



Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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Good morning! We're so glad you chose to be here at Resurrection today. Whether you're here for the first time, or are a life-long member, Resurrection is a hopeful, healing, transformation-minded kind of place, a place where everyone is welcome and can grow their relationship with God and with one another.

If you are here for the first time (or if you just haven't gotten around to it yet), please fill out a pew card and put it in the offering plate to let us know you were here. To receive our weekly email bulletin, be sure to include your email address. And let us know if you would like to connect with our parish life and ministries; we're happy to help you find your spot!

Our services follow The Book of Common Prayer, the red book in your pew rack. If you'd like to use the book to follow the service, instead of this order of service booklet, we begin on page 355. Unless otherwise marked, our hymns are from the blue Hymnal 1982. A hymn noted "S-xxx" is part of the service music, found at the front of the hymnal, appearing before the regular congregational hymns begin. For example, S-280 (The Gloria) is found before hymn 1.

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If you can't make it here in person, join us at 10:30, live on Facebook:
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Service of the Word

Preludes Festival Prelude on 'Victory'
"Now the Green Blade Rises"

by C.S. Lang
arr. Kate Lee

Entrance Hymn
The strife is o'er

Please stand as able.
Hymnal 208

Opening Acclamation

BCP 413

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Gloria (Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)

Hymnal S-280

**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.**

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

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31: 1-6

Lector A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino*

BCP 760

Lector We will read the Psalm responsively.

Congregation reads the bold lines.

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.

Lector and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lift your voice, rejoicing, Mary (verses 1 & 2)

Hymnal 190

The Gospel: John 20: 1-18*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?”

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****Sequence Hymn***Lift your voice, rejoicing, Mary (verse 3)*

Hymnal 190

Rite of Confirmation

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Reception

Bishop The Candidate will now be presented.

Priest **I present David Williams to be received into this Communion.**

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate **I do.**

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Bishop Let us join with David, who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Bishop Let us now pray for David, who has renewed his commitment to Christ.

Intercessor Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bishop David, we recognize you as a member
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion.
God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

Bishop Almighty and everliving God,
let your fatherly hand ever be over this your servant;
let your Holy Spirit ever be with them;
and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word,
that they may serve you in this life,
and dwell with you in the life to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand as able.

Celebrant May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us show one another a sign of God's peace.

Brief Announcements

The Holy Communion

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2a

Note that undesignated plate offerings today will be given to Bishop Cole's discretionary fund.

Offertory Anthem (choir only) *Come and fill our hearts with your peace* Taize Community

Doxology (Spoken at 8:00. Sung together at 10:30.)

Hymnal 380, verse 3 only

**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. Amen.**

Celebrant For all things come from you, O Lord;

People **and of your own have we given you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Enriching Our Worship

Sursum Corda (Lift Up Your Hearts)

Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.

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.**

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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 (say):

Sanctus (Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)

Hymnal S-129

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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 [_____ and] 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. (Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)

Hymnal S-146

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

All **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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleuia, Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**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.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn (*congregation please join in singing*)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks

Hymnal 178

We encourage you to come forward to receive Holy Communion as you feel comfortable. Remain seated, until the usher directs you forward to the communion rail. After receiving communion, return to your seat by the side aisle. so that traffic flows one way.

If you would prefer communion be brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know and, as always, we will be happy to do so. If you prefer not to receive communion, you may come forward to the altar rail along with those receiving communion.

Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you prefer a blessing.

Post-Communion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people,
forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today

Hymnal 207

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude *Christ the Lord is risen today*

arr. Wayne Wold



EARTH DAY FEST

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 9-2

SPEAKERS, LIVE MUSIC, ICE CREAM

FREE TREES, PLANT & POTTERY SALE

917 POND RD., LOUDON

Speakers on Environmental Stewardship

10 a.m.: Chuck Powell, Tennessee Bluebird Society,
will present on nesting birds of East Tennessee.

11 a.m.: Chris Parks, Loudon County solid waste director,
will share about recycling and pesticides.

12 p.m.: Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir (WATeR)
will present on smart yards and water conservation

1 p.m.: Lynda Parker, Tellico Village Naturalists Club,
will share ideas for everyday sustainable practices

Parish Announcements, Prayers & Thanksgivings

Easter flowers are given by

Tony & Oralee Adams
in memory of their siblings
Angela Adams
Bob Livermore
Tom Livermore

EARTH DAY FEST

Saturday, April 18
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*The Tic Toc ice cream truck
will be on site from 11-1.*

*Live music from The Early Morning
String Dusters from 10-12.*

*Bake sale, plant sale, and pottery sale
will be open from 9-2.*

*Free trees are available first come,
first served, as long as supplies last.*

*Guest speakers on environmental
stewardship topics, inside the Parish
Hall at 10, 11, 12 & 1.*

*Flyers are available for pickup in the
Parish Hall—help us get the word out
about this community event.
Invite a friend. Post a flyer.
Share about it in online.*

Our parish prayer list

Jeanette, Jim N., Walter, Vicky & Dave,
Carolyn, Ruth & Frank, Lee R.,
the McAfee family,
Marshall S., Brenda B., Jackie C.

