



Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
&
Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Fourth Sunday of Easter – 10:30 am

WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ADVOCATE!

Whether you are a newcomer or a longtime member, we are so glad to have you worship with us today!

Here at the Advocate we believe in the core principles of compassion, justice, and transformation, which are expressed in the rhythms of our worship. The ancient word for what we do is 'liturgy,' which means 'work,' and it is the work of the Advocate to pray and break Bread together, that what we do as a gathered assembly may inspire us to go into the world proclaiming the love of Jesus. We therefore encourage anyone gathered with us to offer your fullest expression of worship, whether by praying, singing, or simply by your presence.

Our musical selections come from the blue *Hymnal* 1982, as well as our spiral *Advocate Songbook*, which includes selections from resources across the Episcopal tradition and beyond, including: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, *Wonder, Love and Praise*, the American shape note tradition, Taizé, St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, and more. All are used with copyright permission.

Founded at the turn of the century as a mission of the three Orange County Episcopal congregations, the Advocate has been a place of rest and refuge for believers of all sorts. We welcome every expression of the human condition and encourage questions and conversation, as we explore together what it means to be followers of Jesus in an ever changing and confusing world. In 2023 we achieved parish status and are excited for this new season in which we are continuing to learn and grow into what it means to be a witness of Christ's love for the wider community.

We are a people of prayer and action, eager to serve our neighbors near and far. Through intergenerational formation, worship, and fellowship opportunities, we offer a place for anyone and everyone to explore their own faith and find the strength and support of a loving community of seekers.

No matter who you are, or where you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place here. Welcome to the Advocate!



Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Joe T. Mitchell
Rector, Church of the Advocate

Gathering Hymn

Come ye faithful, raise the strain

All stand, as able.

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - roah's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Opening Acclamation

Bishop Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit.
People **One hope in God's call to us.**
Bishop One Lord. One Faith. One Baptism.
People **One God and Father of all.**

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Let us pray.

The Bishop prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

All are seated for the Readings.

The First Reading

Acts 9: 36-43

After the Reading:

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

The Psalter

Psalms 23

- 1 **The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.**
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 **He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 **You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.**
- 6 **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

The Second Reading

Revelation 7: 9-17

After the Reading:

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

All stand for the hymn and continue standing for the Gospel.

Gospel Hymn

Celtic Alleluia

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

Verses

ia! *1. Now he is liv - ing, the Christ. _
 2. Christ is the first fruits from death, _
 **3. Give thanks to the Lord who is good. _ The
 4. The right hand of God raised me up. _ The
 5. The stone which the build - ers re - ject-ed be -

1. Out of the tomb he is ris - en; he has con- quered death,
 2. fill- ing the church with his glo - ry! Dark- ness van - ish - es
 3. love of the Lord knows no end- ing. All in Is - ra - el
 4. hand of the Lord ___ has tri- umphed. I shall nev - er die,
 5. comes _ the cor - ner- stone cho - sen. Praise the work of God

1. o - pened heav - en to all ___ be - liev - ers. ___
 2. in the light ___ of ___ his pow - er. ___
 3. say: "God's love ___ has ___ no end." ___
 4. I shall live ___ tell - ing God's deeds. ___
 5. for this mar - vel ___ in ___ our eyes! ___

to Refrain

The Holy Gospel

John 10: 22-30

Priest
People

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel is concluded with:

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

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rodman
XII Bishop Diocesan of North Carolina

Hymn to the Waters

As I went down in the river to pray

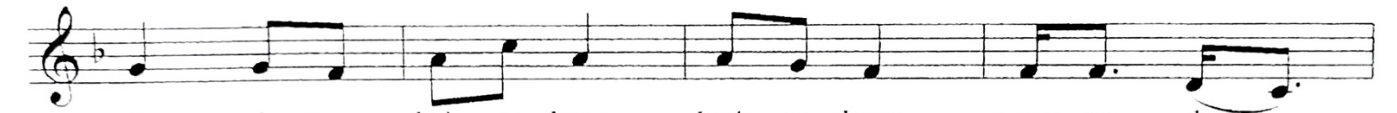
The People (especially Children) may follow the Ministers to the baptismal waters.



