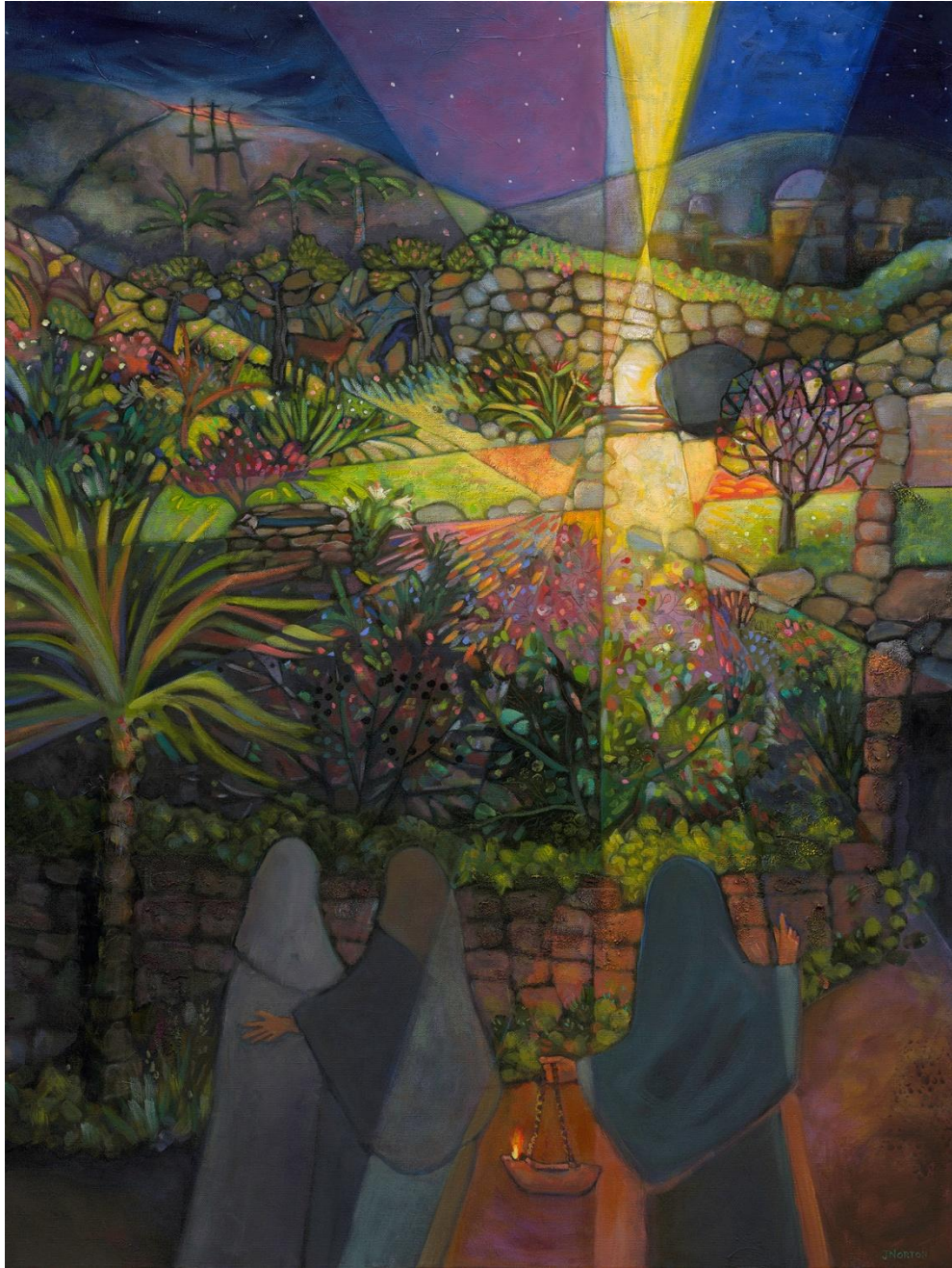


# Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026, 8:15 AM



St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Organ Prelude Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death, Samuel Scheidt

Children's Greeting *The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

Opening Hymn, #179 Welcome happy morning! *The Hymnal 1982*

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
*People* **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Deacon* Let every creature and creation rejoice!  
*People* **All who know the power of Love cry, "Alleluia!"**

*Celebrant* Let us share every story of coming alive again.  
*People* **And testify to all that brings peace and justice.**

*Deacon* No spirit of destruction can silence us.  
*People* **Let everything that has breath praise God!**

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
*People* **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### The Collect of Easter

*Celebrant* God 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.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

*Siobhan Byrns and Aoife Furlow*

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."