Continuing prayers for

Brian E., Jim; Daphne; Rosemary O.;
the Hentchel family; Pat; Claire; Sandy;
Rob & Sherry; Cheri; Jane;
Shannon; Jim; Mel; Wayne; Diana N.; Jack;
Ashley; Raynella; Ed & Jean; Kim E.; Joe;
Beverly; Grace; Virginia; Betty Anne; Janey;
Johnny; and Karen H.

Pray for our vestry leaders

Class of 2026: Alice A., Dianna S., Jenny L.
Class of 2027: Bev B., Karen B., Mark H.
Class of 2028: Holly P., Tom R., Bonnie S.
Wardens: Bonnie S. and Mark H.;
Treasurer: Sally Leonhard

April Birthdays

Thomas Fiebke April 1
Claire Boyles April 2
Carl Bye April 4
Oralee Adams April 15
Art Stewart April 25

April Anniversaries

Carolyn & Chip Parker April 30

For Your Calendars

THIS WEEK

April 5	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Acolyte	Judy Hadjian	Drew Hawley	Altar Guild The whole team
Euch. Minister	Andrew Wilkinson	Bonnie Smith	Flower Guild Rosemary Kitts & Dianna Stimpson
Lector	Holly Pate	Keytha Graves	Organist Kate Lee
Ushers	Jerry Ploeger	Jan Hanna & Garry Lucas	Celebrant/ Preacher The Rt. Rev. Brian Cole
Coffee Hour	Easter Brunch	Easter Brunch	Assisting The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges
Video	n/a	Mark Blakley	Offering Counters Alice Anderson & Monty Ross
Chancellor	Peggy Rogers	Jenny Lucas	

NEXT WEEK

April 12	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Acolyte	Andrew Wilkinson	Monty Ross	Altar Guild Donna Jackson
Euch. Minister	Mark Hennes	Bonnie Smith	Flower Guild Dianna Stimpson
Lector	Peggy Rogers	Liz Berg	Organist Jedediah Dahl
Ushers	Jen Hennes	Keytha Graves & Drew Hawley	Celebrant The Rev. Dr. Marc Strong
Coffee Hour	Cal Van Koughnett	Bill & Virginia Perry	Preacher Mark Smith
Video	n/a	Mark Blakley	Offering Counters Alice Anderson & Ginny Tolbert
Chancellor	Diane Van Koughnett	Nelda Griffith	

This Week at Resurrection

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday worship, 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Brunch between the services in the Parish Hall.

Monday, April 6

10:30 a.m. Companions group, classroom

Tuesday, April 7

1 p.m. Education for Ministry, Library

Wednesday, April 8

NO Noon Eucharist this week

Sunday, April 12

Sunday worship, 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Coffee hour after the services, Parish Hall

Coming Soon @ Resurrection

Saturday, April 18

Earth Day Fest, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thursday, April 23

Wildflower Hike
Frozen Head State Park, 10 a.m.

Saturday, April 25

Men's Group. 9 a.m., Parish Hall

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Art & Scripture Reflection

Henry Ossawa Tanner (American, 1859–1937), *The Three Marys*, 1910. Oil on canvas, 42 × 50 in. Fisk University Art Galleries, Nashville, Tennessee.

Based on Mark 16:1–4, this painting shows Mary Magdalene (leading the way), Mary the mother of James, and Salome approaching the tomb of their rabbi, Jesus, the Sunday after his crucifixion. They came bearing spices to anoint his body. They expected it to be a mournful day.

Imagine their response when they found the stone rolled away and the tomb empty! That's the moment the artist Henry Ossawa Tanner shows us here. Not the Resurrection itself, but the emotional reaction to it, or rather to the evidence of it. What do you read on the faces of these women? Surprise? Confusion? Fear? Curiosity? Caution? Wonder? Love? Some mix thereof?

They are illumined by the light of an angel who is out of frame and who will speak the news to them presently. Mary Magdalene lifts her hand to her face in a gesture of self-reassurance, while her companion raises her tensed arms at the elbow in a defensive posture, as I read it. Compelled but still somewhat guarded, they progress toward the mystery.

Reflection source

Victoria Emily Jones, "Easter, Day 2: When the Sabbath was past." *Art & Theology* website. Posted on 10 April 2023. <<https://artandtheology.org/2023/04/10/easter-day-2-when-the-sabbath-was-past/comment-page-1/>>.

About the artist

Born and raised the son of a minister in the AME Church in Pennsylvania, Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859–1937) was an African American expat to Paris whose biblical paintings, inspired in part by his two trips to the Holy Land, garnered him international acclaim. In *Beholding Christ and Christianity in African American Art*, art historian James Romaine identifies Tanner as "the most artistically gifted and theologically astute American painter of biblical subjects." A master of conveying nuanced mystery, "Tanner paints personal experiences rather than public spectacles," Romaine writes, communicating more through suggestion than depiction and urging the viewer to undergo, like the figures in his paintings, their own experience of spiritual sight.
