

# The Holy Eucharist

April 5, 2026

## Easter Sunday / Year A, Rite II

### St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church

Celebrant: The Rev. Hillary Kimsey  
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Lay Readers: Audra Alford,  
Melo Scanlon

Welcome to St. Antony's. Our Eucharistic celebration is offered both in person and livestreamed on Facebook. You will find our livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/saintantony/> For those worshipping in person, the use of facemasks is optional and we encourage respect for each person's choice to remain as healthy as possible.

*Our service includes both a prelude and a postlude offering. We ask that you use this time in quietness to prepare for our celebration of God's unconditional love for each of us and as an opportunity to give thanks as well as to show our respect for our musicians.*

We have been entrusted to be care takers of this beautiful piece of God's creation. We acknowledge that the Suquamish and S'Kllalam people are the traditional stewards of the land on which our buildings stand and we pay our respect to their people and heritage.

#### Welcome

#### Prelude

Opening Hymn *"Jesus Christ is risen today"* Hymnal 207

#### Salutation

*The Celebrant says to the people*

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

**The Lord in 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. **Amen.**

# Gloria Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace\_\_\_\_\_ to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al -  
-might-y\_\_\_ God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord  
God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our  
prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a -  
- lone are the Most\_ High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God\_\_\_\_\_ the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## **Collect for the Day**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

## **The First Reading – 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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** *chanted*

**Confitemini Domino**

**Psalm Tone 415**



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1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is/ good; \*  
his mercy endures for/ ever.

2 Let Israel now pro/claim, \*  
"His mercy endures for/ ever."

14 The Lord is my strength and my/ song, \*  
and he has become my sal/vation.

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 sal/vation.

22 The same stone which the builders re/jected \*  
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 Reading – Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**     *(The Celtic alleluia will be sung three times before the reading of the gospel and three times after.)*

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

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!\_\_\_

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## **The Gospel Reading – Matthew 28:1-10**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Homily – The Rev. Hillary Kimsey**

**The Nicene Creed** (*said together, standing as you are able.*)

**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**

*Leader:* I ask your prayers for those in the Armed Forces of our Country.

*People:* **O Almighty God, shelter the men and women of our armed forces under your mighty wings; steel their courage in times of peril; give them integrity and honor in all they do; grant perseverance and resilience to their families; and heal the wounded warriors. We remember those who are deployed, especially *Nicole Steller* through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*On Easter Sunday, it is customary to omit the Confession of Sin.*

**The Prayers of the People** Adapted from *“Hear our Prayer”* by Jon White and Lisa Graves

*Leader:*

Gracious God whose love defeated even death, hear and answer our deepest hopes and needs as you did for the women who discovered the empty tomb and hear our prayers as we say, “Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.”

Your church is the Body of Christ, constituted and empowered to continue to proclaim Christ’s resurrection. We pray for Phil our Bishop and Hillary our Vicar. Strengthen and embolden us to be persistent in our proclamation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our world still falls short of the full blossoming of human potential; open the eyes and hearts of the world's leaders, especially Donald our President and Bob our Governor, to pursue peace and human thriving for all people.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to see the risen Christ in the world around; guide us into the work you have given us to do so that the ministries of Jesus might continue; that the world might know his healing and love through our actions.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have placed us in a glorious creation and charged us with its care; grant us wisdom and a willingness to protect our environment so that future generations might know the fullness of its beauty and abundance.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring healing and wholeness to our lives and to all who suffer in any way; grant that they might feel Christ's caring touch on their hurts.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Christ's resurrection opened for us the way to eternal life; grant that we all may continue on Christ's pathway and enter into your eternal reign and rise again with all the saints who have gone before.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Let us pray for peace to come to our hurting world.

**Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as beloved children of one God. For yours is the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes*

Glorious Lord, you have promised to be with us always. Fulfill now your promises for us and grant our prayers as may be best of us and always in accord with your will. All this we ask through our advocate and redeemer, Christ Jesus, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, eternally one God. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The Peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*The clergy and people greet one another in the name of the Lord..*

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Birthday Prayer - Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Announcements**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Choir Anthem “Now the Green Blade Rises”... arranged by Hal H. Hopson**



You can make a donation to the church by scanning the QR code above with your phone.

