

**St. John's Episcopal Church  
New City, New York**

**EASTER: THE DAY OF RESURRECTION**

**March 31, 2024**

**9:30 am**

**HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prelude**      *The Trophy by F. Couperin*

**Lighting of the Paschal Candle**

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, 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.*

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted*

                  The light of Christ.  
*People*        Thanks be to God.

*The cantor, sings this portion of the Exsultet, as follows*

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Opening Hymn** *Hail thee, festival day! (Hymnal #175)*

*Hail thee, festival day! blest day that art hallowed forever,  
day whereon Christ arose, breaking the kingdom of death.*

- 1 Lo, the fair beauty of earth, from the death of the winter arising!  
Every good gift of the year now with its Master returns:

*Refrain*

- 2 He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the ruler of nature;  
all things created on earth sing to the glory of God:

*Refrain*

- 3 Daily the loveliness grows, adorned with the glory of blossom;  
heaven her gates unbars, flinging her increase of light:

*Refrain*

- 4 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art author of life and creation.  
Treading the pathway of death, life thou bestowest on all:

*Refrain*

- 5 God the creator, the Lord, who rulest the earth and the heavens,  
guard us from harm without, cleanse us from evil within:

*Refrain*

- 6 Jesus the health of the world, enlighten our minds, thou Redeemer,  
Son of the Father supreme, only-begotten of God:

*Refrain*

- 7 Spirit of life and of power, now flow in us, fount of our being,  
light that dost lighten all, life that in all dost abide:

*Refrain*

- 8 Praise to the Giver of good! Thou Love who art author of concord,  
pour out thy balm on our souls, order our ways in thy peace:

*Refrain*

### **The Opening Acclamation** *(said three times)*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### **The 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** *Hymnal - #S-278*

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.*

### **The Collect of the Day**

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.*

### **First Reading** Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from Isaiah

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.  
It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

### **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.

### **Second 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.”

The Word of the Lord

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Hymn** *He is risen, He is risen! (Hymnal #180)*

- 1 He is risen, he is risen!  
Tell it out with joyful voice:  
he has burst his three days' prison;  
let the whole wide earth rejoice:  
death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.
- 2 Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,  
with glad smile and radiant brow!  
Death's long shadows have departed;  
Jesus' woes are over now,  
and the passion that he bore—  
sin and pain can vex no more.
- 3 Come, with high and holy hymning,  
hail our Lord's triumphant day;  
not one darksome cloud is dimming  
yonder glorious morning ray,  
breaking o'er the purple east,  
symbol of our Easter feast.
- 4 He is risen, he is risen!  
He hath opened heaven's gate:  
we are free from sin's dark prison,  
risen to a holier state;  
and a brighter Easter beam  
on our longing eyes shall stream.

**The Gospel** Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who

was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

## 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 2

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael, for our Bishops Matthew, Allen, and Mary; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially\_\_\_\_\_],

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present*

I ask your prayers for\_\_\_\_\_.

I ask your thanksgiving for\_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*                      And also with you.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Offertory

**The Offertory Anthem**    *This Joyous Eastertide by Vernon Hoyle*

**The Doxology** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow (Hymnal #380 v. 3)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

### 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.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father 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:

*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 stand or kneel.*

*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.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

*Celebrant and 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

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

**Fraction Anthem** (*Agnus Dei*) *Hymnal* S-161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*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.

**Holy Communion**

**Communion Hymns**

*The strife is o'er, the battle done* (*Hymnal* #208)

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done,  
the victory of life is won;  
the song of triumph has begun.  
Alleluia!
- 2 The powers of death have done their worst,  
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:  
let shout of holy joy outburst.  
Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days are quickly sped,  
he rises glorious from the dead:  
all glory to our risen Head!  
Alleluia!
- 4 He closed the yawning gates of hell,  
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;  
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!  
Alleluia!
- 5 Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live and sing to thee.  
Alleluia!

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus Christ is risen today (Hymnal #207)*

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today,  
our triumphant holy day,  
who did once upon the cross,  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
unto Christ, our heavenly King,  
who endured the cross and grave,  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured,  
our salvation have procured;  
now above the sky he's King,  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above  
praise eternal as his love;  
praise him, all ye heavenly host,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**The Postcommunion 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.

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn** *The day of resurrection!* (Hymnal #210)

- 1 The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness,  
the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over  
with hymns of victory.

