



GOOD MORNING & WELCOME

We welcome everyone joining us for worship this morning. Whether or not you consider yourselves members of this congregation, we are glad you are here. If the flow of worship should seem unfamiliar to you, relax and let God's presence envelop you, without a worry about when to stand, sit or kneel. If you are new to St. John's, please sign our guest register.

****Please silence all cell phones and other noise-making devices before the start of the service. Thank you.****

**The Rev. Nathan D Carr – Vicar
The Rev. William Font – Priest Associate
The Rev. Lisa Chronister – Deacon
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THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION EASTER DAY SUNRISE EUCHARIST

RITE II – March 31, 2024, 7:30 AM

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen. (X3)

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

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

**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.***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

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.**

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

First Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will

lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

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

Psalm 114

In exitu Israel

1 Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

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, Lord Christ

The Nicene Creed

**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

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

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 Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Poulson our Bishop; and
all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

Silence

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.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

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.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**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.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

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

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 kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

Final Blessing

People Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Donations for Easter Flowers were made by:

Charles Baxendale in memory of C. J. Baxendale

Dana Billingsley in Thanksgiving for the Altar Guild

Stuart and Dana Chai in Thanksgiving for our mothers and our many blessings

Kathleen Coleson in Memory of Bob and Jane Prestridge

John and Vivian Dewar in Thanksgiving for family

Jan Dyer in Thanksgiving for children

Sharon Ellington and Michelle Kott in Memory of Robt K Kott, M&M George K Sosna,
M&M J Harold Russell, Timothy C Kott, Natalie Drewnicky, all children gone too soon,
M&M Sid Arrington

Glen Fields in Memory of Eddie & Alma Fields, Lloyd & Lillian Fields

John and Jean Freeman in Thanksgiving for grandchildren

John Greiner in Memory of Bill and Rosalie Wesson

J Michael Grissom in Memory of Justin Walters

David and Kimberly Jackson in Thanksgiving for St John's Church and DOK

Nancy Jones in Thanksgiving for new grand-nephew, James Tagge Eskridge

Gary and Kathleen Lee in Memory of Christopher and Brandon Lee, baby, and Jacob
Champaign, baby

Devie Maxwell in Thanksgiving for my church family

Mike and Peggy Mayfield in Memory of Albert, Peggie, Rogert, Lovelyn, Melissa and
Sharon

Madison Morgan in Memory of Oakley and in Thanksgiving for his preciousness

Debra Nelson in Memory of my son, David

Babette Patton in Memory of Bobbie Patton and Pam Coppeck

Liz Pearson in Thanksgiving for Family and Friends

Ron and Priscilla Pierce in Thanksgiving for children and grandchildren

Pat Riden in Thanksgiving for family and friends

Nancy Steward in Thanksgiving for our family

Ann Warzyn in Memory of family and friends

Midge Woodard in Memory of Dr. Susan Kennedy, MD

Donations for Easter Music were made by:

Dana Billingsley in Memory of Robin Billingsley

Stuart and Dana Chai in Thanksgiving for our kids and grandchildren

Kathleen Coleson in Memory of Bell Prestridge

John and Vivian Dewar in Memory of Bob Wynn

Jan Dyer in Thanksgiving for grandchildren and great grandchildren

Sharon Ellington & Michelle Kott in Thanksgiving for the life of
Kenneth L Sosna

Glen Fields in Memory of Hadley Jo Bardon and Goldie Walker

John and Jean Freeman in Thanksgiving for Cynthia and the Choir

John Greiner in Memory of Jack and Terry Greiner

J Michael Grissom in Memory of Jim Grissom

The Hanneman and Watson Families in Memory of Ron Watson

David and Kimberly Jackson in Thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren

Nancy Jones in Thanksgiving for the loving St. John's family and friends

Gary and Kathleen Lee in Thanksgiving for Cynthia and all choir members

Devie Maxwell in Memory of Adrue and Mildred Maxwell, my parents

The Morgan Family in Memory of all who have gone before us

Deborah Nelson to the Glory of God

Babette Patton in Memory of Peggy Leininger

Liz Pearson in Memory of Lynn D Pearson

Ron and Priscilla Pierce in Thanksgiving for children and grandchildren

Patricia Riden in Thanksgiving for Cynthia and the St John's Choir

Nancy Steward in Loving Memory of Edward Steward

Ann Warzyn in Thanksgiving for Christ Is Risen!