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4

*Siobhan Byrns and Aoife Furlow*

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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's churches.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn, #205

Good Christians all rejoice and sing

*The Hymnal 1982*

## The Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

*The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our savior, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew  
*People* **Glory to you, O God.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

## Homily

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

## Hymn, #188

Love's redeeming work is done

*The Hymnal 1982*

## The Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant* Beloveds of God, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism.

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

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

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
**I will, with God's help.**

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?  
**I will, with God's help.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for our baptism into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Alleluia, Christ is Risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **Asperges**

*The priest sprinkles water from the font using a sprig from an evergreen as a reminder of the baptismal vows just renewed. During which, the congregation sings:*

## Prayers of the People

John Perkins

*Leader*

In joy and celebration let us offer our prayers to the source of all life.  
Sing out your joy by responding: "Blessed be the risen Christ!"

*A brief silence for reflection.*

Holy and faithful God, as your church throughout the world sings "Alleluia" and rejoices because of the power of your love, we pray for the church and for all who preach the gospel with their words and with their lives. May our witness to the risen Christ be a sure and unmistakable sign of God's victory over the power of hatred and death.

*People*

Sing out your joy;

**Blessed be the risen Christ!**

May we hear that voice which promises, "Peace be with you." Lead us to live your peace in our hearts and in our homes. Work through us to establish your peace in our communities and into every corner of the world, remembering those places that suffer war and civil strife, especially Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, and Sudan. Make us peacemakers in the world.

Sing out your joy;

**Blessed be the risen Christ!**

As the risen Lord greeted his unbelieving followers and said to them "Do not be afraid," we pray for all who are consumed with fear for themselves or for others, all whose lives are scarred by prejudice, abuse, domestic violence, or addiction. We pray for those in the armed services or all whose labor or vocation places them in danger. May fear this day be replaced by faith and doubt turned to joy.

Sing out your joy;

**Blessed be the risen Christ!**

Gracious God, your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, welcomed children, blessed them, and taught us that in caring for the least among us, we serve Christ Himself. With the whole Diocese of Maine, we pray for all those who are today provided with support from the foster care system: the children who receive care, the foster parents who provide care often at personal sacrifice, and finally we pray for those who relinquish their children to the foster system in hopes that they may find the love and support the child might otherwise not receive. Inspire us by your Spirit to come near to these children and families in prayer and in support.

Sing out your joy;

**Blessed be the risen Christ!**

As the risen Christ first appeared to women and men who were prepared to see only death and defeat, may he now be known in us and among us, and especially

in those places where there is sickness and grief. We offer our prayers for the sick and those with special needs, aloud or silently (*pause for intercessions*).

Sing out your joy;

**Blessed be the risen Christ!**

With the words of resurrection fresh in our hearts and on our lips, we commend to your eternal love, O God, those who have died. We offer thanks for all those in whose loving memory the Easter flowers have been given and also those who have recently died, especially those we name now, aloud or silently (*pause for intercessions*).

Sing out your joy;

**Blessed be the risen Christ!**

Our prayers rise to you like the smoke of incense upon an altar. Receive the prayers offered by those who gather here this morning:

(*Pause for intercessions offered aloud or silently*).

