



St. Michael & All Angels
Episcopal Church

EASTER FESTIVAL SERVICE
April 5, 2026



11:15am

WELCOME!

We are glad you are worshiping with us today.

If you worship here regularly: welcome.

If you haven't been in church for a while: welcome.

If you have never been in church before: welcome.

ALL are welcome in this place!

Preparing for Worship – Upon arrival, we keep silence in the church that we all may pray quietly in preparation for worship. Please remember to silence your cell phones.

Children's Chapel has moved to a new space in the same building as the church. Children's chapel will now be located in what was an office space, west down the long hallway behind the altar, the first room on the right when you get to the office area. Children will rejoin their care-givers just before the peace. **Children of all ages are always welcome in worship!** There are three **soft spaces** around the sanctuary where children and their caregivers can worship together in developmentally appropriate ways. In the narthex (entry way) you will find rocking chairs for parents of young children as well as **worship supports for people of all ages** including sensory tools, illustrated worship bulletins, children's books, and quiet toys. In addition, **nursery care is provided in the Day School during the 9:00 Service.**

Hearing Assistance: Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers. Please ask for help if you need one. Our church also has a loop system: to activate, turn on your T-Coil.

Accessibility: If you need to sit, stand, or move at any time, please do not hesitate. We use the words "please rise in body or in spirit" to indicate the places where many of us will stand, but we know that bodies have different needs at different times.

If you're new:

We'd love to get to know you. You can fill out a Newcomer Welcome Card found in your pew or at the Welcome Table. You can also complete it online by scanning the code here:



If you're ready to take a next step

join a ministry, update your information, request prayers, or ask a question, fill out a Next Steps Card in your pew or at the Welcome Table. You can also complete it online by scanning the code here:



Feel free to hand either card to an usher or clergy person after the service, or place it in the offering plate.

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Scripture Translation: New Revised Standard Version

This grey box is intended to help you follow along with the service, answer questions, or give background when needed.

Throughout the service, the bold portions are the parts the congregation says together. Please join in the responses.

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME *A priest welcomes the congregation.*

PRELUDIUM *Christ lag in Todesbanden (Christ Lay in Death's Dark Prison)*
William Bradley Roberts

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* 1982 Hymnal #207
Please rise in body or in spirit.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People

Christ is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

HYMN OF PRAISE *The Strife is Over* 1982 Hymnal #208

COLLECT

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten One, Jesus Christ, overcame death and opened for us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy this day of resurrection may ourselves be raised by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL Ezekiel 37:1-14
The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say

Liturgy of the Word

The first part of the service is the Liturgy of the Word: we read and respond to appointed lessons from Scripture.

We follow a three-year cycle of readings called the Lectionary. These are the same lessons being heard in congregations of many denominations throughout the world today.

to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.” So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* 1982 Hymnal #657

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 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.”

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SEQUENCE

Celtic Alleluia

Please rise in body or in spirit.

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

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

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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.”

Gospeler The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

Our Savior lives, and death has no dominion over us. And so we, God's holy church, proclaim the resurrection, saying: Christ is risen! Amen, Alleluia!

Created in the image and likeness of God, we pray to see God's image in one another. We pray especially for those celebrating birthdays this week Marlene Brockman and Linda Lowery, and those celebrating anniversaries this week: Emerson Corley and Checky Okun, Tess Balcolm and Jim Tryon. Together may our lives proclaim: **Christ is risen! Amen, Alleluia!**

Tested in our faith and strengthened by God's love, we pray for open hearts, that we may live to proclaim: **Christ is risen! Amen, Alleluia!**

Joining with those who share in the passion of Christ through illness, famine, war, temptation, and trial, we pray for their courage and strength that those who suffer may proclaim: **Christ is risen! Amen, Alleluia!**

You are invited to add your own prayers, silently or aloud.