Midge Woodard in Thanksgiving for my grandsons, Archie and William

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please hold these souls in your ongoing prayers:

Annette	Jessica	Monte Pratt
Audrey	Nancy Jones	Peter
Beverly Bradley	Judd	Mathew Reynolds
Bob	Karl	Kathleen Rhodes
Braiden	Drew Kolb	Rob, Ruthie and
Sarah Brewer	Ron Kolb	Samuel
Margaret Brown	Sarah Kramer	Adrienne Robertson
Lewis Honor Carr	Jean Ledet & Chad	Sahar
Nancy Carr	Dixon	Scott Salladin
Jeff Clemens	Gary and Kathleen Lee	Seth
Kathie Clemens	Denys Lenets	Betty Sinclair
Dave Coleson	Kelly Linton	Family of Kenneth
Dana Collins	Kara Lynn	Sosna
Sue Collins	Ron Marlett	John Steward and
Sir Michael Dawson	Tony Marruchella	Lee DeWitt
Stephanie Dunham	Leland Mayo	Martha Steward
Dru	Mike McCollom	Nancy Steward
Ed	Sue McCollom	Susan
Sharon Ellington	Betty & Delbert Millican	Sydney and Troy
Jean and John Freeman	and Ryan Lightfoot	Tina
Agatha Gasperoni	Trish Morgan	Tyler and Dru
Myrna Gowman	Christina Morris	Vicki
John Greiner	Paul Mosier	Donna Walters
Steve Hammontree	Joy Nelson	Mary Jo Watson
Aimee Hanneman	Pam	Pat Westervelt
Kimberly Hopper	Babette Patton	Welch
Dr. J	Patty	Will
Jack	Penny	Ginny Wynn

Announcements

Birthdays This Upcoming Week

- 1 – Sweden Hooper
- 2 – Mary Margaret Just
- 4 – Julian Thomason
- 5 – Rob Ferguson

REMINDER: No Sunday School on Easter Sunday

Want to make a tangible difference in our community? Join our group for the **LitterBlitz on Sunday, April 6, 2024, 1:30 pm at Memorial Park (1150 NW 36th St).** It's not too late to sign up. The signup sheet is in the Narthex. All ages are welcome.

The **LitterBlitz is promoted by Oklahoma City Beautiful** as a way to keep our city clean in a safe and easy way. OKC Beautiful will provide trash bags and gloves, and St. John's volunteers will supply the "sweat equity" needed to pick up trash within the park. **Come join us for this fun community event.**

There is still some work to be done to keep our **Online Church Directory** complete and updated. To date, **we still have several "families" for whom we do not have photos.** Those who missed our photo session last year are welcome to have your photo taken and added to the directory; with the same background of the Nave, too. All you need do is **contact Jason Pierce (yes, Ron and Priscilla's son) at jason@grandlifeoriginals.com** to make an appointment for a photo session at his studio.

Also keep in mind that I refer to the online directory when I put the birthday and anniversary information for the bulletin. Please make sure that the information is complete and accurate by logging into the directory and pulling up your family record. If you have questions, contact Nancy at the office, 405-943-8548 or stjohnsokc@yahoo.com.



The poster features a background image of a cathedral dome and a stone with a cross on top. The text is arranged in a white and blue layout. At the top left is the logo 'Faith Journeys' with a stylized 'F'. The main text reads: 'Join us on a pilgrimage to England & Scotland June 22 - July 3, 2025. Especially designed for St. John's Episcopal Church Oklahoma City, OK'. Below this is a photo of Rev. Nathan Carr, the Pilgrimage Host. At the bottom, it says 'Registration opens soon! More details forthcoming'.

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Rev. Nathan Carr
Pilgrimage Host

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More details forthcoming

It's not just a rumor. The itinerary is done and registration will open soon for our pilgrimage to England and Scotland in the summer of 2025. Watch the front bulletin board and area this week for information about the **upcoming tour which will be amazing!** I cannot wait to register. Are you planning to go?