

April 20, 2025

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF THE HARBOR PROVINCETOWN

Where the Land, the Sea, and the Sacred Meet

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude	Gavotte		Thomas Arne
Welcome Gathering Hymn	Jesus Christ is Ris	en Today	Hymnal #207 SATB
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Text: St. 1, Surrexit Christus hodie, Latin, 14th C.; para. in Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; st. 2, 3, The Compleat Psalmodist, c.1750, alt.; st. 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
 Tune: EASTER HYMN, 77 77 with alleluias; Lyra Davidica, 1708

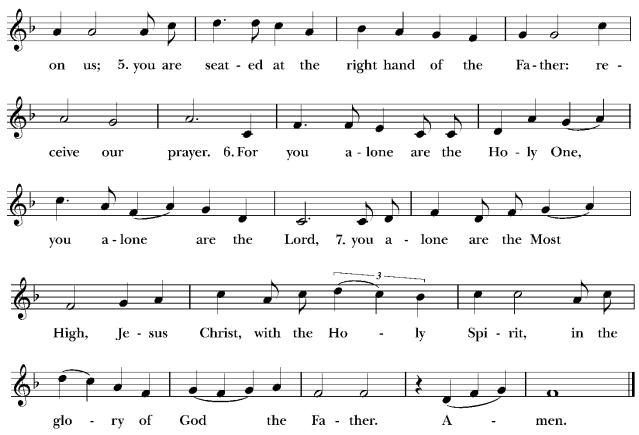
Opening Acclamation

Presider:	Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People:	The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!
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Presider:	This is the Day the Lord has made!
People:	Let us rejoice and be glad.
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Collect for Purity

All: 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.





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Collect of the day

Presider:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Presider:	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. **Amen.**

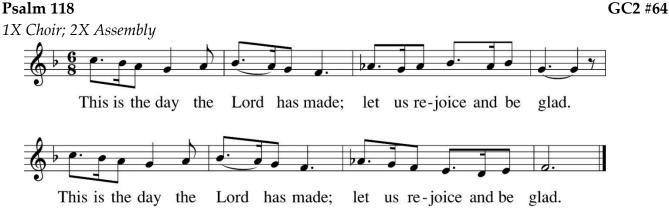
First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

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

Psalm 118

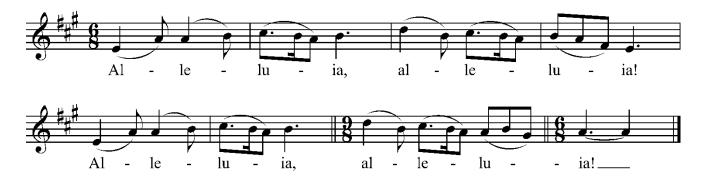


Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

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Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

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

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

Easter Sermon

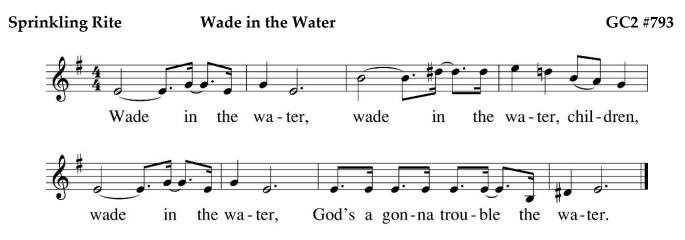
The Rev. Brian Raiche

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Presider: Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Presider	Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People	I do.
Presider People	Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Presider People	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.
Presider People	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.
Presider	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People	I will, with God's help.
Presider People	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? I will, with God's help.
Presider People	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.

Presider People	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help.
Presider	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being>
People	I will, with God's help.
Presider	Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?
People	I will, with God's help.
Presider:	May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen .



Prayers of the People

Presider: God of love, we rejoice with the angels, and all the host of heaven, as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

Reader: Alleluia to our God who brings new life and hope to our lives. Let us now offer our prayers and praises to the source of all life. Alleluia! This is our song! **People: May our lives be raised in Christ**.

Reader: In love we offer our prayers to you, O God. In joy we worship you, eternal Son. In faith we believe through your power, O loving Spirit. In you is our hope, O Christ, who died, is risen, and now lives to show us the way of life. Alleluia! This is our song! **People: May our lives be raised in Christ**.

Reader: We join with Christians throughout the world in rejoicing that Christ is risen. Let each member in every congregation show forth in their lives the love that transforms Good Friday into Easter. Alleluia! This is our song!

People: May our lives be raised in Christ.

Reader: We pray for all who work for peace, especially for peace in Ukraine, the Middle East, all who long for a new start in their lives, all who struggle to bring reconciliation and hope in communities and between nations. We remember all military personnel serving in areas of danger and violence, that they and their families might be protected and have the courage to see them through difficult times. We pray also for those who work to insure the health and wellbeing of all God's people. Alleluia! This is our song!

