

The Sunday of the Resurrection Easter Sunday

Holy Eucharist Service
Year A RCL
April 09th, 2023
10:00 AM

St. Augustine of Hippo

A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York



The St. Augustine's eCho

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JOHN SAW AND BELIEVED

By The Rev. Dr. Nathanael Saint-Pierre

(John 20:1-18)

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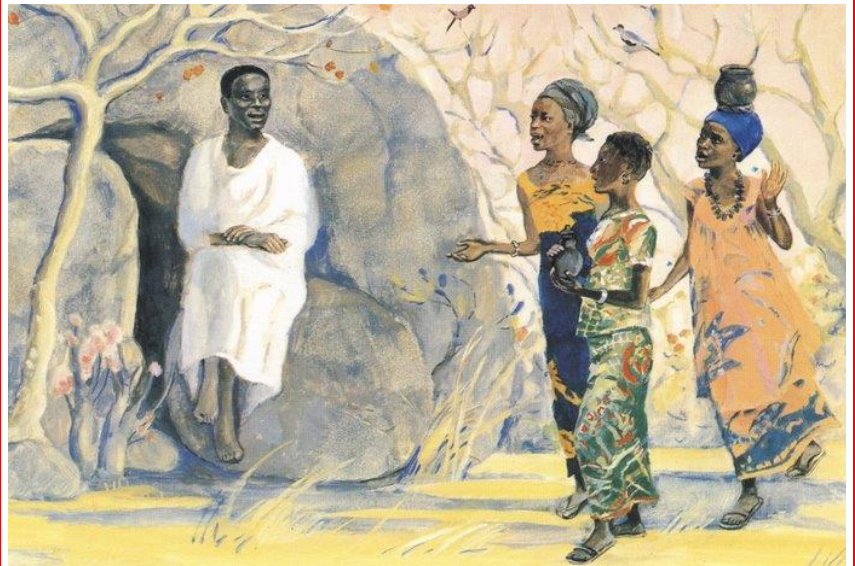
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WEEKLY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS SUNDAYS

10:00 AM Eucharist
2:00 - 4:00 PM Pastoral Visitations

TUESDAYS

8:00 PM Phone Line Prayer
Bible Study (Off during Summer)

Mission Statement

St. Augustine's Church is a Christ-centered ministry in which everyone is invited and welcome. We are a loving Christian body that seeks to enhance spirituality and community.

BCP (Book of Common Prayer)

LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing)

Hymnal 1982

OSOP (One Song of Praise)

EOW (Enriching Our Worship)

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

PRELUDE: FUGUE IN E. FLAT

J.S. BACH

The Great Vigil of Easter

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

In the darkness, (all the lights of the church turned OFF, a stove placed in front and center of the altar is used to kindle fire; after which the Celebrant may address the people in these or similar words

Dear friends in Christ: It was on a most holy night, that our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death. Unfortunately, the realities of today's life suggest that if we want to share this experience with more people, we do this "vigil" celebration at the beginning of Easter Sunday's service. As I invite you to join me in this celebration, please remember that this part of the service should have been celebrated last night. So picture in your mind that it is dark out, we are in vigil watching after our Lord while he passes over death to Resurrection.

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Paschal Candle is then lit.

Celebrant **The Light of Christ**
People **Thanks be to God.**

Other candles and lamps in the church, except for those at the Altar, may also be lit. At the end of the procession, The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand by the side of the Baptismal Font. Then the Priest, standing near the Candle, sings or says the Exsultet, as follows

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King. Rejoice and sing now, all the round

earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Deacon God be with you.

Answer **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Answer*
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

It was at night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

It was at night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

It was at night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning - he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OPENING HYMN

#207 (HYMNAL)

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

We will process from the Altar of Repose to the main Altar going through the middle isle.

THE WORD OF GOD

BCP p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says.

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

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung. The people standing,

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

S280 (HYMNAL 1982)

***Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's 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.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the people

God be with you.
All And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday **BCP p. 222**

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. *Amen.*

Ministry of the Word

One or more of the lectionaries provided readings for the day or other selected passages of Scriptures are read. A Gospel reading must be read.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

Peter speaks to the assembled Gentile crowd, giving testimony of Jesus' passion and resurrection, connecting these events with God's story of redemption throughout history.

