

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE

RESURRECTION

STARKVILLE, MS

Fourth Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist Rite I March 30, 2025 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We're glad you've joined us for worship today! It's customary in the Episcopal Church to observe silence before the service to help create a prayerful environment. Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart. During the service, let God speak to you through Word and Sacrament, and after the service, speak with your neighbor!

All you'll need to follow the liturgy is this service booklet. The congregation plays an important role in our worship, and you're encouraged to take part as you are comfortable.

Christians from any tradition are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If you'd like to receive, please come forward to the altar when the priest indicates. You may choose to stand or kneel at the rail. To receive the bread, simply hold out your hands, palms up, one on top of the other. To receive the wine, you can either hold on to your wafer to intinct (carefully dip) the bread into the cup, or you can assist a chalice bearer and take a small sip. Also, know that communion in one kind (just the bread or wine) is sufficient. If you wish to participate but not receive, come forward to the altar rail and simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing from the priest.

If you'd like to know more about our church, please call us at (662) 323-3483.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to seek Christ and to make Him known in a dynamic place of worship and to create a loving and supportive community that shares spiritual and physical help with others.

DIOCESAN INCLUSION STATEMENT

We respect the dignity of all persons, regardless of national origin, race, gender, age, or sexual orientation, and welcome and encourage them to fully participate in all areas of parish life.

Holy Eucharist Rite I

Prelude



Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

People His mercy endureth for ever.

The Celebrant says

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Confession

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Almighty and most merciful father,

we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,

we have offended against thy holy laws,

we have left undone those things which we ought to have done.

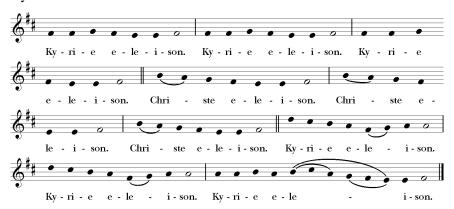
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Kyrie S 86



Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. *Amen*.

First Reading Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32 Beati quorum



- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are for/given, * and whose sin is put a/way!
- ² Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no /guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no / guile!
- ³ While I held my tongue, ^ my bones withered a/way, * because of my groaning all day / long.
- ⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me day and / **night**; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of / **summer**.
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to / you, * and did not conceal my / guilt.
- ⁶ I said, ^" I will confess my transgressions to the / **LORD**." *
 Then you forgave me the guilt of my / **sin**.
- ⁷ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of / trouble; * when the great waters overflow, ^ they shall not / reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; ^ you preserve me from / trouble; * you surround me with shouts of de/liverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should / $\mathbf{go};$ *

I will guide you with my / eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, ^ which have no under/standing;
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who must be fitted with bit and bridle, ^ or else they will not stay / near you."

- ¹¹ Great are the tribulations of the / wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the / LORD.
- ¹² Be glad, you righteous, ^ and rejoice in the / LORD; * shout for joy, ^ all who are true of / heart.

Second Reading

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Holy Gospel

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable:

Luke 1:1-3, 11b-32

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.""

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon Fr. Walton

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

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Dorothy, our bishop; and Walton, our rector that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald, our president and the members of congress; Tate, our governor and the state legislature; and Lynn, our mayor and the boards of aldermen and supervisors, that they may be led to wise decisions and rightactions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit

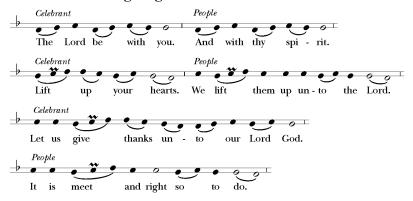
The Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Special Choral Series: Celebrating Women in Sacred Music

Offertory Anthem

The Great Thanksgiving

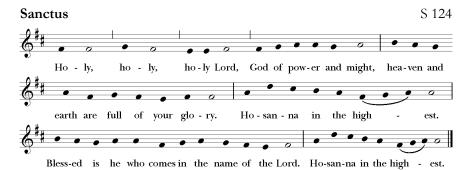


Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Celebrant will add a Proper Preface.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



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All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy

Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

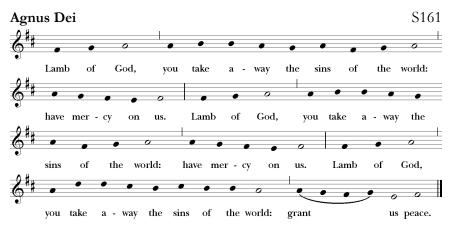
And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

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

Lord's Prayer

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.