United in our hope that we and all who die may live again, we pray for family and friends who have died, proclaiming: **Christ is risen! Amen, Alleluia!**

Presider: Living and true God, you raised our Savior Jesus Christ as the pledge of our freedom from sin and death, receive our true praise and prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord, the great Amen and our Alleluia, now and forever. **Amen.**

PEACE *You are invited to greet those around you by saying "Peace be with you."*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated for a few brief announcements.

SANCTUS

Arranged by: Annabel Morris Buchanan and Marica Pruner

tune name: Land of Rest



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, ho - san - na in the
high - est! Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The presider gives thanks to God for Christ's redeeming work, and remembers Jesus' last supper with his disciples. The prayer includes this response:

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The presider concludes with prayer for the coming of God's reign.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, forever and ever. **AMEN.**



Celebrant People
A-men.

LORD'S PRAYER *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.

Padre nuestro que estás en el
 cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre,
 venga tu reino, hágase tu
 voluntad, en la tierra como en
 el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan
 de cada día. Perdona nuestras
 ofensas, como también nosotros
 perdonamos a los que nos
 ofenden. No nos dejes caer en
 tentación y líbranos del mal.
 Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo
 es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
 ahora y por siempre. Amén

Communion:

We invite all who seek the presence of Christ to come forward to share with us in Holy Communion. The bread is received in the open palm; the wine is taken from the cup (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). If you require a gluten-free wafer, please tell the person who offers the bread to you.

At St. Michael's, because we utilize home-baked bread, we strongly discourage intinction, which is the dipping of the bread into the wine. This is both for sanitary reasons and because home-baked bread does not hold together well when dipped.

If you or your children are drawn to the altar but do not wish to receive, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing from the priest. If you receive bread but choose not to receive wine, cross your arms when the chalice comes by. If you have not been baptized and wish to receive regularly, please speak with one of the clergy about our process that leads to baptism.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Be Known to Us

Hymnal 1982 S-171

Antiphon: Cantor; then All

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor

1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,

is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor

2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,

for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Now the Green Blade Riseth

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.

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:

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:

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:

*John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958),
Arr. Simon Andrews*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All are invited to rise or to kneel in body or in spirit.

**God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

EASTER BLESSING *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and adopted us as children through the resurrection of Christ Jesus Our Savior, raise you to new life and send you to bring new life to the world, and the blessing of the Triune God be with you this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

He is Risen

1982 Hymnal #180

DISMISSAL *Our worship has ended, our service in the world continues.*

Clergy: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE

Guest Musicians

Joel Garcia, *Trumpet*

Samuel Dickson, *Trumpet*

Hollis Smith, *French horn*

Frida Cano, *Trombone*

Benjamin Hopkins, *Tuba*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

More information on upcoming events can be found at stmichaelsabq.org/info

4/6-7: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed the Monday and Tuesday following Easter Sunday.



THE CLASSICS SENIOR MINISTRY MEETING will meet on Thursday, April 9 at 2:00 pm in the pavilion. This meeting will feature a presentation by Suzanne Redfern-Campbell titled “Family Systems Theory.” Everyone is encouraged to bring a guest, and always remember that you do not have to consider yourself a “senior” to attend the ‘Classics’ meetings.

EASTER DONATIONS As we prepare for the joy of Easter, we invite you to take part in our long tradition of making a special Easter offering. This gift helps us celebrate the promise of new life and supports the ministries that carry Christ’s hope into our community. Thank you for your generosity and for all the ways you strengthen our common life in this holy season.

4/12 AT 10:15AM SOLAR PANEL BLESSING Next Sunday we will gather between the two services to bless our new solar panels. The congregation generously raised 80 percent of the cost of this project, and the panels are already producing more electricity than we are using. This allows us to bank credits for the months when our consumption is higher, helping us reach a net-zero cost for electricity over the course of the year. We are also delighted to welcome our former rector, The Rev. Joe Britton, who will be with us as the guest preacher next Sunday, and will join in the blessing.

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