

**Epiphany Episcopal Church
Diocese of Washington**

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**EASTER SUNDAY (Year B)
March 31, 2024**

*The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington
The Rev. Prince Decker, Rector*

9:30 A.M. (RITE II)

To Participate call at 9:25am: Free Call Number

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A warm welcome to all guests and visitors worshipping with us on this Resurrection Morning

ON-SITE AND ZOOM SERVICE IN THE CHURCH

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

At the Entrance: Blessing of the Fire and Pascal Candle:

The Paschal Candle represents the light of the risen Christ overcoming darkness. The candle is typically blessed and first lit from the newly kindled fire at the start of the Great Vigil of Easter. As today's celebration is the first Eucharist of the Easter season, the Paschal Candle is blessed and lit at the start of this service and will burn at all services throughout the Easter season.

Celebrant: Dear friends, today we celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ, his triumphant victory over sin and death. May the light of Christ, who rises this day in glory, scatter the darkness of our hearts and minds!

The candle is lighted and blessed.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray:

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify and bless this candle; may it shine continually to drive away all darkness. Christ is



risen from the dead and his flame of love still burns within us! Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world! Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever!

People: Amen.

Prelude

Organ Music

Processional Hymn H-207 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
3. 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!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Exhortation

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 in Excelsis

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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.

The Collect

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday

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 First Reading

Acts 10: 34 - 43

A Reading From The Acts Of The Apostles

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*