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HALQ'EMÉYN-SPEAKING COAST SALISH PEOPLES. WE SEEK TO WALK A PATH OF
RECONCILIATION AND HEALING WITH ALL.

**10 am Eucharist
Easter Sunday with Baptisms
5 April 2026**

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*Whether you have been a lifelong Anglican or are new to our tradition, we welcome you this morning! If you are not familiar with Anglican worship, simply allow the words, music and symbols to speak to you. Participate as fully as you feel comfortable in doing. We stand to sing and sit to listen. Some people kneel for prayer, some sit and some stand. Please do what is comfortable for you. You are invited to join in the words in **bold type**. Music for the songs is found in the blue Common Praise or green Songs for a Gospel People hymnbooks in the pews.*

Prelude

Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Gathering Hymn

'Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain'

Common Praise 215 (tune Ave Virgo Virginium)

**Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness.
God hath ransomed Israel into joy from sadness,
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
Let them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.**

**'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen.
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
From that Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.**

**Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendour,
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 waters, nor the seal, hold thee as a mortal;
But today amidst the twelve thou dost stand, bestowing
That thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.**

Greeting

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Presider: May God's grace and peace be with you.

People: May God fill our hearts with joy.

Presider: There is one body and one Spirit.

People: There is one hope in God's call to us.

Presider: One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

People: One God and Creator of all.

Presider: We gather here from many places on land that is the traditional and unsundered territory of the Halq'emeyn-speaking Coast Salish peoples.

People: May Christ lead us on right pathways as we seek truth and reconciliation in action.

Young People's Time

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray,

All: **God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death.
Fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6

Reader: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah,

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. ² Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, ³ the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. ⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. ⁵ Again you shall

plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. ⁶ For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.'

Reader: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 118:1-2 & 14-24



This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.



Refrain: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord who is good;
the mercy of the Lord endures for ever.
Let Israel now proclaim,
"The mercy of the Lord endures for ever."

Refrain

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.
There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:
"The mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the mighty hand of the Lord is exalted!
the mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

Refrain

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

Refrain

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;
those who are righteous may enter."

Refrain

I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me
and has become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.
On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Refrain

The Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles,

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Reader: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

'Now the Green Blade Rises'

Common Praise 237(tune Noël Nouvelet)

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**In the grave they laid him, Love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

The Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² 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. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ 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.' ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn continued

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again, like wheat arising green!**

Teaching

The Rev. Stephanie Shepard

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Presider: The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented by the sponsors:

Presenters: We present Artemis Raquel/Ralston Oliver to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Presider: Artemis and Ralston, do you desire to be baptized?

Candidates: I do.

Presider: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidates: I renounce them.

Presider: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidates: I renounce them.

Presider: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Candidates: I renounce them.

Presider: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Candidates: I do.

Presider: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidates: I do.

Presider: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Candidates: I do.

Presider: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

All: We will.

Prayers for the Candidates

Leader: Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the sacrament of new birth. O Lord, deliver Artemis and Ralston from the way of sin and death.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

All: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: 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 for ever.

All: Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Creator, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God,
The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: 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.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the earth?

All: I will, with God's help.

The Baptism

Three times water is poured over the candidate as the words of baptism are pronounced:

Presider: Artemis Raquel/Ralston Oliver, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The newly baptised is then marked with blessed oil of chrism:

Presider: I sign you with the cross,
and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Presider: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

All: Amen.

The Giving of the Light

Presider: Receive the light of Christ,
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

**All: Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Presider: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All: We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Exchange of the Peace with Asperging

Presider: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

*You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with your neighbours,
respecting their comfort with distance and touch. Holy water will be
sprinkled on the assembly during this time.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offering Hymn

'Now there is No Male or Female'
Common Praise 36 (tune Omni Die)

Now there is no male or female, now there is no free or slave,
Now there is no Jew or Gentile in the earth Christ died to save.
Christ has set us free for freedom; we no more sing slavery's creed;
Old submissions cannot claim us, Christ has set us free indeed.

