



ST. JOHN'S RICHMOND

APRIL 12, 2026

THE OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER
(BEING THE SUNDAY AFTER EASTER DAY)

(Evening Prayer Service, based on 1962 Book of Common Prayer)

WELCOME!

Malcolm Guite is an English poet, singer-songwriter, Anglican priest and academic. He wrote this sonnet below, "A Sonnet for Easter Morning" (from his collection 'Sounding the Seasons'), based on our sermon text this evening.

He blesses every love which weeps and grieves
And now he blesses hers who stood and wept
And would not be consoled, or leave her love's
Last touching place, but watched as low light crept
Up from the east. A sound behind her stirs
A scatter of bright birdsong through the air.
She turns, but cannot focus through her tears,
Or recognise the Gardener standing there.
She hardly hears his gentle question 'Why,
Why are you weeping?', or sees the play of light
That brightens as she chokes out her reply
'They took my love away, my day is night'
And then she hears her name, she hears Love say
The Word that turns her night, and ours, to Day.

TODAY'S SERVICE DETAILS

Lyrics and liturgy are on-screen & online.



BIBLE READINGS: Louise McConaghy

1 Corinthians 2:1-13

Psalms 13

John 20:11-18

CHILDREN (K-grade 6) begin in the service. After the Children's Focus, their class will meet upstairs for approximately one hour. On Communion Sundays, they will rejoin the adult service in time to receive Holy Communion.

YOUTH (grades 7-12) meet each Sunday, except for the first Sunday of the month, when they remain for the whole Holy Communion service.

PRAYERS: Nathan Carter

NOTICES

SJR Lecture Series: next seminar this Thursday, April 16th, 6pm, with potluck to begin. Please sign up using the emailed link.

Nametag Sunday & Newcomers Welcome

Dessert: In two weeks, on April 26th, we'll encourage everyone to make and wear a name tag; after the service we'll have a special Newcomers dessert gathering in the Chapel for all who have started coming to SJR within the past year.

Baptism class: will be held for four weeks on Sunday afternoons, with dinner, prior to Evening Services. Dates TBD.

SJR Reading group: Will be reading & discussing 'Basic Christianity' by John Stott. Contact Louise McConaghy if you are interested.

Bible in a Day: Will be shared at St. Andrew's Delta on Fri. May 8th & Sat. May 9th. SJR members are encouraged to carpool out for BIAD, in support of the STA congregation.

Midweek small group Bible Studies: Speak to Chris Wright or Ven. Sean if you want to join a group. Many at SJR have found this mid-week connection and encouragement indispensable.

Wednesday Morning Prayer - simplified - continues each week, 8:30am-9am on Zoom.

Have a prayer request? Reach out to Chris at contact@stjohnsrichmond.com and this will be included in our prayers.

OFFERING

We are very grateful for the financial support we receive from our church family! Please use the offering plate or give online, using the code. If you are visiting SJR, please simply be our guest.



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WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

OPENING HYMN *(All lyrics will be screen-shared)*

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

EXHORTATION

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore them who are penitent, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR PARDON THROUGH THE CROSS *(said by the Leader)*

Almighty Father, who of your great love to men did give your dearly beloved Son to die for us: Grant that through his Cross our sins may be put away, and remembered no more against us, and that, cleansed by his Blood, and mindful of his sufferings, we may take up our cross daily, and follow him in newness of life, until we come to his everlasting kingdom; through the same your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONDING WITH PRAISE *(Spoken)*

O Lord, open thou our lips;

And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

(Standing)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Praise ye the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

SONGS

FIRST BIBLE READING *(Bible Readings are found on Page 1)*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

PSALM OR CANTICLE *(found on Page 1)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

SECOND BIBLE READING

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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.

The Apostles' Creed is a historic profession of faith in the faithfulness of God, and locates us in a community of faith stretching back to the early Church. It is a theological summary of apostolic doctrine, originating before the 4th century and ratified by the 7th.

SERMON

OFFERING SONG and PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord, for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.**

And 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY & any additional **COLLECTS** (*all Collects will be screen-shared*)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

NOTICES

CLOSING HYMN

BENEDICTION

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night, and at the last a perfect end; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with us this night and forevermore. **Amen.**

Death is Not the End

Easter is just the beginning

Mary Looks Back

Jesus Looks Ahead

"Your Father"