



THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION:
EASTER DAY

March 31, 2024 at 10:15 o'clock in the morning

ST JOHN'S CHURCH IN SOMERVILLE
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Welcome to St. John's Church

We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship this morning. When you enter our church with its crenelated tower, projecting gargoyles, stout buttresses, and warmly recognized big red doors, we hope you will see what St. John's is all about: worship, community, and service. As we strive to live out the two great commandments of our Lord, to love the Lord our God and our neighbor, we hope you will find St. John's to become more and more your spiritual home where so many others have already found a home. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

Welcome and Offering

All are welcome to make a gift and offering in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we have received. To take advantage of our electronic giving options, please follow the QR code with your capable electronic device, or visit simplechurchgiving.net/app/giving/st158149



Join us for Worship

Sundays, 8 am and 10:15 am

Tuesdays, 7 pm (in the Chapel)

Thursdays, 10 am

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HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARIES

Sonata à 4

Anonymous, 17th century

Prelude in G

Felix Mendelssohn

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymnal 1982, 179

Text: Venantius Fortunatus, ca. 582; tr. John Ellerton, 1868

Tune: Arthur Sullivan, 1872

- 1 “Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say:
Hell today is vanquished; heav’n is won today!
Lo, the dead is living, God forevermore!
Him, their true Creator, all his works adore!
“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.
- 2 Maker and Redemer, life and health of all,
Thou from heav’n beholding human nature’s fall,
Of the Father’s Godhead true and only Son,
Mankind to deliver, manhood didst put on. **Refrain**
- 3 Thou, of life the author, death didst undergo,
Tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;
Come then, true and faithful, now fulfill thy word,
’Tis thine own third morning! rise O buried Lord. **Refrain**
- 4 Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan’s chain;
All that is now is fallen raise to life again;
Show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
Bring again our daylight: day returns with thee! **Refrain**

Celebrant
People

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

People

Amen.

GLORIA

Hymnal 1982, S 280

ALL

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.

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.

People

Amen.

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Reader

A reading from Acts of the Apostles. Peter began to speak to them: "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.”

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118 *Confitemini Domino*

Mark Trautman

Choir

*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 15:1-11

Reader

A reading from First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. Now 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 someone 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 towards 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.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

TRURO

Text: Brian Wren, 1968, rev. 1995; Tune: Musica Sacra, 1788

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 16:1-8

Deacon
People
Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
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 him. 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. And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

Deacon
People

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

SERMON

Please stand

NICENE CREED

ALL

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

The response is Glory and praise to you, O living God. The prayer concludes: "...and all our life to Christ." Respond, To you, O Lord our God.

THE PEACE

*Celebrant
People*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Stephanie Martin

*Now the queen of seasons, bright
With the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts,
Comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem,
Who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.*

*Neither might the gates of death,
Nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal
Hold thee as a mortal:
But to-day, amidst thine own
Thou didst stand bestowing*

*That thy peace which evermore
Passeth human knowing.*

*'Alleluia' now we cry,
Yet again, 'Alleluia'!*

*— St. John of Damascus, 8th century;
tr. John Mason Neale, 1853, alt.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

*Celebrant
People*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*Celebrant
People*

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant
People*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God 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. 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:

SANCTUS

Hymnal 1982, S 130

ALL

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.

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."

ALL Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
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.

People 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
ALL Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

Hymnal 1982, S 167



Cantor

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

Refrain

Cantor

*One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. **Refrain***

INVITATION

MOTET

arr. Charles Wood

*Thus on Easter morrow spake an angel bright and clear:
 'Tis no time for sorrow; Maries, be you of good cheer.
 Christ arisen from his prison, is not here.*

*Why, as He were mortal, lifeless in the sepulchre,
 Bring ye, to the portal of the empty chamber, myrrh?
 What befell ye here go tell ye, nor defer!*

*Eya! Resurrexit Jesus Christus hodie;
 Mala nostra textit: Ideo concinite,
 Alleluia, alleluia, Domine.*

