

All Saints Episcopal Church Wolfeboro, NH

The Sunday of the Resurrection

March 31, 2024



8:00 & 10:00 a.m., The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Rev. William Petersen, Celebrant

Holly Simons, Music Minister

Prelude “Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” –A.S. Sullivan, arr. M. McDonald

Choral Introit Easter Festival – Michael S. Bryson

(Congregation stand and sing when cued) -

***Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head,
Alleluia! Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave,
the skies, Alleluia!***

Welcome

Celebrant

Alleluia, Christ is Risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Processional Hymn The Hymnal 1982 #207 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect

We center ourselves for worship in prayer.

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray together.

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

We hear the Word of God proclaimed.

First Lesson

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 118

Cantor: Claudia Bissett

Refrain

All Sing

Response: (Organ/SATB) [or: Alleluia.]

Optional Descant

This is the day! Be glad!

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

v1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." **REFRAIN**

v2 "The right hand of the Lord has struck with power; the right hand of the Lord is exulted.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord." **REFRAIN**

v3 The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes! **REFRAIN**

The Second Lesson

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 us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Let us rejoice and be glad on this festival of Christ's resurrection, offering our prayers to God for all in any need, concluding each petition with the Easter response "**Christ is risen indeed.**"

We praise you for the gift of the global church and for all the newly baptized around the world. And we pray that you send the Spirit of the resurrection into every assembly of the baptized. Give us joy in one another and hope in the face of sorrow, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for the wondrous earth that you continuously create and for the myriad plants and animals that show forth your glory. And we pray for everything in nature that is endangered. Form us into caretakers who protect your lands and seas, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for the times of peace and freedom that you have granted to us. And we pray for everyone who suffers from yet more gun violence, from prejudice and injustice, from oppression and poverty, from tyrannical rule throughout the world, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for the food that you provide and for the promise of an everlasting feast for all peoples. And we pray for everyone who is hungry, that they all may be fed. Show us how to meet the needs of the hungry in our world, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for a lessening of the pandemic and for the availability of vaccines. And we pray for everyone who is still contracting the coronavirus, for healthcare workers, and for all who have lost family, friends, and livelihood. Restore health throughout the world, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for each day of health and well-being. And we pray for everyone who suffers from illness of any kind, for those who today will die, and for those we name here before you . . . Accompany all who face troubles and sorrows, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for the presence of the risen Christ among us and for the witness of all who have died in the faith. And we pray that at the end of all things you raise us with all the saints to rejoice in your presence forever, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

In thanksgiving for the new life of the resurrection, we raise these prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *We share the gift of Christ's peace and love.*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements *We share our life of faith together in community.*

The Offering *An offering is gathered for the mission of God in the world*

I appeal to you, siblings, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*



For everyone's safety, we will not pass the traditional plate during today's service. Instead, an offering plate is available at the entrances to the worship space, or you may visit wolfesaints.com/donate.

The people stand in body or spirit.

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer 2, Enriching Worship*

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 our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

(ELW S108)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *We pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us.*

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

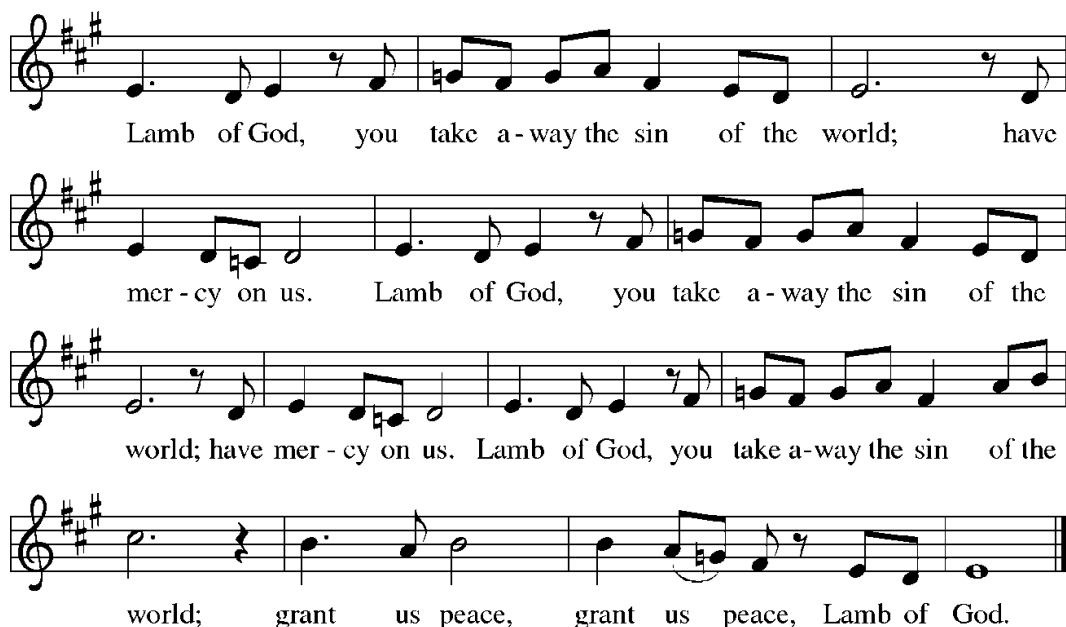
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread *We break the bread to share in the body of Christ.*

