



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ARLINGTON, VA

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER DAY - 9:30 AM

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Whatever has brought you to worship with this community today, we're so glad you're here. If you're wondering whether there might be something more for you, we hope you'll come back and find out. One of the things we're committed to is finding how our story connects with God's story. We'd love to have your story become a part of our story. The best way to participate in these conversations is to look for announcements about "Being With" courses in our e-newsletter.

Sounds from children, young and old, are a valuable part of our prayer life – not a distraction from it! Families are encouraged to sit in the front of the sanctuary, allowing children as many opportunities to follow along and participate as possible. Should a break be beneficial at any point in the service, the nursery is available for supervised play, and includes a QR code for streaming of the service on any device.

The root of the word liturgy is "the work of the people." Meaning all that happens in the sanctuary with the community who gathers works because of your participation. The beautiful thing about this invitation to participate is that, who we are and what we bring is enough because God meets us here! So don't worry about "doing" anything "right." Whether you've been to Episcopal services for a long time, or this is your first, we hope you'll worship in the way that is most comfortable to you. The service instructions about standing, kneeling, and other directions are intended to help clue you into the habits of this particular community.

The words of our worship service are lifted from the Episcopal (and before that Anglican) tradition. The thing that sets us apart from other denominations is our dedication to Common Prayer. These same words have been used for hundreds of years by people all over the world, and are still used today. The hope of finding ourselves in the midst of this ancient tradition is that we might both learn from those who have come before, and add our own voices to the heavenly chorus.

We are currently offering communion in both kinds, the bread and the wine. Drinking from a common cup, is an essential symbolic practice, a reflection of our theology. We place great emphasis on offering this meal from a single paten (plate which holds the bread) and chalice to symbolize the unity we find in Christ, despite any perceived divisions. We return to the Eucharistic table again and again, because it is only through Christ that we are able to imagine what being unified might look like. Choosing to intinct the bread in the chalice is the least sanitary option, as we risk having many hands in the chalice. Please either drink from the chalice, or refrain from consuming the wine. Whether you would like to receive bread, bread and wine, or a blessing, please know that you are welcome at the Lord's table.

Prelude

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light. Sanctify this candle and grant that in this paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Processor The Light of Christ  
People **Thanks be to God.**

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant ALLELUIA CHRIST IS RISEN  
PEOPLE THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED

Procession

Jesus Christ is risen today  
*Easter Hymn*

Hymn 207

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

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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.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

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

### The Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
“His mercy endures for ever.”
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 “This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord’s doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

### The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you-unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still

alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Lector     The Word of the Lord.

People     **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence**

The strife is o'er, the battle done

**Hymn 208**

*Victory*

**The 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? Whom 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.**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Canon Rosemari Sullivan**

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

People 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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

The Prayers of the People (Form III)

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
 People And also with you.  
*We greet one another, passing the peace of God.*

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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Preparation of the Table

Offertory Easter Song Anne Herring

Presentation of the Offerings Hymn 304  
*verse 1*

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,  
 in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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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.

Celebrant 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 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, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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,

People **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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; 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.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
People 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

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

Communion *Gluten-free wafers are available, ask the priest at the altar rail.*

Communion Hymns	Christ is alive ( <i>Truro</i> )	Hymn 182
	Come, ye faithful, raise the strain ( <i>St. Kevin</i> )	Hymn 199

### Post Communion Prayer

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.

### Blessing

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

Closing Hymn	He is risen, he is risen! <i>Unser Herrscher</i>	Hymn 180
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Postlude

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

SUN 3/31	6:35 AM	<i>Easter</i> Sunrise Morning Prayer in the Memorial Garden
	9:30 AM	Festival Holy Eucharist, no Children's Worship
	10:45 AM	Easter Egg Hunt (bring your own basket)
MON 4/1-FRI 4/5		Office Closed
TUE 4/2	7:30 PM	Executive Committee
THU 4/4	9:30 AM	Education for Ministry
	12:15 PM	Prime Time Lunch
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
SUN 4/7	9:30 AM	Holy Eucharist II with Children's Worship

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 4:32-35 • Psalm 133 • 1 John 1:1-2:2 • John 20:19-31

## PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies. In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for Altar Guilds, Flower Guilds, Ushers, Lectors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, and Choirs. In the region of Arlington, we pray for St. Peter's.

We pray for leaders of churches everywhere, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mark and Gayle, our bishops; Beth, our rector; Rosemari, our supply priest; and Drew, our seminarian.

We pray for goodwill among nations; for Joe, our President, Antonio, Secretary General of the United Nations, Glenn, our Governor, members of the Arlington County Board, and all those in authority. We pray for the welfare of those serving our nation at home and abroad, especially Jeremy.

In our Parish Family we pray for Leroy, Sarah, Paula, Liz, Norma, Ethan, Beverly, Fran, Katheryn, Dwight, Barbara, and Lois.

In our greater community, we pray for Cindy, George, Emily, Andrew, Roland, Henry, Susan, Martha, Betty, Laura, Pat, Beth, Jen, George, Peggy, Jon Rucker, Jr., Susan, Keith, Doug, Colby, Sarah, August, Barbara, Alan, Kay, Katie, Paul, Ben, Mae, Steve, Esther, Marina, Gordon, Steve, Megan, Katie, Jim, Margee, and Eli.

