



EASTER SUNDAY
SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

Welcome to Resurrection!

We're glad you're here! At Church of the Resurrection (Rez), we believe that you can be transformed by encountering the love of Jesus. Through this encounter, many people have received healing, become part of a community, and learned to serve others. Our vision is to invite everyone into this kind of transforming relationship with Jesus and his Church, whether you are exploring Christianity for the first time or grew up attending church.

If you are visiting us for the first time or watching on livestream, we are so excited to have you with us. We would love to meet you and give you a gift at the Guest Center.



Matt Woodley

Fr. Matt Woodley
Interim Cathedral Dean
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Anglican Diocese
of the **Upper Midwest**

As the cathedral church, Resurrection is the headquarters for our regional family of churches, the Anglican Diocese of the Upper Midwest, as well as the home of Bishop Stewart Ruch. The mission of our Diocese is to plant a revival of Word and Sacrament infused by the Holy Spirit.

We are also a member of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA).



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CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Visiting?

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Children

Children's ministry is available at typical Sunday services for infants through 5th grade.

Youth

RezYouth, for middle and high school students, meets on Wednesdays, 6:30–8/8:30pm. Visit churchrez.org/youth to learn more.

Adults

Rooted in Scripture, our adult Bible study, meets on Wednesdays, 6:30–8pm, in the Sanctuary.

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8:30am & 10:30am



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Easter Vigil: Easter Morning

The Great Vigil of Easter is a church treasure, passed down to us from the first generations of Christians. The Vigil tells the epic story of redemption in four parts: the Service of Light, the Service of Lessons, the Service of Baptism, and the Service of Eucharist. We began yesterday with the Service of Light and Lessons, and this morning we conclude as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. This morning's service includes:

The Easter Acclamation

The pinnacle of the Great Vigil of Easter takes place when the celebrant declares that Christ is risen. Church of the Resurrection has taken the ancient custom of ringing bells in celebration to new heights through the "Holy Noise," when the entire congregation makes a "joyful noise unto the Lord."

Baptism

In Baptism, we live out the very realities we have seen in the readings. People in our midst cross over into the family of God through the waters of Baptism, and we all renew our own baptismal covenant to be God's own.

Eucharist

In the final portion of the service, we receive the body and blood that Jesus offered up for us to be our life and food so that we can go forth and live as his people. It is the table of gathering in great thanksgiving for his death and life – now also our death to self and life in God. It is a time for great joy and celebration of God's saving work throughout history and within each of us.

As you enter into worship, we invite you to celebrate the miracle that, through Jesus' death and resurrection, God is restoring the beauty and goodness of the world he created. We pray that you would sense God's presence and invite him to bring that restoration to you.

The Service of Lessons

CELEBRANT: *The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him (John 4:23).*

Songs of Worship

The Easter Acclamation

He's Alive

"He's Alive," words and music by Don Francisco.

CELEBRANT: *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

PEOPLE: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Holy Noise

The congregation rings bells.

He's alive! He's alive!
He's alive and I'm forgiven,
Heaven's gates are open wide.

Songs of Worship

The Gloria will be sung.

The Collect of the Day

CELEBRANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may, by your life-giving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

ALL: Amen.

The Lessons

Please be seated for the readings from the Bible.

READER: *A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

1 Corinthians 15:1–9 (ESV)

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

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Alleluia

Please stand.

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Give praise to his name.

"Alleluia No. 1," words and music by Donald Fishel.

READER: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

PEOPLE: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

John 20:1–3, 10–18 (ESV)

READER: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

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The Sermon

Let the Renovation Begin!

—Fr. Matt Woodley, Interim Cathedral Dean

Holy Baptism

Those Being Baptized at 6am

Lucille Josephine Davidson
Thomas Gene Koskinas
William Bowen Ruch
Marigold Mae Schuchardt
Suzanne Clarice Schuchardt

Those Being Baptized at 10am

Iris Juniper Baltensperger
Magnolia Grace Baltensperger
Gardner Michael Burns
Elianna Eris Ollech

The Exhortation

OFFICIANT: *Dear beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"; and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Here we ask our heavenly Father that these Candidates, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as living members of Christ's body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to these Candidates that which by nature they cannot have.*

The Presentation

OFFICIANT: *The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics: "There is one Lord one faith, one bap - ti - sm;". The bass staff provides harmonic accompaniment. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics: "there is one God who is Fa - ther of all.". The bass staff provides harmonic accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4.

"There Is One Lord," words and music by The Taizé Community, © 1984 Les Presses de Taizé.

Older children and adults are presented for Baptism by their parents, godparents, and/or sponsors.

PRESENTERS: I/We present N.N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

OFFICIANT: *Do you desire to be baptized?*

CANDIDATE: I do.

Infants and young children are presented for Baptism by their parents and godparents.

PARENTS: I/We present N.N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

OFFICIANT: *Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?*

PARENTS: I/We will, with God's help.

OFFICIANT: *Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?*

PARENTS: I/We will, with God's help.