People: May our lives be raised in Christ.

Reader: Let the Spirit of the Resurrection be known in all the broken places of our world, that hurts may find healing, and well-being may be restored. We remember especially those on our parish prayer list: John Marshall, Marie Raiche, Ryan Long, Tommy Gawron, Francis Gawron, Deacon Pete Jeffrey, Lisa Pate, Mark Ward, Joan Boudreau, Ken Barry, Towanda deNagy, Priscilla McChesney, Ollie Ahmuty, Joan Walter, Chelsea Diaz, Steve Moore, Nick Craciun, William Goodbody, John Kelly, and all those who have requested our prayers: those who are known to us in our hearts, those known only to you, and for those whose names are spoken on our lips: (*You are invited to offer your own intentions aloud or silently*). Alleluia! This is our song! People: **May our lives be raised in Christ.**

Reader: In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, those who have left us an inheritance of God's blessings, and who now join in the chorus of angels and the saints in paradise, and those whose names are spoken on our lips, those who are known to us in our hearts, or those who are known only to you [*pause for names to be remembered, silently or aloud*]. We remember all those who have died, The Rev. Elizabeth King who died this week, Joan Marshall and all deceased members of St. Mary's. We remember especially Dr. Edward McDonough and Tom Peters in whose memory the sanctuary lamp is lit. Alleluia! This is our song! People: **May our lives be raised in Christ**.

Closing Collect

Loving God, Creator of all, today is the day of Easter joy. This is the morning on which the Lord appeared to those who had begun to lose hope. May the Risen Lord breathe on our minds and open our eyes that we may know him in the breaking of bread, and follow him in his risen life. Grant this through Christ our Risen Lord.

The prayers are concluded with hymn # 608, verse 1

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave, who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

The Peace

Presider:	The peace of the Lord be always with you
People:	And also with you

Announcements Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Invitation

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.



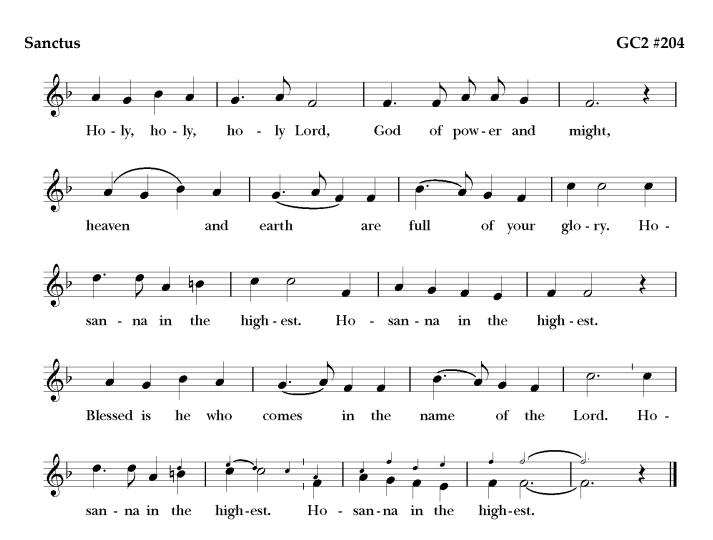
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Eucharistic Prayer A

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Presider:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them to the Lord.
Presider:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and ever where to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:

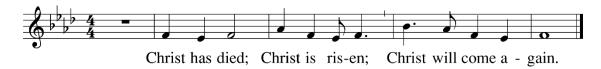


Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator 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:



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: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever.