- 2 Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light;  
and, listening to his accents,  
may hear so calm and plain  
his own “All hail!” and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.
- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful,  
let earth her song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph,  
and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen  
their notes together blend,  
for Christ the Lord is risen,  
our joy that hath no end.

### Dismissal

*Celebrant* Alleluia, alleluia, let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

### Postlude *Maestoso by GB Polleri*

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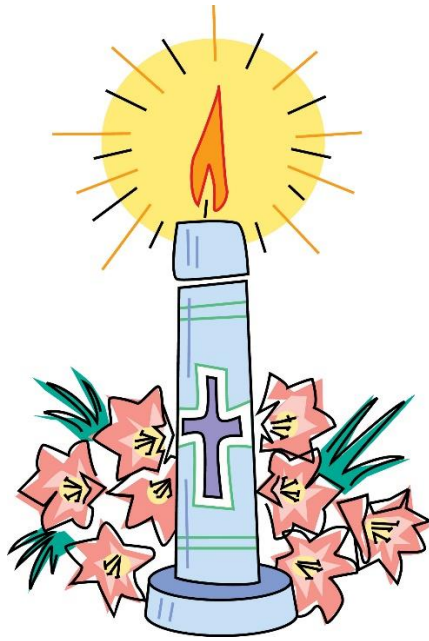
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Our mission statement:  
*Open doors, open hearts,  
for all to experience the Love of God*

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### Serving this week

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Richard Gressle
Eucharistic Ministers	Tim Frost
	Valerie Powers
Organist	Bert Carrasquero
Cantor	Sarah Mistele
Tech Minister	Brayden G.
First Reading	Sikha Guha
Psalm	Karen Gutterman
Second Reading	Roland Stalzer
Prayers of the People	Tim Frost
Usher	Roland Stalzer
Altar Guild	Collin M.
	Maureen Megerditchian



***Easter flowers are given***

*In thanksgiving for*

Our children, their spouses,  
and our grandchildren

Jacob, Sophia, Sue, & Jean  
The people of St. John's

Our family

All our blessings

Our children & grandchildren

Our loved ones

*by*

Maryann & Bob Schugmann

Margaret Gillespie &  
Jason Greenberg

The Guttermans

The Schaefer family

Margaret & Dave Krystel

Terry & Steve Deasy

*In memory of*

Robert H. Schugmann,  
Phyllis Schugmann, Mary Rezman,  
John J. Rezman, Liz Bettencourt,  
George Schugmann

Fred Evans, Donald Hernstrom,  
Joel Segal & Colin Wightman

Lisa Schneider Stalzer

Emma & Karl Stalzer

Edmund Stalzer

Rosalia & Franz Mantel

Ida & Ludwig Primosch

Steffie & John Morscher

Frank Mantel

Robert Mantel

Marie & Heinz Doren

*by*

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Margaret Gillespie &  
Jason Greenberg

Roland Stalzer

Grover Schneider  
Lisa Schneider Stalzer  
Emma & Grover Schneider, Sr.  
Rose & Ferdinand Frankenberg  
Mildred & William Frankenberg  
Dorothy & Henry Frankenberg  
Patricia & Bob Fratto  
Ellen & Bob Barton

Lucille Schneider

Julia & Art Hyatt

The Guttermans

Our parents, sisters, brothers,  
and beloved father and husband

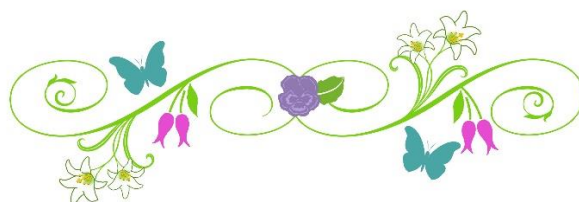
The Schaefer family

Essye Wight, Walter Wight,  
Mildred Krystel

Margaret & Dave Krystel

Deasy, Osborne,  
Brownsell & Soeller families

Terry & Steve Deasy



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#### **Wardens**

Scott Dow, Senior Warden  
Dong Zhang, Junior Warden

#### **The Vestry**

Barbara Ayew  
Terry Deasy  
Sarah Mistele  
Benedicta Obuamah  
Valerie Powers  
Bob Schugmann

#### **Staff**

Margaret Gillespie, Parish Administrator  
Jacob Greenberg, Sexton  
Bert Carrasquero, Organist and Choir Director

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