### **OFFERTORY INSTRUCTIONS**

*The offertory plates are passed throughout the congregation by the ushers. Please accept the plate and pass it all the way down your row. When it comes to you, we invite you to use those few seconds to thank God for the blessings in your life and reflect on how you are giving back. Giving is never an obligation; it's always an invitation! We know that everyone gives as the Spirit leads, and that gifts of time and talent don't fit in the offering plate! We also know that many people give online or by the QR code above. (If so, feel free to place the "I Gave Online" card in the plate as it passes*

you.) So whether you have something to put in the plate today or not, this moment is just between you and God. If you simply pray "Thank you, God" each time you touch the offering plate, that is a powerful spiritual practice.

### The Doxology (sung)

**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. Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

#### Eucharistic Prayer A from the BCP

*Celebrant* *All*  
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

*Celebrant* *All*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All*  
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

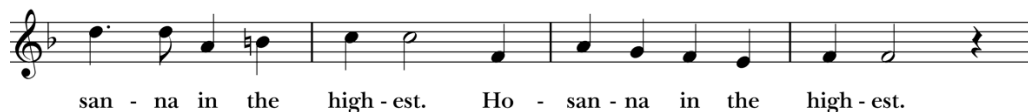
*Celebrant:*

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 we are 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 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 S-125



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*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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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** (*spoken*)

*The Celebrant continues:*

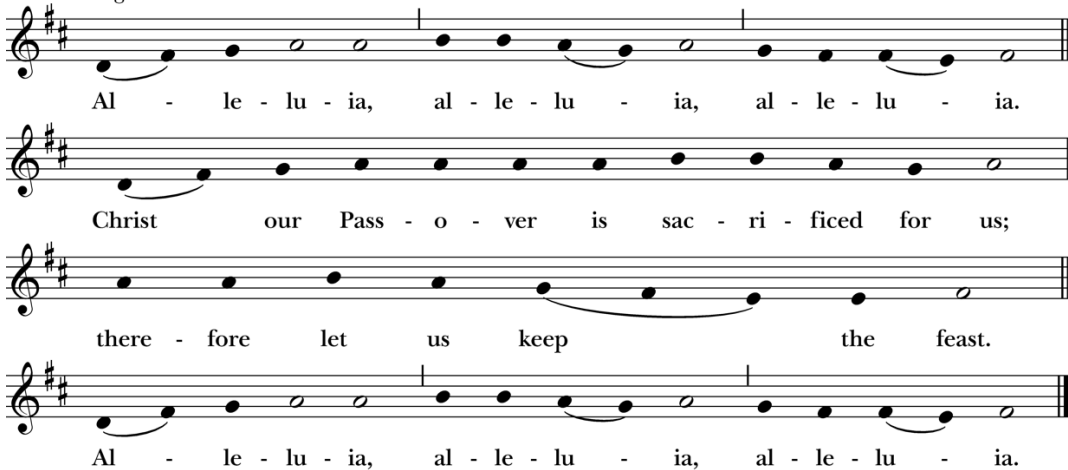
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, I invite you to join me and pray in the language of your heart,

**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 Anthem S-154

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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### COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

*We invite all present to participate in this feast, regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey. Our table is open to all, as this is God's gift to all.*

*To receive the bread, please make a semi-circle around the altar; the ushers will guide you. You may kneel or stand. Cup your hands in front of you to receive the bread. For the wine, you may choose either to get a single-use compostable cup on your way to the altar, which are behind the privacy kneelers, or to receive from the common cup. To do so, simply guide the chalice to your lips. If you prefer not to receive wine at all, communion in one kind is just as valid; simply cross your arms over your chest when the wine is offered to you, and the minister will say the words over you and move on.*

*To receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest when each element is offered to you.*

*We have gluten-free wafers available; you can request one from the priest at your turn.*

*Hand sanitizer can be found next to the hymnal and prayer books on the chair in front of you.*

*A period of silence follows for reflection on the Holy Sacrament.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ.