A reading (lesson) from the Acts of the Apostles:

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

People ***Thanks be to God***

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Confitemini Domino

BCP Pg.760

- ¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- ² **Let Israel now proclaim, ***
"His mercy endures for ever."
- ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 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 salvation.

²² The same stone which the builders rejected *
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.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1-4

In Jesus' resurrection, all is made new; therefore, we have power to live with transformed hearts and minds.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians:

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
All Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE MUSIC: HE LIVES

LEVAS 42

*I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today
I know that He is living, whatever others say
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him He's always near.*

*He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!*

***You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.***

THE GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

Mary Magdalene does not recognize the risen Christ until he speaks her name, and she rejoices that he has conquered death.

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus

said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord
All ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

***In all the world around me I see His loving care
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair
I know that He is leading, thro' all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing will come at last.***

***He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.***

A sermon, or meditation, or conversation or a period of silence may follow the readings.

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*I have studied, but I need your strength. I have prepared, but I need your power,
I'm willing, and I want to, but only you can make me able
Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God thy will to see
Open mine eyes and illumine me. Spirit divine!*

Opening: Have you ever met someone who asked you why do you believe in Jesus? Do you think Jesus existed? Is he really resurrected? Have you met someone who asked you about your baptism? Why are you Christian? What were your answers?

Situation: Early on the first day of the week (probably a Sunday), while it was still dark, it was a woman, Mary Magdalene, that went to the tomb first and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. She did not know what to do with that information. So, she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, **and he saw and believed;** for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Complication: How did Mary, Peter, and John react to the empty tomb? How do we react in front of the death of people or things we love? What was the grace given to Mary, Peter, and John? What is the grace Jesus’ resurrection is offering to our church today?

Resolution: While Mary Magdalene did not know how to react to the empty tomb, she found herself in a situation that she was unable to overcome on her own, so she immediately sought help. Mary Magdalene went there to care for Jesus’ body one last time. After all, Jesus was the one who had removed the darkness of the seven devils that plagued her and given her renewed life and light. She thought that the body had been moved. She wanted to know by whom? She did what women did in her social context, ask men for help. Peter looked at the tomb and saw emptiness. **What we call faith is the ability of some to make sense out of nonsense.** For those who assisted Jesus’ agony, his death was definite. They heard Jesus himself say, “It is finished.” They could not imagine such a tragic end could have any other unexpected outcome. Peter was in shock. He did not want to face Jesus, whom he had denied three times on the day he was arrested and later crucified. Many people see death as the end of life, a one-way trip toward a no-return country. Mary and Peter saw but chose to ignore that Jesus was no longer among the dead. John saw and believed otherwise. **John looked at the emptiness of the tomb and believed that Jesus was resurrected.**

For the last three years, I have been watching St. Augustine's. This church, which used to be a vibrant place in the past, is now more and more empty. When I am told of the different guilds, the different celebrations, the different ministries, I can't believe we can be at such a low point now. Many members have moved away, some have changed their credo, and others have left for personal reasons. For many, St. Augustine's Church is dead, with no hope of resurrection. For others, there must be a stench. A few, like John, are not in it for themselves but to follow in Christ's footsteps. They see and believe. Today, as Savannah, Easton, and Charles are here to be baptized, they offer us the opportunity to reflect on our own baptism. In baptism, we die with Christ to resurrect with him. It is a matter of faith, not a matter of evidence. They come here not to perpetuate a tradition established by their parents before them. They come because they now know that they don't have a covenant with a priest; they have a covenant with God. They are not here to control St. Augustine's or collect from it. They are not out to live a life per the standards of the world but to live a spiritual life constructed around the standards of the Holy Spirit. They see and believe that if it is God's will, St. Augustine's will rise from its ashes. **We will resurrect.**

The empty tomb was the first step in the spiritual journey of Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, and John, the disciple that Jesus loved. The light of Christ in his resurrected glory was such that Mary could not see through its brightness to the person of Christ standing before her. It is a common situation for human beings who are caught in the darkness of pain and sorrow, and grief. Christ comes to bring light into our lives to offer ways of overcoming the darkness that has enveloped us, and we cannot see the light.