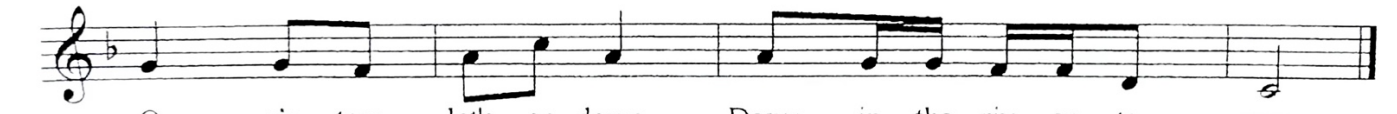
1. A | went down in the river to pray, Studying about that good old way and
2. As | went down in the river to pray, Studying about that good old way and
3. As | went down in the river to pray, Studying about that good old way and
4. As | went down in the river to pray, Studying about that good old way and
5. As | went down in the river to pray, Studying about that good old way and



who shall wear the star-ry crown, Good Lord, show me the way
who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord, show me the way
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who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord, show me the way
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○ sis - ters, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down. —
○ bro - thers, et's go down, Let's go down, come on down. —
○ fa - thers, et's go down, Let's go down, come on down. —
○ mo - thers, et's go down, Let's go down, come on down. —
○ sin - ners, et's go down, Let's go down, come on down. —



○ sis - ters, let's go down, Down in the riv - er to pray
○ bro - thers, et's go down, Down in the riv - er to pray
○ fa - thers, et's go down, Down in the riv - er to pray
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The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Bishop Dear friends in Christ, during this holy Eastertide, as we recall the victory of Jesus over the powers of death and hell, and live into the new reality of Resurrection, let us renew the solemn vows of Holy Baptism. For it is through these sacred waters that we are united with Christ in his death and share in his resurrection. And let us once again be washed with those same waters and remember the promise of eternal life given to us through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

People **I do.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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 all grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers

Priest Let us pray for the grace, strength and conviction to uphold these solemn promises, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Priest Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest Open our hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest Send us into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Bishop blesses the waters, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Hymn During Asperges

We know that Christ is raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows _____



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life _____
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. _____
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. _____ Al - le -
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. _____
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: _____



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

The Peace

Bishop The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The People share a sign of God's peace with one another.

Offertory Procession

All are invited to come forward, as we offer not only ourselves, but the gifts from our lives: bread and wine, funds, and other food that supports the Inter-Faith Council's food bank. This presentation is in the form of a procession towards the altar, where you may offer your gifts to God, including yourselves.

You can scan the QR code to give online. Today's loose offering is designated for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.



Offertory Hymn

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

♩ = 69

In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be a-
El Se-nyor és la me-va for-ça, el Se-nyor el me-u cant. Ell m'ha e-stat la sal-va-ci-

fraid; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near. In the
ó. En ell con-fi-o, i no tinc por. En ell con-fi-o, i no tinc por. El Se-

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

All stand, as able. All children are invited to gather around the altar.

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

The Bishop prays a Proper Preface then continues.

Bishop Therefore we praise you, joining with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Wonder, Love, and Praise #785

All sing the Sanctus. The English is sung first, followed by the Spanish.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My
San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi

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heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!
co - ra - zón te sa - be decir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor!

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is in 4/4 time. The first system contains the first four measures of the piece, and the second system contains measures 5 through 8. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff.

The Bishop recalls God's work in creation and Christ's Last Supper.

The Bishop and People pray the Memorial Acclamation.

Bishop Therefore we proclaim the Mystery of Faith:
All **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

The Bishop prays that the gifts and People may be sanctified by God. When the Eucharistic Prayer is concluded, the People respond in a loud voice, 'AMEN!'

Bishop As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Celebrant: As our Sa-vior Christ has taught us we now pray, Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - loped be your name, —
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea ven.
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for -
 give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e vil.
 For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours, now and for e - ver. A - men.

The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence follows.

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

Bishop Behold what you are.
People **May we become what we receive.**

The Bishop invites the People to receive the Communion of our Lord. All we welcome to come forward.

Communion Hymn

Eat this bread

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system has the lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and ne-ver be hun - gry." The second system has the lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst." There are repeat signs at the end of each system.

Those gathered at home are invited to pray the following prayer as those in-person receive.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in Word and Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to unending peace in your glorious kingdom. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Bishop

Let us pray.

All

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pontifical Blessing

Bishop

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People

The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop

Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

People

From this time forth forevermore.

Bishop

The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Going-Forth Hymn

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit

Piano introduction in G major, 4/4 time. The right hand features a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of quarter notes.

Vocal entry with piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: 1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, _____ and I (2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive _____ till you (3. If you) say he saved you from your sin, _____ now you're

Vocal entry with piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord. _____ There are know him in his full - ness, and be - lieve. _____ You're the weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, _____ you can

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to pro - fit when you say, "I am
make it right if you will yield; you'll en -

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."
joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel.

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,

Stay right here with us, fill - ing us with your love.

And for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in

praise; with-out a doubt we'll know that we have
 been re - vived when we shall leave this place. 1. 2. There are 3. If you place.

The Dismissal is given, and the People respond in a loud voice, 'Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!'

Easter Troparion

Three times

Christ is ri - sen from the dead, tram - pling down death by death,
 and up - on those in the tombs, be - stow - ing life.

Music: Serbian melody. Copying for local use is permitted and encouraged.

All **Alleluia!**