We remember all those who have died, especially Jimmy Castillo and Stewart Gamage.

### EASTER SABBATH

The church office will be closed April 1-5 for an Easter sabbath. For any immediate needs, please use the pastoral care emergency line, 703-239-3787, or be in touch with our wardens, Vicki, Jim, or Kaipō.

### PRIME TIME LUNCH: THE GOOD SHEPHERD IN ART AND VERSE

Join us, Thursday, April 4, for a potluck lunch in the parish hall. Gathering at 12:15. Lunch at 12:30. Bring a ready-to-serve dish to pass. Hot coffee and ice water provided. 1:15 program: Evelyn Bence will present and discuss visual and poetic representations of God as our shepherd, an inspirational image since ancient times. Special emphasis given to African American artist Henry Ossawa Tanner, who rendered the theme 15 times, especially later in life. All are welcome, especially seniors. Contact: Evelyn Bence.

### WE'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR!



After 2 years our wonderful administrator Katrina Moore is relocating. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining our team, please scan the QR code for the details.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT AFAC



Can you spare ninety minutes on Saturday, April 6, 1:00–2:30 PM? If you can, please volunteer to help bag vegetables and/or sort cans at the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC), 2708 S. Nelson Street. Individuals, including families with children age 12+, are welcome. Please sign up by scanning the QR code.

### LEADERSHIP DURING RECTOR'S LEAVE

While Beth is on leave, The Rev. Rosemari Sullivan is serving as supply priest. Meaning, Rosemari is present on Sundays, and available by appointment in the office. Additionally, feel free to be in touch with any of our Wardens, Vicki, Jim, or Kaipō, who can help to ensure that your needs are addressed in a timely fashion. Email the Parish Office ([parishoffice@stmichaelsarlington.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmichaelsarlington.org)) and your message will be routed appropriately.

## THOSE SERVING TODAY

Lector	Lisa Harkins
Ushers	Cindy Warkentin, Kaipo McCartney
Greeter	Cindy Warkentin
Acolyte	Wil Harkins
LEMs	Rick Hightower, Terri Katon
Altar Guild	Monica Dinan
Counters	Barb Adams, Debbie Carter
Zoom Coordinator	Corbin Monahan
Children's Worship	-
Coffee Hour Host	Lisa Meacham
Vestry Person of the Day	Mary Thorne

## ST. MICHAEL'S CLERGY AND STAFF

Rector	The Very Rev. Beth Franklin
Supply + Priest	The Rev. Canon Rosemari Sullivan, DD, DMin
Music Minister	Mike Schmidt
Children & Families Minister	Karen Ruff
Seminarian	Drew Downey
Treasurer	Janet Hansen
Parish Administrator	Katrina Moore

## ST. MICHAEL'S VESTRY

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Vicki Barnett ( <i>Sr. Warden</i> )	Jim Dinan ( <i>Jr. Warden</i> )	Dan Ruff
Beth Cavey	Lisa Meacham	Todd Trapp ( <i>Register</i> )
Kaipo McCartney ( <i>Warden</i> )	Mary Thorne	
Bob Moore		

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FLOWERS

Flowers adorning our altar during Sunday worship may be dedicated in memory of, or thanksgiving for a loved one. If you would like to make a dedication, the page is accessible from our main website, by using the banner that reads "CONNECT—SIGN UPS" or scan the QR Code.



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# EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

**The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by:**

Barb Adams in memory of my parents, Peggy and Steve, and sister Meg Stephens.

Patrick and Martha Dexter in thanksgiving for healing and recovered good health.

Paula and Charlie Dierkes in memory of our parents Pat & Peggy Lowrey and Bill & Emmy Dierkes.

Terry Dinan in loving memory of my mother, Ann Dinan, and her siblings.

Drew Downey and Christopher Roberts in thanksgiving for the St. Michael's family.

Beth Franklin in thanksgiving for the St. Michael's community.

Beth Franklin with thanksgiving for The Rev. Rosemari Sullivan, Katrina Moore, Mike Schmidt, and the St. Michael's Vestry.

Beth and Nic Franklin with gratitude for Warner and Pierson Franklin.

Janet Hansen in thanksgiving for family and friends.

Cheryl Hess and Rick Hightower in loving memory of Cheryl's uncle, Myles Doherty.

Terri Katon in thanksgiving for Matthew and Olivia's birthdays.

Terri Katon in thanksgiving for Skip and Marjory.

Cindy and Tim Matlack in thanksgiving for our St. Michael's community.

Bob Moore in memory of Chrissie Moore.

Lois and Sam Scott in memory of our parents, Doris & Leslie Rucker and Sam & Mary Bess Scott.

Lois and Sam Scott in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren.

Dawn Stevenson in loving memory of Debbie Crabtree, Dick Waterhouse, and Bob Stevenson.

Nancy Tate and Robert Marlay in thanksgiving for Daniel and Colin Lowry.

Nancy Tate and Robert Marlay in thanksgiving for Michael Harman.

Flowers decorating a cross in the Memorial Garden are provided by Evelyn Bence in memory of friends and loved ones.