

St. John's Episcopal Church

415 S. Lexington Street, Arlington, VA 22204

Easter Day

April 20, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Typically, Episcopalians stand to sing and for the proclamation of the Gospel; kneel for confession and prayer; and sit while listening to reading or preaching. Your presence is more precious than your posture: please stand, sit or kneel as you are able and as you prefer.

Welcome! We're glad you're here!

Hymns listed with number only are found in the blue Hymnal 1982; those with "S" before the number are found at the front of the Hymnal. "LEVAS" identifies hymns from Lift Every Voice and Sing, and "WLP" denotes hymns from Wonder, Love, and Praise.

Prelude

The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn 207 Jesus Christ is risen today *Easter Hymn*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

Gloria S-280

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Lesson

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah. *65:17-25*

I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever
 in what I am creating;
 for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
 and its people as a delight.
 I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
 and delight in my people;
 no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
 or the cry of distress.
 No more shall there be in it
 an infant that lives but a few days,
 or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
 for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
 and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
 They shall build houses and inhabit them;
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
 They shall not build and another inhabit;
 they shall not plant and another eat;
 for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
 and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
 They shall not labor in vain,
 or bear children for calamity;
 for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--
 and their descendants as well.
 Before they call I will answer,
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.
 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
 the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
 but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!
 They shall not hurt or destroy
 on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
 his mercy endures for ever.
Let Israel now proclaim, *
 "His mercy endures for ever."

The Lord is my strength and my song, *
 and he has become my salvation.
There is a sound of exultation and victory *
 in the tents of the righteous:
 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
 the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
 the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
I shall not die, but live, *
 and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, *
 but he did not hand me over to death.
Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
 I will enter them;
 I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; *
 he who is 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 the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

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

Epistle

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. *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."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 182 Christ is alive! *Truro*

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *24:1-12*
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

Homily

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and People

**We believe in one God
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 the People Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

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 Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Mark and Gayle our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *The concerns of the Parish will be shared here.*

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

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

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.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory Music

Doxology Hymn 380, v3 Old 100th

**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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
**By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S-124

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah; Isaac and Rebecca; Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei S-161

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

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.

The bread and the cup are distributed with these words:

The body (and blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.

Communion Music

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**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 forever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 174 At the lamb's high feast we sing, *Salzburg*

Dismissal

Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Serving Today

The Reverend Julie D. Bryant, DMin, Rector
The Reverend Mary E. Cushing, Deacon
Zane Price, Guest Organist
Dave Dunlap and Franny Sonnet, Ushers •
Eileen Tallent and Lynn Robinson, Altar Guild
Jones Tallent, Reader • Bill Pritchard, Prayers of the People
Faye Pritchard, Teller • Faye Pritchard and Lisa Pope, Fellowship
Pete Olivere and Sandy Winger, Sound and Live-stream Coordinators

Lynn Robinson, Soloist during the Offertory •

Easter Flower Donations 2025

In memory of Charles and Caroline Adair by Marshall and Ginger Adair.

In memory of Linda Blocklin by Peter Blocklin.

In memory of Peter and Mary Goldsmid by Patricia Broida.

In thanksgiving for family in many forms by Julie D Bryant, Rector.

In thanksgiving for the Parishioners of St John's and St Patrick's by Mary E. Cushing, Deacon.

In memory of Robert and Jean Pope by Lisa Pope.

In memory of Jim & Drue Green, Olene & Vernon Robinson, David Robinson, Edna Hockaday, Irene Hazelwood; In honor of the faithful here at St. John's; in thanksgiving for my family and my church family by Lynn Robinson.

In memory of Louise and John, Robert H. Simmons Sr., Dave and M.E. Crocker; In honor of Sandy Winger by Linda Simmons.

In thanksgiving for our family; in honor of S. Jones and Irma Tallent, Albert and Ruth Teschner and Mary Claire Tallent by Eileen Tallent.

In thanksgiving for the life of Mary Nash by Susan Thompson.

In thanksgiving for her grandsons Oscar James and Henry Sutton by Christine Williams.

In memory of Gary R. Sherwood and Asa Jackson by Sandy Winger.

Announcements

Book Club St. John's book club's next meeting will be Tuesday May 6th. The book for May is *Gideon's Trumpet* by Anthony Lewis. Meeting starts at 7:30 – don't be late!

AFAC Bulk Food Packing On the second Friday evening of every other month, a group from St. John's spends an hour at the Arlington Food Assistance Center bagging food. Our next Friday evening session will be May 11th. Contact Bill Pritchard on 703-931-2168 if you would like to join in this ministry to help our neighbors in need of food.

Little Free Food Pantry Thank you to all who have been supporting the LFFP with your donations. If shopping for items is difficult, our website includes a link to contribute funds on-line. Items that are regularly in high demand include canned protein (tuna or chicken), cereal (both cold and oatmeal), ready-to-eat meals (such as Beef-a-roni), ready-to-eat soup, pasta, spaghetti sauce, shelf-stable milk, water, dry lentils and beans, plain rice, peanut butter, and crackers. (but no glass containers, please and no more canned beans for a while). More information on the website stjohnsarlingtonva.org

Clergy Contacts: Pastoral Care and other inquiries Calls are most welcome, especially if the clergy can be of help pastorally, or to explore ministry opportunities. Please call or text the Rector, the Rev Julie D. Bryant at 703-336-2255; her email address juliediane Bryant@gmail.com. You can reach Deacon Mary E. Cushing at 703-772-7457 or deaconmaryc@gmail.com.

The clergy also serve St. Patrick's, Falls Church where the Sunday service is at 11 am The St. Patrick's is located at 3241 Brush Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042; their website is www.saintpatricks.us; and YouTube channel www.youtube.com/user/StPatsEpiscopal.

Live-Stream Worship Continues on Sundays We continue to provide Zoom access to our services. The bulletin for the service, Zoom link (also below) and recordings of the past several weeks' service are on our website www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org (info for attending services) The Zoom access link with embedded password is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353789589?pwd=OWlmaElNYnpDZ1N2ZVFSWDNlKoZDUTQ9>

If you can't use or copy the link, go to zoom.com/join and enter Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589 and Password: 2020. If you don't have Zoom on your device, you will need to do that prior to the service. If you only want to participate by phone, dial either 301-715-8592 or 253-215-8782. When you are connected you will be prompted to enter the Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589, then be prompted to enter the password 2020.

Barbara Olivere maintains our common Prayer List, and sends cards to people who are ill, as well as birthday cards and anniversary cards. Please communicate with her at prayers@stjohnsarlingtonva.org. If you are able to share in this ministry, please be in touch with the Rector or Barbara, as keeping in contact with one another is particularly important to those unable to be with us in worship. There is also a clipboard at the rear of the church on Sunday mornings where you can enter names of individuals to be remembered during prayers of the people