*['Eya!' Jesus Christ has risen today;
 He covered our iniquities: therefore sing aloud,
 Alleluia, alleluia, Lord.]*

*Resurrexit vere pro pecante homine:
 Ideo sincere, Christani psalite,
 Te cantamus, te laudamus Domine!*

*[He has risen indeed for sinful man:
 Therefore faithfully, Christians, sing the Psalms,
 We chant to you, we praise you, Lord!]*

—Traditional English Carol

HYMN

*Hymnal 1982, 204**John Macleod Campbell Crum, 1928, alt.;**Tune: French Carol*

- 1 Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
- 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

HYMN

*LEVAS II Hymnal, 13**Traditional Spiritual*

Refrain *My Lord, what a morning, my Lord, what a morning;
My Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.*

- 1 You'll hear the trumpet sound
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall.
- 2 You'll hear the sinner mourn
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall.
- 3 You'll hear the Christian shout
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall.

ALL

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.

ANTHEM

George Frideric Handel

*Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world
is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ;
and He shall reign for ever and ever.*

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. *Hallelujah!*

—Revelation 19:6, 15, 16

HYMN

Hymnal 1982, 207

*Text: Latin 14th cent., tr. Lyrica Davidica, 1708;
stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1756*

Tune: Lyrica Davidica, alt.

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!

Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Celebrant blesses the People, and all respond Amen.

The Deacon sings the Dismissal; all respond



MUSIC

Allemande for Organ and Brass

Anthony Holborn



THANKS TO OUR MUSICIANS:

St. John's Parish Choir; Leo Campos, Kevin Kelly, *cantors*;
Glenn Makos, Spencer MacLeish, *trumpet*;
Ben Williams, Rob Susman, *trombone*;
Peter Saleh, *timpani*; Kraig Williams, *guest conductor*

EASTER FLOWERS

*In memory of John E. Agins, Margaret and Frank Comiskey, Frank Comiskey Sr.,
May and Charles Stokes, Mary and Joseph Nyiri, Frank P. Agins, Lucy M. Agins,
May and Elmer Agins, Lucy and Raymond Matthews, Mary and Elmer Agins, Lillian Agins,
Jill Agins Csaszai, James D. Agins, Marcella LaToof by Jack and Bobbi Agins Families*

*In memory of Gaetano Anobile, Peter Adamo, Robert Bridges, Katherine Castro, Albert Castro,
Mary Vioncek by Jon and Christine Anobile*

*In memory of George & Nancy Ansbro and Charles & Elizabeth Swody by Mark and Pam Ansbro
In thanksgiving by Christine Bean*

*In memory of Richard L. Boyer Sr., Anna L. Mancini, Harry E. Hearoy, Fred & Anna Metzner Sr.,
Robert E. Metzner Sr., Chet & Joyce Kozma, Joyce Winden, Pat Mancini, Joe A. Mancini Sr.
Jean Mundy by Pauline Boyer,*

*In memory of Edward T. Gimbut, Dominick & Linda Perrone, Anthony & Jean Cardinale,
The Loreto Family, Helen L. Boynton, Liesl Fisher, Douglas & Jean MacGregor,
Rose & Carl Guglielmino, Brent F. Miller, Jack Agins, Deanna Jameson, Robert D. MacGregor,
Gary Brown, Regina Brown Goodman, "The Littlest Angel" by John & Marielena Cardinale*

In memory of Manuel Ovando by John Cunningham

In thanksgiving by Rose S. DeTorres

In memory of our family members who are no longer with us by the Distano Family

In memory of Maryrose Fealey by Barbara Dugan

In memory of Mary Beth Ferris by Reneé and Kyle Ferris

In honor of the Fox, Horwath, Check, & Bolza Families by Bob & Neva Rae Fox

In thanksgiving by David & Lisa Habib

In memory of our grandparents by Jennifer and Matthew Kosensky

In memory of Carson Kendall, Florence Kendall, and Larry Manziano by Suzanne Manziano

In memory of Bette & Jack deVoe and Joan & James McNamara by Kevin and Megan McNamara