Crucified with Christ the Saviour, baptized in his holy death,
And as Christ was raised to glory we have new life on this earth.
Power of water and God's naming turning us from dark to light,
Joins us to those who, before us, ran the race and fought the fight.

Death has no dominion o'er him, so for us death holds no power;
Life's own waters now have marked us born to God this very hour.
From this moment and forever dead to sin, alive to Christ,
Born of water and the Spirit, now in Christ we find our life.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: God our strength and salvation,
Receive all we offer you this day,
And grant that we who have confessed your name,
And received new life in baptism,
May live in the joy of the resurrection,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

ELW Eucharistic Prayer IV

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with the angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn as we sing:

Sanctus

Common Praise 735 (Schubert)

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

Presider: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. With this bread and this cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Presider: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Presider: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth burning with justice, peace and love.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Presider: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, Blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: In the language closest to your heart,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

You are invited to use either the traditional or contemporary version in English or the language you find most helpful for prayer.

**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 today our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day 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 forever. Amen**

Agnus Dei
Common Praise 747 (Schubert)

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world.
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God bids you welcome to this table. Here we are strengthened for the journey. Here strangers become friends and the seeker finds God's wisdom speaking to them. See who you are and become what you see. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Communion

You are invited to come forward to receive bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available. You receive the fullness of Christ's love if you prefer to take one kind (just the bread or the wine). If you would prefer to have a blessing, please let the priest know.

During Communion
'Morning Has Broken'
Common Praise 3 (tune Bunessan)

**Morning has broken, like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning!
Praise for the springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!**

‘Today I Awake’
Common Praise 9 (tune Slithers of Gold)

**Today I awake and God is before me.
At night, as I dreamt, he summoned the day;
for God never sleeps, but patterns the morning
with slithers of gold or glory in grey.**

**Today I arise and Christ is beside me.
He walked through the dark to scatter new light.
Yes, Christ is alive, and beckons his people
to hope and to heal, resist and invite.**

**Today I affirm the Spirit within me
at worship and work, in struggle and rest.
The Spirit inspires all life which is changing
from fearing to faith, from broken to blest.**

**Today I enjoy the Trinity round me,
above and beneath, before and behind;
the Maker, the Son, the Spirit together –
they called me to life and call me their friend.**

Anthem- HTC Choir
‘Glorious Lord of Life’ By W. Harris

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Prayers after Communion

Presider: Let us pray:

**All: God of life,
Bring us to the glory of the resurrection
promised in this Easter sacrament.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our risen Lord. Amen.**

Presider: Glory to God,

**All: Whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, now and forever. Amen.**

Sending Hymn

'Jesus Christ is Risen Today'

Common Praise 203 (tune Easter Hymn)

**Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
Unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!**

**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!**

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

*Please join the congregation in the parish hall following this service
for refreshments and fellowship.*

An Easter egg hunt for younger ones will be held in the Parish Lounge.

*The flowers in the church today are donated to the Glory of God
by Ben Kendall, Valerie Hodson, Susan Switch, and Carol Murdoch*