Savannah, Easton, and Charles have taken the first step of their Christian adventure today. They have not seen that emptiness as death; they feel Jesus alive and present here and now. They might be afraid of the thickness of the darkness ahead. But God will never leave them alone. Jesus' embrace is right there with them. The man nailed to the middle cross, who promised paradise to the repentant bandit, will take their hands, and lead them home.

Celebration: Mary was desperate to leave the darkness of sorrow and find the light of joy. Jesus called her by name, and she recognized his voice because being in conversation with him was a common practice for her. With that recognition, the darkness rolled away, and the light that had come into the world streamed on her. Savannah, Easton, and Charles, my prayer is that you

get familiar with Jesus' voice. Don't forget he is from Nazareth, a place that could not produce anything good. Remember, he has an accent as per the people of Jerusalem. Don't trust the deceitful image of him with the only goal of controlling your mind. See him in every person. Serve him in every person. Let him use you. Jesus is life and light, and when we recognize the voice of Jesus, it can dispel any darkness that infects our lives. Easter joy is based on the realization that death has lost its power, and because Christ lives, we can live also. Living in the light of the risen Christ compels us to share that joy. Jesus identified himself to Mary and sent her forth with a message for the world. And "Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord." In other words, "I have seen the light". That is the message of Easter. Savannah, Easton, and Charles, and all of you who believe that the church is not dead, let us go to proclaim we have seen the light, we have seen the Lord... We have had our epiphany. Amen.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents and Godparents

I present Savannah, Easton, and Charles to receive the Sacrament of baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Question Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life.

Answer **We will, with God's help.**

Question Will you by your prayers and witness help those children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Answer **We will, with God's help.**

Question Charles, do you desire to be baptized?

Answer **I do.**

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents.

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

Answer **We renounce them.**

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

Answer **We renounce them.**

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

Answer **We renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **We do.**

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

Answer **We do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **We do.**

After the baptized have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

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

All **We will**

The Celebrant then says these words

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

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

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

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

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good news of God in Christ?

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

Celebrant Will you see and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

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

Celebrant 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.**

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES:

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this congregation and these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A brief silence

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace truth.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Purify and heal through your precious Blood all who suffer any kind of evil of body or soul. Especially: Barbara Allie, Ms. Mack, Stephanie, Denise, Oland, Marie Anne, Nimrod, Vernestine, Laverne, Minnie, Valerie Scott, Deacon Adeline Smith, Deacon Philomé Previl, Martha Postel, Gloria McCoy, Susan Brown, Harry Ross Moseley, The Reverend Yvan François, Valburg Krauser, Idella Richards, her son Kareem and family, Kevin Green, Sharifa Sena, Robert Horton, Gwendolyn Murphy, Melvin Green, Elisabeth Martinez, Yvonne Ward, Gloria Gooden, Jason Smith, Alvira Vargas, Catherine Cone, Alexis Frorup, Gwendolyn Frorup, Wayman Ellis, Dorothy Charley, Sharon Alexander, Wanda Pineiro, and Omali Lucia Sotto. Keep them safe from every evil, and restore them to health, hope, and fellowship with all who love them. Grant a double portion of your Spirit to Annette, Pamela, Pauline Marie and all who minister to the sick. Visit them with “tidings of comfort and joy,” that they may stand in your light to praise your sacred Name.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We express our gratitude for the life of those celebrating a birthday this week, especially: Diane Krauser, Dinah Williams, Elaine Daly and Vera Moore. Look upon them with favor, we pray, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring all to the fullness of your peace and glory

All **Lord, hear our prayer**

The Celebrant says

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. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER:

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

God be with you.

Answer **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Answer*

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it 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, Father, 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, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in

the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FOR BAPTISM

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Savannah, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Easton, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Charles, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one.

Savannah, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Easton, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Charles, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

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 PEACE

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All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of God be always with you.
And also with you.

