



ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
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## The Sundays in Easter Holy Eucharist 10:00am

**Welcome to Those In-Church & Those Joining Us Remotely!**

*(Words printed in bold text are to be read aloud by all.)*

**Organ Voluntary**

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**Processional Hymn**

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### The Word of God

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you

*People:* **And also with you**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray

### **Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Gloria – HYMN S-278**

William Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y 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 seated 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.

**The Collect of the Day**

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**The Old Testament** (*sit*)

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The Word of the Lord  
 Thanks be to God

**The Psalm**

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**The Epistle**

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The Word of the Lord  
 Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn** (*Stand*)

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**The Holy Gospel**

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
 Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

**Gospel Response Antiphon from Hymn 208 (sung twice)**

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ped.*

# Sermon

## The Nicene Creed S-105 (stand)

*Introduction*

We be-lieve in one God, the  
Fa - ther, the Al - might - y, ma - ker of hea - ven and  
earth, of all that is, seen and un - seen. We be-lieve in  
one Lord, Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, e - ter-nal-ly be -  
got - ten of the Fa-ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God from  
true God, be - got - ten, not made, of one Be-ing with the Fa-ther.  
Through him all things were made. For us and for our sal - va - tion  
he came down from hea - ven: by the pow-er of the Ho-ly Spi - rit  
he be-came in - car-nate from the Vir - gin Ma-ry, and was made man.  
For our sake he was cru - ci - fied un - der Pon - tius Pi - late;  
he suf - fered death and was bur - ied. On the third day he  
rose a - gain in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures; he a - scend - ed  
in - to hea - ven and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther.  
He will come a - gain in glo - ry to judge the liv - ing and the  
dead, and his king - dom will have no end. We be-lieve in the

Ho-ly Spi-rit, the Lord, the giv - er of life, who pro-ceeds from the

Fa-ther and the Son. With the Fa-ther and the Son he is wor-shipped and

glo-ri-fied. He has spo-ken through the Pro - phets. We be-lieve in

one ho - ly cath - o - lic and a - po - sto - lic Church.

We ac-know-ledge one bap - tism for the for-give-ness of sins.

We look for the re-sur-rec - tion of the dead,\_\_\_

and the life of the world to come. A - men. A - men. \_\_\_

## Prayers of the People *(Kneel or Stand)*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

Protect, almighty God, all those who live in the midst of conflict, and the men and women who serve in harm's way, especially Andrew Sieber, Tom Pearse-Drance, Jared Williams, Hunter Belmont, James Bayard Smith, Jr. and Justin Dumhart. Father we place our lives in your hands.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *(All stand as are able)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Announcements** *(sit)*

**Offertory Sentence**

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

**Offertory Anthem**

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### **The Holy Communion**

*(Consecrated gluten free wafers are available at the communion rail.)*

**The Great Thanksgiving** *(Stand or Kneel)*

*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.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

## Sanctus S-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Matthew and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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,**

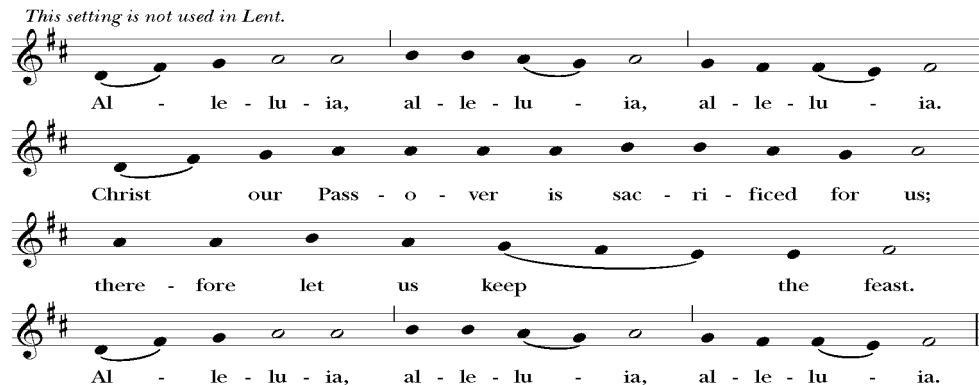
**for ever and ever. AMEN.**

And for those who are joining us online we pray, In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. We present to You our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to You. And since we cannot now receive You sacramentally, we beseech You to come spiritually into our hearts.

# The Breaking of the Bread

## Fraction Anthem S-154

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

## Communion Hymn

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## Post-communion Prayer *(stand or Kneel)*

**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.**

## The Easter 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.

*People Amen.*

*Celebrant* 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 forever.

*People Amen.*

*Celebrant* 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.

*People Amen.*

*Celebrant* And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

*People Amen.*

## Retiring Processional Hymn

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## Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia

Thanks be to God. Alleluia

## Organ Voluntary

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