



Easter Sunday

# EASTER SUNDAY

**of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**At the Mass during the Day**

**April 20, 2025**

**His Eminence Robert Cardinal McElroy**

**Archbishop of Washington**

*Celebrant*

**9:00 am**

**Reverend Monsignor W. Ronald Jameson**

**Rector of the Cathedral**

*Celebrant*

**11:00 am**

**CATHEDRAL OF SAINT MATTHEW THE APOSTLE**  
**Washington, District of Columbia**

Easter Sunday, 2025

My Dear Friends,

It is a joy to be able to welcome you to Saint Matthew's Cathedral on this glorious Feast of Easter. I do so in the name of Cardinal Robert McElroy, as well as in my own.

Of all the times we gather as Christian believers, none is more important than this one. Easter is the greatest of all our feasts. It celebrates the mystery that is the very bedrock and foundation of our Christian faith, for, as St. Paul wrote, "If Christ has not risen, our faith is in vain." (1 Cor. 15:14)

But, Christ HAS risen, and your presence here in the Cathedral both affirms and celebrates that most startling and enduring of all realities. While we do not see him, we know he lives and that he is in our midst breathing life and hope into us, walking alongside us on our pilgrimage of faith, our journey toward the Kingdom.

I have no way of knowing what is in your heart as you come here on this Easter Sunday of 2025. For some, I am sure, there is joy and a keen sense of hope for the future as Spring with all its promise bursts forth all around us; for others, there may be the pain of illness or the grief that comes from the death of someone close. For all of us, there is the painful paradox of living in a world that is incredibly beautiful yet hopelessly violent at the same time. Death and life are never far apart in our world, it seems. But that is not the whole story. Easter proclaims for all to hear the one thing that really matters, the one thing we need to know above all else: that death does not have the last word. Life does!

My prayer today is that you will be renewed in faith and hope as you join in worship here at St. Matthew's Cathedral.

If you are a visitor, please know that you are warmly welcomed here. I hope you will find something today that will touch your heart, awaken your spirit, and make you want to return to this holy place again and again. If you are part of the regular family of St. Matthew's, I take this opportunity to thank you for all the ways you make the Risen Lord Jesus present in this parish and in this city: through your prayer, your faith, and your love that overflows in such generous and unselfish service, especially to the poor.

May the blessings of the Risen Lord Jesus be yours in abundance.

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson, Rector

# THE ORDER OF MASS

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Prelude

### Entrance Song

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN



1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um-phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise e - ter - nal, as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise him, now his might con - fess, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest. Al - le - lu - ia!

### Penitential Act

# Gloria

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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on  
 earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we  
 bless you, we a - dore you, we glo-ri - fy you, we  
 give you thanks for your great glo-ry,  
 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, O - God, al - might - y  
 Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a-way the  
 sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a-way the  
 sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the  
 right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.  
 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus  
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the  
 Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

Acts 10: 34, 37-43

## Responsorial Psalm

Richard Proulx



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

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## Second Reading

Colossians 3:1- 4

## Sequence

*Easter Sequence*

James Biery



Vi -cti-mae Pa-scha -li laud-es im -mo-lent Chri-sti - a - ni.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Irish Alleluia*

Finian O'Carroll/Richard Proulx



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

## Gospel

John 20: 1-9

## Homily

# Renewal of Baptismal Promises

## Universal Prayer

*R./ Lord, hear our prayer.*

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## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Preparation of the Altar and Offerings

*Surrexit Christus Hodie*

Samuel Scheidt

### Eucharistic Acclamations

*A Community Mass*

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed 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 Mystery of Faith

*When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.*

## Great Amen

## COMMUNION RITE

### Lord's Prayer

### Breaking of the Bread

Howard Hughes

### Communion Antiphon

Este Es El Día

Pablo Sosa

*This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

### Communion Hymn

Marty Haugen

Refrain



This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad;  
*Or:* Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

this is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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### Communion Motet

Alleluia

Randall Thompson



## CONCLUDING RITE

### SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Celebrant: May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity, and in his compassion, defend you from every assault of sin.

**All:**        *Amen.*

Celebrant: And may he who restores you to eternal life, in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten, endow you with the prize of immortality.

**All:**        *Amen.*

Celebrant: Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit, to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

**All:**        *Amen.*

Celebrant: May almighty God bless you, the ✠ Father, and the ✠ Son, and the ✠ Holy Spirit .

**All:**        *Amen.*

Deacon:     Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia!

**All:**        *Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

### *Save the Date*

## **Earth Day Lessons and Carols - *Laudato Sí*, 10th Anniversary**

**Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 3:30pm**

Through choral works and meditative readings, following the example of Pope Francis, we celebrate the wonders of creation and examine our faithful stewardship of these gifts.

*SCHOLA CANTORUM AND FESTIVAL SINGERS*

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Thank you for your ongoing support.

Recessional

Christ the Lord is Risen Today



1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, Al - le -  
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious king, Al - le -  
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le -  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le -



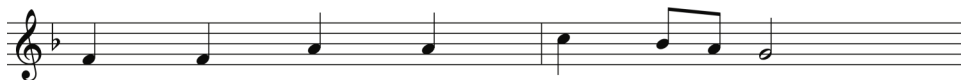
lu - ia! All on earth with an - gels say:  
 lu - ia! Where, O death, is now your sting?  
 lu - ia! Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,  
 lu - ia! Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head,



Al - le - lu - ia! Raise your joys and  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Once he died our -  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Death in vain for -  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Made like him, like



tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, O heav'ns; and, earth, re - ply:  
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.



Al - le - lu - ia!