The Lord's Prayer

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

Fraction

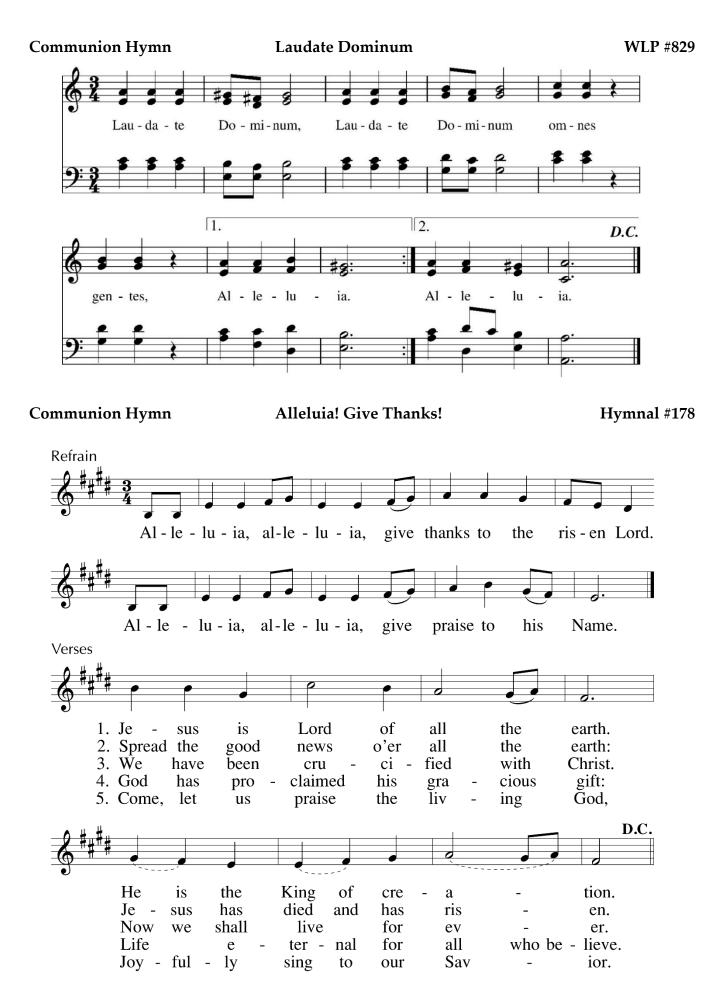
Presider:	Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People:	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem



Invitation to Communion

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It has been made ready for those who love God and for those who hope to love God more. So, come, if you have been here often, and come if you have not been here long. Come if you have followed, and come if you have stumbled. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who seek him will meet him here at his table. For in this house which bears the name Mary, all are welcome to share the one she bore, Jesus the Bread of Life.



Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray: Please Stand

People: 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.

The Easter Blessing

Presider:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.

Please respond with a joyful "Amen" to each of the following.

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of Christ, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Hymnal #205



Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



Join us in Nicholson Hall for a festive coffee hour!

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This Sunday's Leadership

- Music Minister: Richard Bunbury
- Soloist: Zachary Johnson
- Instrumentalist: Loren Lee, violin
- Crucifer: Brendan O'Neill
- First Reader: Scott Yagel; Second Reader: Mary-Jo Avellar
- Communion Minister: John Loftin
- Healer: Andi Sawyer
- Ushers: Pat and Phil Penza
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- Livestream: John Carroll-Yage

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AND IN GRATITUDE FOR...

- ◆ Our children and grandchildren by Pat and Phil Penza
- ✤ Our Vestry and Staff by Rev. Brian



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming at St. Mary's

St. Mary's Community Movie Night

Friday, April 25th at 6:00 PM *Brave the Dark* (2025) Hosted by Chef Dan; Potluck: Bring something to share.

"One Big Pond"

Sunday, April 27th at 4:00 PM

A concert of American and British music by Russ Braun (Bass/Baritone) accompanied by William Carlson at St. Mary of the Harbor.

Labyrinth Walk

Saturday May 3rd from 12:45 PM- 2:30 PM Join us as we walk the labyrinth in unity across the globe! In the sanctuary at St. Mary's Church.

Red Door Chamber Music May 4th at 3:00 PM First United Methodist Church, Provincetown *MUSIC MAVERICKS: BUCKING THE STATUS QUO* Thomas Cooper, violin; Constantine Finehouse, piano; Loren Lee, violin; and Tyler Michael James, cello.

SPECIAL

May 24 at 4:00 PM

Parishioner Ann Meredith presents a reading of her Acclaimed Feature Film and Award-Winning Theatre Project. St. Mary's Church

Outer Cape Chorale Chamber Singers Sunday, June 1st at 5:00 PM St. Mary's Church

Pentecost Sunday with Bishop Julia Whitworth Sunday, June 8th at 10:00 AM Bishop Julia joins us for Pentecost Sunday and Pride

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East End Music at St. Mary's

June 20th at 5PM.

A concert in celebration of Juneteenth. Loren Lee, Brian Calhoon, Rev. Brian and friends.

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Welcome to St. Mary of the Harbor

Here at St. Mary's, we welcome you with open arms and open hearts, to share with you the love with which Christ has welcomed us. Whoever you are, wherever you may be in life, there is a place for you here. In this beautiful place, you will find sojourners like yourself who are searching for truth, meaning, and purpose. And we invite you to explore and experience the gift of God's love in this place where the land, the sea, and the sacred meet.

Everything you need to guide you through today's service will be found in this bulletin, or in the hymnals in the chair just in front of you.

Land Acknowledgement

At St. Mary's, we remember the Nauset and Wampanoag people on whose unceded land we now gather. We acknowledge the injustice done to them. We give thanks for their witness to living honorably and in balance with the sacred order. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all relatives in life. Help us to be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, particularly the original Indigenous inhabitants.

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