People

Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

OFFERTORY HYMN: HE ROSE

LEVAS 30

They crucified my Savior
And nailed Him to the tree.
They crucified my Savior
And nailed Him to the tree;
They crucified my Savior
And nailed Him to the tree.
And the Lord will bear my spirit home.

Refrain:

He 'rose, He 'rose, He 'rose from the dead.
He 'rose, He 'rose, He 'rose He 'rose, He 'rose from the dead.
And the Lord shall bear my spirit home.

Then Joseph begged His body
And laid it in a tomb.
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Then Joseph begged His body
And laid it in a tomb.
And the Lord will bear my spirit home. [Refrain]

Sister Mary, she came running
A-looking for my Lord.
Sister Mary, she came running
A-looking for my Lord.
Sister Mary, she came running
A-looking for my Lord.
And the Lord will bear my spirit home. [Refrain]

An angel came from heaven
And rolled the stone away.
An angel came from heaven
And rolled the stone away.
An angel came from heaven
And rolled the stone away.
And the Lord will bear my spirit home Refrain

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

<i>Celebrant</i>	God be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The people stand or kneel.

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 choirs of Angels with prophets, apostles, and martyrs and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your Name:

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of mercy and grace,
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.**

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.

[En la noche en que fue entregado al sufrimiento y a la muerte, nuestro Señor Jesucristo tomó pan; y dándose gracias, lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, y

dijo: "Tomen y coman. Este es mi Cuerpo, entregado por TODOS. Hagan esto como memorial mío"]

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 ALL. Do this for the remembrance of me."

["Después de la cena tomó el cáliz; y dándole gracias, se lo entregó, y dijo: "Beban todos de él. Esta es mi Sangre del nuevo Pacto, sangre derramada por TODOS para el perdón de los pecados. Siempre que lo beban, háganlo como memorial mío".]

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 ALL for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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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.

["Santifícalos con tu Espíritu Santo, y así serán para tu pueblo el cuerpo y la sangre de tu Hijo, la santa comida y la santa bebida de la vida nueva en él que no tiene fin. Santifícanos también, para que recibamos fielmente este santo sacramento y seamos perseverantes en tu servicio en paz y unidad. Y en el día postrero, llévanos con Maria la madre de Dios, Juan el divino, Agustino y todos tus santos al gozo de tu reino eterno."]

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.

["Todo esto te pedimos por tu Hijo Jesucristo: Por él, y con él y en él, en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, tuyos son el honor y la gloria, Padre omnipotente, ahora y por siempre. Amén."]

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.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LEVAS 264

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, which 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 debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
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**

During this time of COVID, we invite those at home to say the following prayer

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people desire to receive you but cannot physically do so, we remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. We beseech you to come spiritually into our heart. Cleanse and strengthen our sisters and brothers who cannot be here in person with your grace, and let them never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said

FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

AGNUS DEI

LEVAS 270

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us Peace

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God; Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

COMMUNION HYMN: HE IS RISEN

HYMNAL 180

He is risen, he is risen!
Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison;
let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, man is free,
Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow!
Lent's long shadows have departed.
Jesus' woes are over now,
and the passion that he bore--
sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning,
hail our Lord's triumphant day;

not one darksome cloud is dimming
yonder glorious morning ray,
breaking o'er the purple east,
symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, he is risen!
He hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
On our longing eyes shall stream.

Let us pray.

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God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the 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.

Final Blessing

The Peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the blessings of God almighty Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

CLOSING: CHRIST HAS RISEN

LEVAS 41

Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the congregation with these words

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: COME, YE FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN

W. HELD

Eucharist Prayer A
Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday
Year A, RCL
April 9th, 2023

Please visit our newly revamped website. It is the work of two of our talented members: Cynthia Lully at cynthia.lully@gmail.com and Khylee McBryde at khyleemcbryde08@gmail.com

Congratulations to our web designers.

May 1st, Fr. Nat is leaving for a sabbatical. He is asking for your prayers and invites you to reflect on the resurrection of St Augustine's Church. We have work to do when he comes back, God willing, in September. Then read books, research tools for evangelism, and together, let's make a plan for a prosperous future for our church.