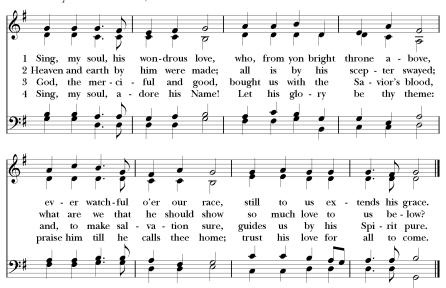
The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

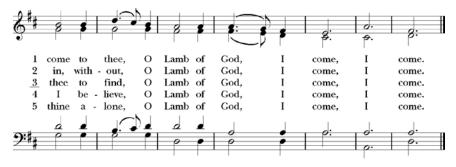
* Related Scriptures: Ps 33:13-15, 1 Peter 1:18-21 & Lamentations 3:22-23



Communion Hymn Just as I am, without one plea * Related Scriptures: Ro 5:8, Phlpns 4:19 ⇔ Eph 2:14-22

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6 Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Postcommunion Prayer

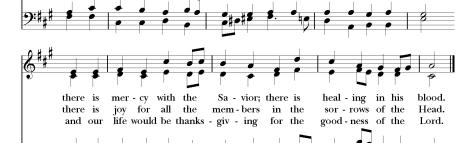
After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.



Dismissal

Postlude Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr Vincent Lubeck

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Liam Lamb, Vicki Coleman, Christine McBee, Roman, June Dooley, Rosemary Shaner, Peyton Passons, Nav Ashford, Jane Perry, Clayton Butler, Barbi Hughes, David Evans, Jamie Inmon, Loren Zimmerman, David Callahan, Sheila Sellers, Coleigh Thomas, Sam Baker, Jamie, Taze Fulford IV, Stuart Vance, The Shramenko Family

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesdays, March 19-April 9 Solemn High Mass

Tuesday, April 7 & 21 Fiber Arts (Johnson Hall))

Friday, April 11 Parents Night Out (6-9)

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday

Monday & Tuesday, April 14-15 Holy Week Eucharists (5:30 pm)

Wednesday, April 16 Tenebrae Service (6 pm)

Thursday, April 17 Maundy Thursday Service (6 pm)

Friday, April 18 Good Friday Services (Noon)

Saturday, April 19 The Great Vigil of Easter (7:30 pm)

Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday

THIS WEEK AT ECR

Sunday, March 30

5:00 p.m. EYC (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, April 1

7:00 a.m. Freshman/Sophomore Breakfast (Starkville Café)

6:00 p.m. Casserole Kitchen

Wednesday, April 2

5:30 p.m. Solemn High Mass

6:00 p.m. Canterbury

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 3

7:00 a.m. Junior/Senior Breakfast (Starkville Café)

10:30 a.m. Centering Prayer (Centering Prayer)

6:00 p.m. Casserole Kitchen

Saturday, April 5

11:00 a.m. Casserole Kitchen

Sunday, April 6

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:15 a.m. Sunday School All Ages

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II*

5:00 p.m. EYC (Parish Hall)

MINISTERS AT TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant/Homilist The Very Rev. Walton Jones

BellringerJane Anna WaideGreeterPeggy HemphillLectorSarah Beth HeardLEM ReadingsWhit WaideLEM PrayersJulia Stephenson

Oblation Bearer Les Potts

UshersJoey Thompson, Bob CollinsAcolytesPhoebe Jones, Joseph Thompson

Colin Smith, Meriweather Waide

Vestry on Duty Holly Potts
Verger Adam Marconi

Altar Guild Marty Friend, Lee Gibson

Flower Guild Marc De Venney



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CLERGY AND STAFF

The Very Rev. Walton W. Jones, Rector
Cindy Hughes, Parish Administrator; Bookkeeper
Callie Ellis, Choir Director
Todd Fayard, Organist
Teresa Kennard & Miss Megan Aucoin, Nursery Staff
Lucie LeBlanc & Risley Elliot, EYC Leaders
Sarah Walker, Interim Lay Chaplain

MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

George Dunn, Senior Warden
Holly Potts
Hellen Polk
Meredith Shapley

Jeffrey Duckworth, Junior Warden
Brad Dye
Tracey Millsaps
Joey Thompson