*In honor our parents Richard & Evelyn Newton, Anthony & Patricia Fosco
by John and Julianne Newton*

*In memory of Dr. Ronald J. Pollock, Harry & Martha Pollock, William & Vida Keffer, Sister Mary
Christabel, The Rev. Peder Bloom, The Rev. Richard Casali, The Rev. Dr. Boyce Bennett,
The Rev. Dr. Thomas Talley, The Rev. Dr. Marion Hatchett, The Rev. George J. Willis,
Canon Chancellor John Wood Goldsack, The Rt. Rev. George E. Councell,
The Rt. Rev. G.P. Mellick Belshaw by The Rev. Canon Ronald N. Pollock*

*In memory of Robert B. Meaders, Lee and Mozelle Morrow, Paul and Betty Robinson,
by Leigh Meaders Robinson*

*In thanksgiving for Timothy S., Thomas C., Joshua S., and Camryn E. Hussey and in memory of
Thomas Warren Hussey, Liam Kevin Wolahan, Jane H. Goldsack, Wilbur W. Goldsack,
Colleen M. Goldsack, John W. Goldsack by Carlye G. Steggall*

In memory of Steve & Josephine Sireci, Rowland & Joan Bodger, Martin Bodger by the Sireci Family

In thanksgiving by Tim Walsh

In memory of the Willard and Nola families who have gone before us by Harold and Linda Willard



EASTER MUSIC—THE BRENT F. MILLER MEMORIAL MUSIC FUND

In memory of Brent Miller, Jan Jubon, and Manuel Ovando by the Bobbi Agins families

In thanksgiving by Christine Bean

In memory of Shirley Saunders, Kermit Saunders, Pauline Johnson & Willard Johnson by Deidrew Britt

In memory of memory of Henry and Jennie Jachim and Anne Canino by Doreen Franko

In thanksgiving by John and Sheila Fuhrmann

In honor of Carolyn Sampson by Paul Grzella & Ed Edwards

In thanksgiving by Debbie Jelinek

*In memory of William C. & Irene McCoy, George & Frances McCoy, Joseph & Maria Augusta Saudade,
by Deacon W. Keith McCoy*

In memory of Shirley Saunders by Terry McShane

In memory of Mary I. Miller, Ella Mae Crews, Louise Miller by Ken Miller

*In memory of George Mindos, Mary & Nicholas Mindos, Helen & Michael Lachowin
by Florence Mindos*

*In memory of Dr. Ronald J. Pollock, Harry & Martha Pollock, William & Vida Keffer,
Sister Mary Christabel, The Rev. Peder Bloom, The Rev. Richard Casali, The Rev. Dr. Boyce Bennett, The
Rev. Dr. Thomas Talley, The Rev. Dr. Marion Hatchett, The Rev. George J. Willis,
Canon Chancellor John Wood Goldsack, The Rt. Rev. George E. Cuncell,
The Rt. Rev. G.P. Mellick Belshaw by The Rev. Canon Ronald N. Pollock*

In memory of Shirley Saunders, Sally Chubb by George and Candy Mullen

In memory of my parents, Lauretta & Bernard Johnson by Taffy Scherr

In memory of Steve & Josephine Sireci, Rowland & Joan Bodger, Martin Bodger by the Sireci Family

*In thanksgiving for Timothy S., Thomas C., Joshua S., and Camryn E. Hussey and in memory of Thomas
Warren Hussey, Liam Kevin Wolahan, Jane H. Godsack, Wilbur W. Goldsack, Colleen M. Goldsack, John
W. Goldsack by Carlye G. Steggall*

In loving memory of Priscilla Hannen Kleinman by Mark Trautman and Ben. Sifuentes

In loving memory of Dennis Whitmore, Peter & Catherine Zimmermann by Karen Whitmore

In thanksgiving by Linda & Harold Willard

In thanksgiving by Kraig & Janice Williams

*In honor of Granddaughter Laura, her husband Sam,
and their children Violet, William, and Oliver Paula and Charlie Windus*