



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE
RESURRECTION
STARKVILLE, MS

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Youth Sunday
Holy Eucharist Rite II
May 11, 2025
10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Opening Hymn

Swing low sweet chariot

White

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

Well, I looked over Jordan and what did I see,
coming for to carry me home.

A band of angels coming after me,
coming for to carry me home.

Well, sometimes I'm up and sometimes I'm down,
coming for to carry me home
But still I know I'm heavenward bound,
coming for to carry me home.

Well, if you get there before I do,
coming for to carry me home
'Tell all my friends I coming after you,
coming for to carry me home.

Celebrant

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

People

The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

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

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.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

³ He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall

fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who

trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Give Yourself to Love

Wolf

Kind friends all gather round. There's something I would say
That what brings us together here has blessed us all today.
Love has made a circle that holds us all inside.
Where strangers are as family and loneliness can't hide.

*So give yourself to love, if love is what you're after.
Open up your heart to the tears and laughter
And give yourself to love..... Give yourself to love.*

I've walked these mountains in the rain. I've learned to love the wind.
Been before the sunrise to watch the day begin.
I always knew I'd find you thought I never did know how.
Like a sun shaft on a cloudy day you stand before me now. *Refrain.*

Love is born in fire, it's planted like a seed.
Love can't give you everything but it gives what you need.
Love comes when you're ready, love comes when you're afraid.
It'll be the greatest teacher, the best friend you have made. *Refrain.*

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

Holy Gospel

John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

Townes Fulford

Nicene Creed *(All stand.)*

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.

The Prayers of the People *(Form III)*

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The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

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All stand.

Celebrant

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn

Sanctuary

Thompson and Scruggs

Lord prepare me, to be a Sanctuary,
Pure and Holy, tried and true.
With Thanksgiving, I'll be a living,
Sanctuary, for You.

The Great Thanksgiving

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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 him thanks and praise.*

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant will add a Proper Preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

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.

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *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.

Breaking of the Bread

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A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn

Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright,
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold Your people in My heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, 'Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

Communion Hymn

Daily Bread

McNabb

*Take a little bread in the morning. Take a little wine right now
Feed on the food of the Holy Spirit and spread the feast all around.*

Jesus died to save us. He washed away our sins.
He rose and sent his Spirit and said, "Children, please begin."

Jesus said to Peter, "Is your love for me real deep?"
Peter said, "Yes," and the Lord responded, "Go and feed my sheep."

Four thousand hungry on hillside, with a little bit of fish and bread.
Christ gave thanks for the love of God, and everyone was fed.

The Lord refreshes freely. He leads us to the spring.
He puts the spring inside us and we bubble out and sing.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant says

Let us pray

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 Blessing

Closing Hymn

Lord of the Dance

Carter

I danced in the morning when the world was begun
I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth
At Bethlehem, I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the dance, said he
And I will lead you all, wherever you may be
I will lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribes and the Pharisees
They would not dance and they did not follow me
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John
They danced with me and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high
And they left me there on the cross to die.

I danced on the Friday when the sky turned black
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back
They buried my body and they thought I 'd gone
But I am the dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and they leapt up high
I am the life that will never, never die
I'll live in you if you'll live in me
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

Dismissal

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

Flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Gretchen Passons by Peyton Passons

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, Mary Lee Beal, James Lee Davidson,
The Shramenko Family

THIS WEEK AT ECR

Sunday, May 11

10:30 a.m. Youth Sunday

5:00 p.m. EYC (*Canterbury Lodge*)

Tuesday, May 12

6:00 p.m. Casserole Kitchen

Wednesday, May 13

5:30 p.m. Healing Service

Thursday, May 14

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

6:00 p.m. Casserole Kitchen

Saturday, May 16

11:00 a.m. Casserole Kitchen

Sunday, May 18

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:15 a.m. Sunday School ALL Ages

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

MINISTERS AT TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant	The Very Rev. Walton Jones
Homilist	Townes Fulford
Music Leaders	George Dunn, Phoebe Jones, Virginia Thompson
Greeter	George Dunn
Reader 1	Eleanor Giesen
Psalmist	Olivia Anderson
Reader 2	Ann Shaifer Jones
Prayers	Evie Thompson
LEMs	Devan Torrence, Lucie Leblanc
Oblation Bearer	Silas Walker
Offering Ushers	Will Shapley, Hayden Duckworth
Communion Ushers	Catherine Shapley, Anna Wyatt Ford
Acolytes	Dudley Phelps, Pierce Fulford Joseph Thompson, Jude Dunn
Verger	Kelli Phelps
Vestry on Duty	Meredith Shapley