It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,

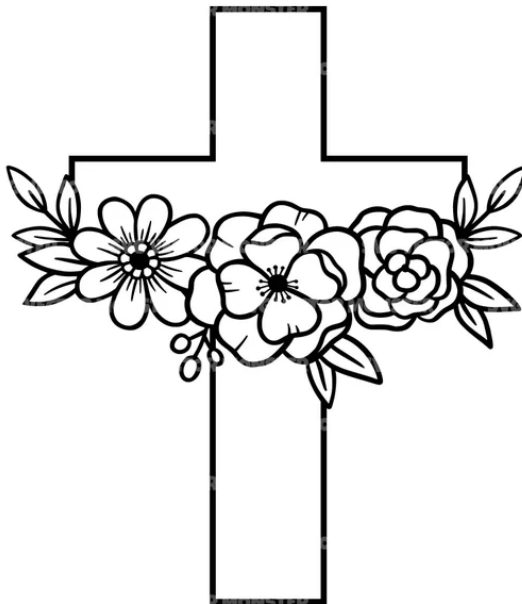
You who have been here often,

and you who have not been for a long time or never before.  
You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed.  
These are the gifts of God for the People of God,  
Come, not because the Church invites you;  
It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

*Adapted from the Iona Community, Iona Abbey Worship Book (Glasgow, UK: Wild Goose Publications, 2001).*

**Communion Hymn “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord” Hymnal 178**

**Communion Hymn #2 “I danced in the morning” Gather 708 (Next page)**





1. I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, And I  
2. I danced for the scribe and the phar - i - see, But  
3. I danced on the Sab - bath and I cured the lame: The  
4. I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black; It's  
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high; †



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I  
they would-n't dance, and they would-n't fol - low me; I  
ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They  
hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They  
I am the life that - 'll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth; At  
danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John; They  
whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, And  
bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone; But  
live in you if you'll live in me; †



Beth - le - hem I had my birth.  
came with me and the dance went on.  
left me there on a cross to die.  
I am the dance and I still go on.  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



Dance then wher - ev - er you may be; I am the



Lord of the dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wher -



ev - er you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Text: Sydney Carter, b.1915

Tune: LORD OF THE DANCE, Irregular; adapt. from a traditional Shaker melody by Sydney Carter, b.1915  
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## The Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Blessing

**Closing Hymn    *"He is risen, he is risen!"*    Hymnal 180**

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude



Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Jane Stockton is our host today.

### ***Happy Birthday!***

There are no birthdays this week.

### ***Happy Anniversary!***

4-05 - Rich & Sarah Rogers

4-05 - David & Carol Wedeven

4-06 - Michael & Wendy Fox

\*Flowers arranged by the Floral Ministry team\* Thank you to those who have donated.

The Sanctuary Lamp is given today by Darrow & Ruth Lindstrum in honor of Easter Blessings.

## ***Calendar of Events***

***Sunday, April 5***

***7:00am – Sunrise Service***

***8:45am – Choir***

***9:30am - Holy Eucharist Rite 2***

***11:00am – Egg Hunt***

***Monday, April 6***

***Vicar on Vacation through Sunday***

***Sunday, April 12***

***8am - Holy Eucharist Rite 1***

***Rev. Linda Logan***

***9:00am – Episcopal 101***

***10:15am - Holy Eucharist Rite 2***

***6pm – Youth Group***

# ***Easter Flowers***

## ***Given by***

Malcolm & Sylvia Campbell	In memory of their parents.
Mary Collier	In memory of family.
Steve & Betty Fabry	In thanksgiving for families.
Ray & Elizabeth Flagg	In memory of their parents.
Donna Hilton	In remembrance of her Mom.
Rev. Hillary Kimsey	In gratitude for St. Antony's and to the Glory of God.
Darrow & Ruth Lindstrum	In memory of their parents.
Charles & Elizabeth Moorhead	For all their loved ones.
Bill & Melanie Reeder	In memory of their parents.
Bryan & Peggy Roberts	For friends and children.
Melo Scanlon	In memory of J. Kevin Scanlon.
Janet Steller	In memory of John Steller.
Peter & Sandy Stockwell	In memory of their parents.
Norma Tipton	For friends and family.
David & Carol Wedeven	In honor of their anniversary.
Karrie Wiley	In memory of Susan Keating.



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