OFFICIANT: *Parents and godparents: today, on behalf of these children, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that these children are taught, as soon as they are able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. They must come to put their faith in Jesus Christ. When they have embraced him, they are to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that they may publicly claim the Faith for their own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.*

Profession of Faith

The Officiant examines the candidates who can speak for themselves, and the Parents and Godparents who will speak on behalf of infants of young children with these six questions.

Afterwards, all the baptized will have the opportunity to renew their baptismal vows.

OFFICIANT: *Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?*

CANDIDATES: **I renounce them.**

OFFICIANT: *Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?*

CANDIDATES: **I renounce them.**

OFFICIANT: *Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?*

CANDIDATES: **I renounce them.**

The Officiant prays over the Candidates while priests anoint each Candidate with the Oil of Exorcism.

OFFICIANT: *Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

OFFICIANT: *Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?*

CANDIDATES: **I do.**

OFFICIANT: *Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?*

CANDIDATES: **I do.**

OFFICIANT: *Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?*

CANDIDATES: **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

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The Officiant then addresses the Congregation. Please stand.

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

PEOPLE: **We will.**

OFFICIANT: *Dear friends, remember that through the Paschal mystery, we too were buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced the devil and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his one holy catholic and apostolic Church.*

Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit yourself to keep them?

PEOPLE: **I do.**

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OFFICIANT: *Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?*

CANDIDATES: **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

OFFICIANT: *Let us join with these Candidates to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.*

OFFICIANT: *Do you believe and trust in God the Father?*

PEOPLE: **I do. I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

OFFICIANT: *Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?*

PEOPLE: **I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by 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.**

OFFICIANT: *Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?*

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

Prayer for the Candidates for Holy Baptism

OFFICIANT: *Let us now pray for these Candidates who are to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon these your servants. Wash and sanctify them through your Holy Spirit, that they may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, they may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

At this time, children may come forward to watch the baptisms.

OFFICIANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

OFFICIANT: *Lift up your hearts.*

PEOPLE: **We lift them to the Lord.**

OFFICIANT: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

PEOPLE: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

OFFICIANT: *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 in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.*

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 born again 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, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful 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.

ALL: **Amen.**

The Baptism

Please be seated.

OFFICIANT: *N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

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

OFFICIANT: *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, received them as your own children by adoption, made them members of your holy Church, and raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that they may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

OFFICIANT: *Let us welcome the newly baptized.*

ALL: **We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.**

The Asperges

Clergy walk throughout the congregation ministering the baptismal waters to all who renewed their baptismal vows.

Songs of Worship

The Peace

Please stand.

CELEBRANT: *The Peace of the Lord be always with you.*

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

Please use this time to share the peace of Christ with those around you.

10am only: Parents, please pick up your children from their RezKids classrooms at the beginning of the announcements.

The Offertory

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account or go to
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Holy Communion

The Doxology

Please stand.

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

The Great Thanksgiving

CELEBRANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

CELEBRANT: *Lift up your hearts.*

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

CELEBRANT: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

PEOPLE: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

CELEBRANT: *... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:*

ALL: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, O Lord,
Full of your glory!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name,
The name of the Lord.
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The name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

"Holy, Holy, Holy," by Steve Williamson and Bonnie McMaken, © 2015.

CELEBRANT: . . . *Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

ALL: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

CELEBRANT: . . . *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.*

ALL: Amen.

CELEBRANT: *And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,*

ALL: Our Father 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 our sins,
As we forgive those who sin 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,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
For ever and ever,
Amen.

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The Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANT: *Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

PEOPLE: **Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

CELEBRANT: *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.*

Please be seated. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and are committed to following Jesus are welcome to receive Communion. Ushers will release you row by row. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the silver trays. Please dispose of used cups in the buckets available on tables in your section.

Songs of Worship

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe:
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt.

Music: SALZBURG, mel. Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Please stand.

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*

ALL: Heavenly Father,
We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work
you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Extending your hands toward the cross.

CELEBRANT: *All our problems of this life on earth . . .*

ALL: **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

CELEBRANT: *All the difficulties of our circumstances . . .*

ALL: **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

CELEBRANT: *All the devil's works from his temporary power . . .*

ALL: **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

CELEBRANT: *All our hopes for wholeness and eternal life . . .*

Lifting your hands up to the Lord.

ALL: **We set on the Risen Christ.**

CELEBRANT: *Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.*

ALL: **Amen.**

The Recessional Hymn

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Antiphon (at the beginning)

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

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1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

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

Ped.

Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832–1909), alt.
 Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823–1889).

The Dismissal

DEACON: *Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



JOIN US AGAIN!

SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:30 AM, & 10:30 AM

LIVESTREAM: 10:30 AM.

We would love to worship with you at a Sunday morning service.

FIRST STEP

SUNDAYS, APRIL 19 & 26

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM.

New to Anglicanism? First Step is a two-part introduction to Anglicanism and Church of the Resurrection. Snacks and childcare provided.

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