We are happy that you have come to worship with us. If you have no church home, we invite you to unite with us. Please complete one of the Parish Census Forms, located on the table in the back of the church. If you have joined via Facebook, please drop us a message with your info. We will be in touch with you very soon. However, if you are just passing through, we are honored by your presence, and we wish you Godspeed as you complete your journey.



St. Augustine's Church is committed in servicing our church family and community as always by staying connected while being apart.

We invite any suggestions for programs or ideas that we can do while following CDC guidelines. Please email us, we would love to hear from you.

Please Join Us for: The **St. A's Prayer Line and Bible Study** on **Tuesdays** at **8:00PM**. Dial **(212) 673-5300** or **(727) 731-4158** between 7:45—9:00 PM.

Need Prayer?

Call the church office and request that your name be added to our prayer list. Let us know when you are available so we may visit you or pray with you over the phone.

If you are celebrating a special occasion; a birthday, anniversary, etc. please let us know so we may pray with you and share in your celebration.

We are accepting Articles and Advertisements to publish in St Augustine's echo.

During our worship, please remember to put your phone on vibrate or silent. But we invite you to use them if you want to record the entire (or part of) the service, take pictures, post video on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest or Twitter.

Let your friends know you are at St Augustine's. We are a Tech-Friendly Church.

Moving Forward: Fr Nat's hope and prayer are that we can get together as one community to be God's people and presence on the LES. He is asking for your prayers in this important new way and new normal of our lives, He wants you to know that every day he prays for you all.

St. A's new website designed by Cynthia Lully and maintained by Khylee McBryde is now LIVE! Please take the time to visit it and express your appreciation and recommendations to:

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We ask God’s blessings for those celebrating their birthdays in April. Especially. 1st Nimrod Daley; De’Val Davis; **4th** Vida Semper Curry, Sadie Mack, Sharifah Sena; **6th** Phillis Simmons, **8th** Diane Krauser, **9th** Dinah Williams, **10th** Elaine Daly, Vera Moore; **17th** Leticia (Tish) Johnson; **26th** Jalen Cox.

If you would like to add your name to the monthly birthday list, please email us at rector@staugnyc.org

We pray for those who have died: Annie Garcia, Doadie Brown, Ronald Brown, Isa Coker, Robert and Mittie Frances Combs, Percy Daglow Sr., Wanda Daley, Frances Diaz, Harry & Dorothy Fiyalko, Luis Garcia, Etta Green, Dorothy Henderson, Inez Kikuchi, Cheryl Krauser, Vernell Langley, Diane McDowell, Geraldine Newkirk, Evelyn Newlin, Jacynth Orridge, Hector Peña, Alice Saltes Richards, Dorothy Rodriguez, Nancy Scott, Alma Suarez, Eleanor Suriel, Sylvia Fergusson-Sylvah and Romulus Sylvah, Harriett Marshall-Taylor, Isaac & Gwendolyn Pinder-Taylor, Donald Williams, Esther Juanita Dawson, Lucille Williams, Minnie Williams, Rev. Deacon Nydia Flores, Florence Taylor, John Joseph, Marlene Ward-Torain, Edward Phillips (Father Tally), Edward “Tyler” Tyler, Sandra Garcia-Combs, Maybelle Daly, Tyrone Wong, Romenia Jirmson, Marion C. Blackett-Legall, Raquel Rodriguez- Algarin, Leola West, Lula Moore, Rev. Deacon Edgar Hopper, Rodger Taylor, Ivan Krauser, Ruth Naomi Strother, Ellen Daley, Sylvan Stoner, Ellen Bradley. Charlene Cox, Ethel Moore, Kenneth Johnson, Christine (Chrissy) Harvin, Velda Alleyne, Robert Exum, Vatisa Davis, Willie Manning, William Allen, Norberta Miele, Clyde Davis Winfield, Anne Louise Luxana, James During, Angela Roberts, Iris Faulkner, Evelyn Fleming, Evelyn Kirnon, Stanford Daly, Ronise Shanay Cox-Clark, Margaret Sinclair Wade, Daniel American.

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