Sing out your joy;

**Blessed be the risen Christ!**

*Celebrant:* Gracious God, by your mighty hand you raised Jesus from the grave and made him the author of eternal life. Bestow upon us who are baptized into his death the same power flowing from his resurrection, that we may proclaim near and far the life and peace you give. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, first-born among the dead, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ is always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with the sign of peace.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant* As Jesus so freely gave himself for us, let us consider the offerings we make to God. For the scriptures say: "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God." (*Ephesians 5:2*)

*Bread and wine are brought forward while the ushers pass the offering plates.*

**Offertory Hymn, #208** Alleluia! The strife is o'er (*vs. 1,2,5*)

*The Hymnal 1982*

*The offering is brought forward.*

### Offertory Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray,

*People* **All that we have is yours, O God, give us also grateful hearts. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*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 God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful,  
to give you thanks, all holy God,  
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing  
and fed us with your constant love;  
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ  
and knit us into one body.  
Through your Spirit you replenish us  
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels  
and with the faithful of every generation,  
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## Sanctus, S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

*Celebrant*

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
By his baptism of suffering and death  
you give your church birth into a living hope.  
Raising Jesus from the dead,  
you make a new covenant with us,  
by water and the Spirit,  
and deliver us into freedom.  
We who were no people are now your people,  
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,  
who calls us out of death's shadow into everlasting life.

On the night when he gave himself up for us,  
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
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."

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said,  
"Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new Covenant,  
which is shed for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

On the third day you raised him from the dead  
and revealed him to the women  
who came to the tomb to care for his body.  
On that day he was recognized by his disciples  
in the breaking of bread.

And so, remembering these  
your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
We offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,  
and we praise you and we bless you.  
**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give you thanks, God of love.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ  
that we may be for the world  
the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in loving service to all the world,  
until all feast at your heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God  
now and forever. **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Gathered into one as the family of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:  
**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 Fraction

*Celebrant*  
*People*

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

### The Invitation

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Come, for all is now ready! The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### The Communion

*Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St. Bart's! The ushers will invite you to come forward through the center aisle, individuals and families are invited to stand along the rounded edge of the chancel to receive the bread, hands facing upward for bread with gluten, hands facing down will indicate you'd like gluten free bread. The Chalice Bearer will follow the Priest with the cup of wine. You are invited to sip from the cup. If you would prefer not to sip from the cup, you may place your hands across your chest to receive the blessing of the words. If you would prefer to receive neither the bread nor the wine but would like to come forward for a blessing, please come forward as described above and simply cross your arms at your chest and the Priest will offer a blessing. Hand sanitizer is available in the aisle. Please use the side aisles to return to your seat once you have received.*

### Communion Hymn

200 Come ye faithful

*The Hymnal 1982*

### Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Let us pray.  
**God of abundance,**  
**you have fed us**  
**with the bread of life and cup of salvation;**

you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### Benediction

*Celebrant* As the Risen Christ called out, “Mary”  
on the other side of death,  
may you hear your own name  
on the lips of the Beloved  
calling you into hope,  
even when your heart is shattered.  
Evil cannot keep us down.  
Love rises. Love persists.  
Love always will.

### The Blessing

*Celebrant* God’s Blessing be with you,  
Christ’s peace be with you,  
the Spirit’s outpouring be with you,  
now and always.

*People* **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn, #207

Jesus Christ is risen today!

*The Hymnal 1982*

### The Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in our Risen Savior. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

### Organ Postlude

Vive le Roy, by Andre Raison

## Resources

Opening Acclamation & Benediction: *Liturgy that Matters*, enfolded  
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## Serving in Worship Today

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| <b>Celebrant</b>      | The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson      |
| <b>Deacon</b>         | The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer       |
| <b>Music</b>          | Dr. Christina Edelen               |
| <b>Chalice Bearer</b> | John Perkins                       |
| <b>Lector</b>         | Siobhan Byrns and Aiofe Furlow     |
| <b>Ushers</b>         | Margaret Kimball, Jennifer Willard |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>    | Jan Burson                         |
| <b>Flowers</b>        | Imelda Schaefer, Corey Walmer      |
| <b>A/V</b>            | Joe Michaud                        |
| <b>Bread Baker</b>    | John Perkins                       |
| <b>Lawn Care</b>      | Kevin Gillan                       |



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