

# *Easter Sunday*

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II



## St. Michael's

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### Welcome, Visitors! Tell us about yourself.

If you are visiting today, we invite you to sign the Guest Book. We would love to get to know each other! And if you're seeking baptism, confirmation, or simply a community of healing and hope to belong to, we would be delighted to join you on your journey.



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### Guest Musicians Today: Daniel Yung & Marcus Rattler

**Daniel Yung** is a multi-instrumentalist, with a Bachelor's in Piano and a Master's in Cello. He currently freelances as a performer, accompanist, and teacher across Kansas and Missouri.

**Marcus Rattler** is an internationally performing percussionist, classically trained on many instruments, primarily the Steel Pan. He plays with his band Legerdemain, and dozens of others.

### Service Notes

\* Denotes moments when the congregation is invited to stand (as able)

"Hymnal" refers to the Hymnal 1982 located throughout the Nave.

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# The Word of God

## Prelude

*“Blue Bolero”*

Yung/Rattler

## \* Processional Song

*“He Is Risen”*

Hymnal # 180

## \* Opening Sentence & Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen

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

Celebrant 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.

## \* Song of Praise

*“Glory to God”*

Hymnal #S-280



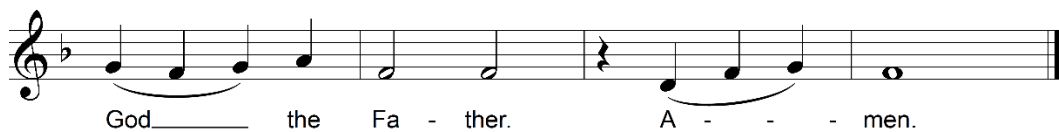
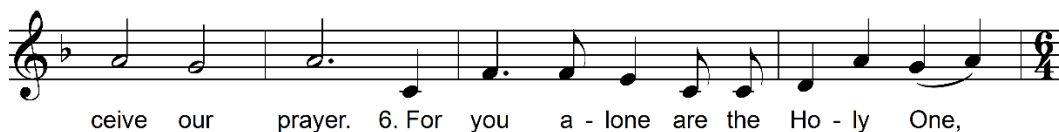
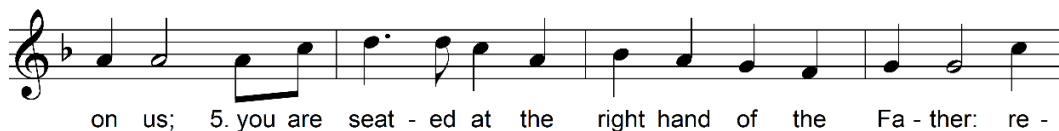
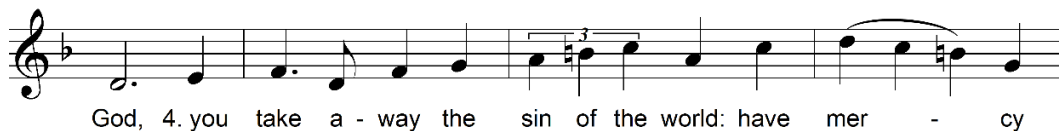
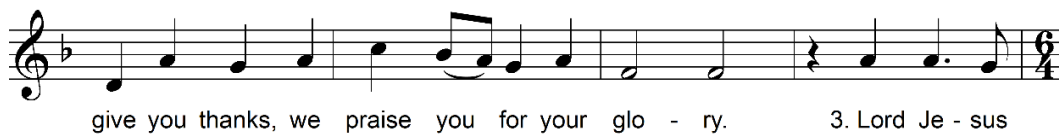
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peace\_\_\_\_\_ to his people on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly



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## \* Collect of the Day

Easter 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 ever. *Amen.*

## First Lesson

Isaiah 65:17-25

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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.

## Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### \* **Sequence**

*"Welcome Happy Morning"*

Hymnal # 179

### \* **Holy Gospel**

John 20:1-18

Celebrant      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? ***Who 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.

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

## Sermon

*"Who are you Looking For?"*

The Rev. Ryan Wiksell

## \* 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**                      Daughters of the King *Service for Peace* (adapted)

DOK Intercessor: Almighty and merciful God, whose only Son came to preach peace to the nations: Hear us, we beseech you, and comfort us with your steady hand. In a world that seems hopeless, help us to remember that our hope rests always in you, and in the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Intercessor: You are our only hope, our only sure help in time of trouble. In all times and places, you alone are our strength and stay. Because we trust in you, we dare to believe:

**People: Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate; Light is stronger than darkness; Hope is stronger than despair.**

Although often lost in grief and overwhelmed by fear and anger, we hear your call to firmer faith and deeper trust. In the midst of doubt and fear you call us to be a people of prayer. Help us, O Lord, to place our confidence in you as we pray for all who have lost loved ones ... to those traumatized by memories and images they cannot forget ... to those who are paralyzed by fear ... to those who seek to do us harm.

