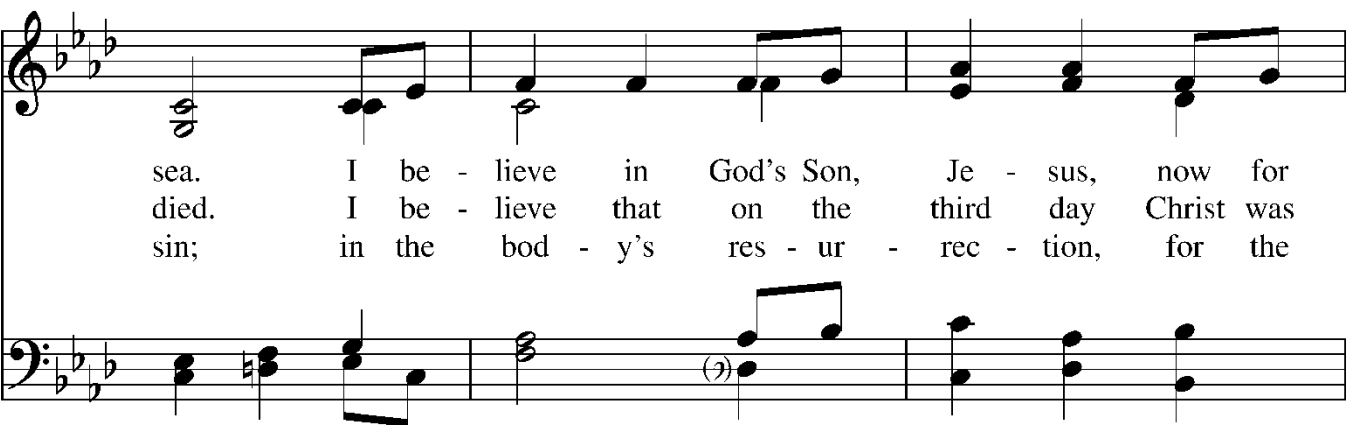
Wonder, Love, and Praise #768



1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that
2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -
3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-



be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and
fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied— True Life there had tru - ly
in One church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from



sea. I be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for
died. I be - lieve that on the third day Christ was
sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the

us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it and of
 raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed to God
 break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev - er -

Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
 right hand. He will come to judge and save.
 last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

Prayers of the People

Stand or kneel

After each petition, the response is: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Prayer is offered with intercessions for:

The universal Church

The concerns of the local community

The nation and all in authority

Those who suffer and those in any trouble

The welfare of the world

Those who have died

Peace

All stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

MEAL

The Meal, or Holy Communion, is the centerpiece of the Eucharist, in it the congregation's offerings of bread and wine, of money and of themselves are laid upon Christ's altar. Through the Eucharistic Prayer, the people's faith in Christ's presence is made manifest and shared, with Christ's own words in our hearts - "do this for the remembrance of me."

Offertory

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Doxology

Hymnal 380

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

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

Eucharistic Prayer B

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:

S124

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

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;

The Celebrant continues

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

People

**We, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one
bread**

Fraction Anthem

S161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Celebrant invites the congregation to communion with these words
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.

Distribution of Communion

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. All persons are invited forward to receive a blessing in lieu of communion, please cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing

Communion Hymn

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Hymnal 1982 #182

SENDING

Emboldened and empowered by Christ's eternal presence, the congregation departs to carry out the Church's mission in the world.

Sending Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people,

Sending Hymn

Come away to the skies

Hymnal 1982 #213

Dismissal

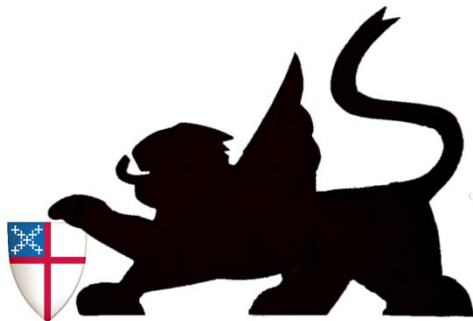
Celebrant **Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Happy Easter!

Join us for Refreshments after the service





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