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread

Lamb of God (ELW S191)



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

Invitation

We are all invited to receive God's forgiveness.

Today, we taste and see that Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

You are invited to The Lord's table regardless of who you are, where you have been, what you have done. You are welcome because God loves you, no exceptions and we do too!

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

There is a long-standing practice in the Episcopal Church to offer a means for people to receive Holy Communion spiritually when it cannot be received physically.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.

Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Choral Anthem Worthy is the Lamb – *Lloyd Larson*

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray together

Life-giving God, we give thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God blesses and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

We stand to receive God's blessing.

Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness. **Amen.**

Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn #208 The strife is o'er (v 1,2,4)



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



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread



1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and



1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]



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

Dismissal

We depart to live as Christ's body in the world.

Leader

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia, alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

The Strife is O'er – arranged by Robert Lau

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Easter Flower Dedications

<i>In Loving Memory of</i>	<i>From:</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of</i>	<i>From:</i>
<i>Fritz Williams, Nathan Williams, Casey Williams</i>	<i>Dot Hyde-Williams</i>	<i>Phil Wasmuth, George & Rita Sargent</i>	<i>Dianne Wasmuth</i>
<i>Amy Dowd</i>	<i>Carolyn & Ron Sundquist</i>	<i>Lucy Day</i>	<i>Steve Day</i>
<i>Loved ones</i>	<i>Claudia Bissett</i>	<i>In Thanksgiving for</i>	<i>From:</i>
<i>Nex Benedict</i>	<i>The people of All Saints</i>	<i>Danielle Pierpont and our Sunday School helpers</i>	<i>The Vestry</i>
<i>Charles & Mildred Adams Walter & Halden Harding</i>	<i>Susan & Alan Harding</i>	<i>My children & grandchildren</i>	<i>Dot Hyde-Williams</i>
<i>Chris</i>	<i>Ralph Cornwell</i>	<i>Our family</i>	<i>Mary & Dave Haeger</i>
<i>Fenton Friend & Kay LaGuardia</i>	<i>Cate McMahon</i>	<i>Our grandchildren & children</i>	<i>Warren & Jeannie Muir</i>
<i>Sandy McBeth</i>	<i>Greg Wellstead</i>	<i>Noelle & Noah Hancock</i>	<i>Lucy & Skip Hancock</i>
<i>Robbins/Sislane</i>	<i>Meg Sislane</i>	<i>Our Love</i>	<i>Ralph Cornwell</i>
<i>Phyllis & Roger Muir, Anne & Roland Kimball</i>	<i>Warren & Jeannie Muir</i>	<i>Easter</i>	<i>Meg Sislane</i>

All are invited to receive Communion in this church.

The Common Cup as an Option Following guidance from Bishop +Rob to clergy and discussion with our Worship and Music Team and Vestry, we will offer the option of receiving wine by common cup as we offer the option of gluten free bread during Holy Communion. The Eucharistic Ministers will continue to distribute wine via individual cups and if you desire the common cup*, please ask Pastor Bill (just as you would for gluten free).

***Note:** For sanitation concerns and at the direction of our bishop, we will no longer offer the opportunity for Intinction (the dipping of the bread/wafer into the wine. The common cup is only available for drinking from.

Facility Information ~ Handicap accessible restrooms are located downstairs in the hallways exiting the Parish Hall and upstairs in the hallway exiting the sanctuary. A small restroom is located off the narthex lobby at the rear of the worship space. We welcome children in worship, but should you (or they) need, an unstaffed nursery area is located off the narthex lobby.

Seeking a Church Home? ~ If you would like additional information about All Saints', are seeking a faith community to call home, or interested in exploring your faith, please speak with the rector.

Masks are not required in the building at the present time. However, if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, then you are encouraged to do so.

Sharing of the peace will be done from your seat only.

Offering plates are available at entrances to the worship space or giving online @ wolfesaints.com.

We continue to livestream for those unable to worship in person.

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