**Hear us, O Lord, and teach us to pray, for you alone are our refuge and strength.**

O God, true source of wholeness and peace, in a world bearing the wounds of suffering and grief, you call us to be a people of healing. Help us to reach out to neighbors in need, to bear one another's burdens, to weep with those who weep. Give us the grace to share the comfort of Christ with all those who long for his healing touch. Surround those who have been shaken by tragedy with a sense of your present love.

**Hear us, O Lord, and help us to heal, for you alone are our refuge and strength.**

Strong God of love, in a world torn by violence and threatened by revenge and hatred, you call us to be a people of love. Give us strength to love even when love is most difficult. Save us from the desire for vengeance, and from the temptation to rejoice in wrongdoing. So fill us with the love of Christ that we might seek the good for all people. Do not let us be overcome by evil, but help us overcome evil with good.

**Hear us, O Lord, and show us how to love, for you alone are our refuge and strength.**

God of truth and light, in a world of darkness you call us to bear witness to your light. Guide us by your Spirit, that we might reflect the glory of your Son in his courage in speaking the truth, in his compassion for others, in his willingness to bear suffering, and in his refusal to return evil for evil.

**Hear us, O Lord, and guide our witness, for you alone are our refuge and strength.**

Almighty and ever-faithful God, in a world of despair you call us to be a people of hope. When we are cast down or dismayed, keep your Spirit alive in us. Grant us faith to look

forward with confidence to that day when the whole world will be drawn into willing obedience to your reign and people will come from east and west, from north and south, to sit at one table in your kingdom.

**Hear us, O Lord, and fill us with hope, for you alone are our refuge and strength.**

You, O Lord, are our refuge and strength, our help in time of trouble. Forgive us, your Church, for the times we have failed in our actions or our inactions, in our words or our silence. Help us to hold our hearts and show in our lives what we proclaim with our lips:

**Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate; Light is stronger than darkness; Hope is stronger than despair.**

*(The people are invited to add names for remembrance, either silently or aloud.)*

**We come together in prayer to acknowledge our intention to do good work. We come together in prayer to acknowledge the Source of comfort in suffering. We come together in prayer to extend our loving compassion to all life throughout the world.**

Celebrant: Let every heart be filled with a bright reflection of everlasting love, gratefulness, and belonging. Let every heart that offers this prayer, or holds thoughts of hope and love toward all, be filled today with peace and abundance. Amen.

## \* **The Peace**

Officiant      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People        And also with you.

## **Welcome & Announcements**

- Thanks to our instrumentalists today: Daniel Yung and Marcus Rattler!
- Easter Egg Hunt after the Service
- Parents' Day Out, Bishop's Visitation, Royals Game

# The Holy Communion

**Offertory**

*“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

Yung/Rattler

**\* The Presentation**

*“Doxology”*

Hymnal # 380 v.3

**\* The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

Celebrant      The LORD be with you.

*“Sursum Corda”* Hymnal # S-120

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

*Here the Celebrant adds 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:



\* **Sanctus**

*"Holy Holy Holy Lord"*

Hymnal # S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav'n 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.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**All: We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Saint Michael the archangel and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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!**

## \* The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

Celebrant As our Savior Christ taught us, we now pray,

**All** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

## \* Fraction

Hymnal # S-154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



**Communion Notes:** Communion is offered in two kinds: bread and wine. One may receive the bread alone, dip it into the wine, or drink from the chalice after consuming the bread. Sealed, pre-packaged containers of bread and wine are available. Gluten-free bread may be requested by crossing one's hands palms-down. All manners of reception are valid, and all are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing.

**Communion Hymn**                      *"That Easter Day with Joy was Bright"*                      Hymnal # 193

**Communion Instrumental**                      *"CDEF Jam"*                      Yung/Rattler

**\* Postcommunion Prayer & Blessing**                      BCP p. 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All:** 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.

**\* Closing Hymn**                      *"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"*                      Hymnal # 205

**\* Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude**                      *"Pan in A minor"*                      Yung/Rattler