

and so do we.

Easter Sunday, 2024 10 AM Rite 2 Holy Eucharist, Prayer D

Straight and gay, rich and poor, and every color and age, St John's is a place of Radical Kindness, warm and open Christ-Followers who celebrate God's grace and love and cherish one another. We are proud and grateful to serve as a "neighborhood church" for the tri-cities: College Park, East Point and Hapeville. Everyone needs a place to be cherished. We invite you to make St John's yours!

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Welcome to St. John's. All service music, hymns, and prayers can be found in either of our two hymnals and our Book of Common Prayer (BCP). If you get lost, no worries. It is all prayer! A member seated close by is always willing to help. Please fill out a visitor card so we can get to know you and invite you into life together with St. John's. We want to practice the radical kindness and hospitality of Jesus, making it plain that "God thinks" you are fabulous - and so do we." Let us know on a visitor card if you are interested in membership or baptism, and we will be in touch about the next steps. Please say hello, and come have some coffee after church in the Hospitality Suite after church. Take a look at our announcements insert for ongoing activities and please come and join us in our journey to be Christ-followers. Children are the church. We welcome all children (even when squirmy or noisy). Feel free to go back and forth to the "kids spot" in the lobby that is equipped with books, coloring pages, and stuffed animals. The noise is heavenly music to God's ears! If you feel uncomfortable with the noise, please take care of yourself. You are welcome to sit with your child in the Kids Spot and follow worship or can find comfy seats in the hospitality suite (hallway to the front left of the Church.) We will bring you communion wherever you are. **Restrooms** are through either of the doors at the front of the Church. Either go down the hall (on the right) or across the hall (on the left) to the Hospitality Suite.

PRELUDE: TBA

PROCESSIONAL HYMN- Jesus Christ is risen today - Hymnal 207 **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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*.

HYMN OF PRAISE- Glory to You - **Blue Hymnal S- 236** [Found in the front portion of the blue hymnal.]

THE COLLECT 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*.

THE LESSONS

First Reading 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 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."

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

Second Reading Celeste Hall 1

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.

SEQUENCE HYMN He Lives- LEVAS 42

All stand.

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

All stand.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the

entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON- THE REV. TIM BLACK

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III BCP 387

THE PEACE

Lord, hear the prayers of your people, and what we have asked faithfully may we obtain effectually, to the glory of your name. AMEN *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

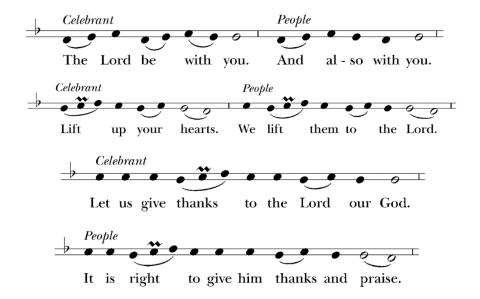
Then the Ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN- The Strife Is O'er- Hymnal- 208

The congregation stands as the offering is brought forward to the altar.

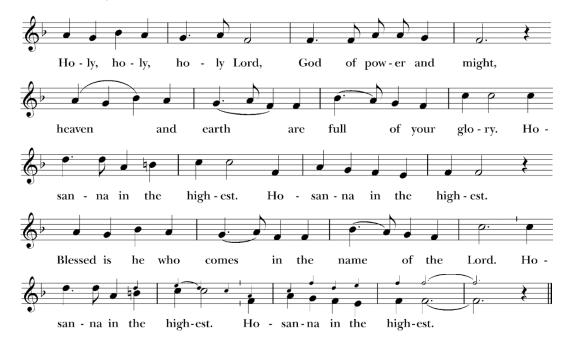
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Rite 2, Prayer D begins on BCP 372 SURSUM CORDA S 120 Lift up your hearts (BCP p. 372) The People remain standing.



PROPER PREFACE BCP 379

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER BCP 373 SANCTUS

Celebrant and People



The People stand or kneel, as able.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer- BCP 373

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

Invitation BCP 364

We share communion in both kinds, available by intinction (dipping the host in wine) or common cup. Hold out one hand for bread only, two hands for bread and wine. If you desire intinction, hold the bread in your hand and the minister will instinct it for you and place it on your tongue. For a blessing only, fold your arms. We also offer healing prayers and blessings from the priest. Simply remain at the rail after finishing communion and the priest will come and pray for you.

COMMUNION SONG – Let Us Break Bread Together- Trad. LEVAS 152

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

BLESSING - The Priest blesses the people

POST COMMUNION HYMN The Halleluiah Chorus- All who are so inclined are welcome to come up to the choir and join with us in singing! We have copies of the music for all. You are also welcome to sing from your seat. Please let the ushers know if you would like a copy of the music.

DISMISSAL BCP 366

After the Halleluiah Chorus is finished and the Dismissal is announced, the altar party (Choir, Acolytes and Priest) will process out. After the procession has exited the church, all are invited to listen downstairs for Easter Brunch.

POSTLUDE: TBA



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