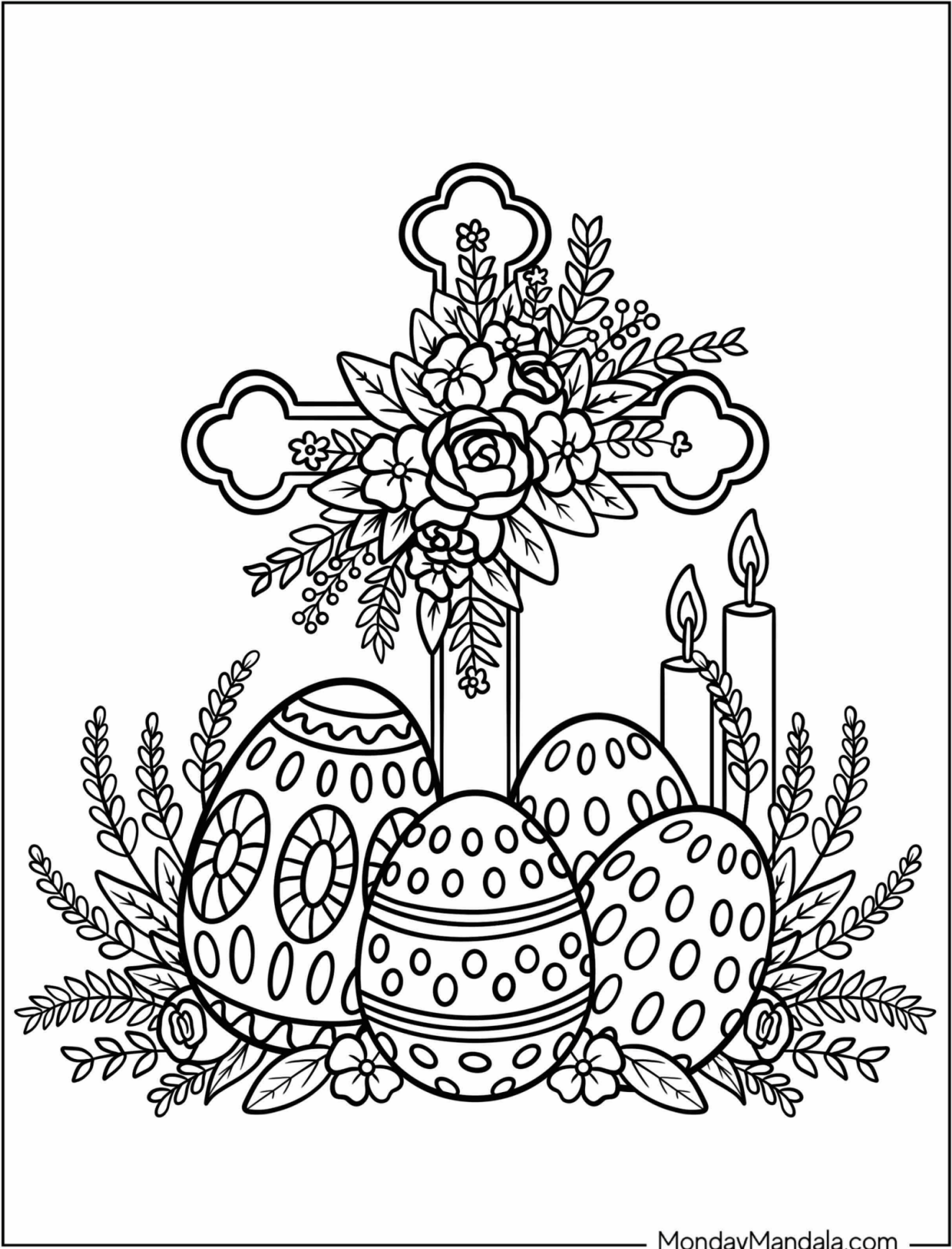
*In celebration of all our saints including Ian Murdoch, Edith and Percy
Switch, and Eleanor Kendall*



Liturgical Ministers today

Greeter & worship assistant, 8:00 am:	Anne Parker
Greeters, 10 am:	Gerry Rowse & Kate Abel
Reader:	Rob Smith
Chalice Administrators:	Sybil Collett & Alysia Ker
Presider & Preacher:	The Rev. Stephanie Shepard
Server:	Greg Kennelly
Crucifer:	Linda Gravlin
Guest Musician:	Joash Fang & the Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir





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Wednesday Midweek Eucharist, 9:30-10 am*

Wednesday Fellowship Time, 10-10:30 am in the Lounge

Wednesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 am in the Lounge

Thursday Vespers, 5:30-6 pm via Zoom+

Saturday Community Brunch, 11 am- noon in the Hall

Sunday BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am.*

Sunday Choral Eucharist, 10-11:15 am.*

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Next Sunday's Readings for Easter 2, April 12, 2026

Acts 2:14a & 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31