

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Sunday of the Resurrection

EASTER



The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents

20 April, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM

Welcome! In The Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.

BCP means *The Book of Common Prayer* (Red Book).

You'll find the BCP and Hymnals in the pew rack in front of you.

The Parish Notices

Prelude

Lift Your Voice Rejoicing Mary

FISS OF GLOUSTER

Chloe Dondero: Soloist

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn #199 *Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

ST. KEVIN

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *All: Amen.*

Song of Praise Hymn #207 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* (vv. 1 & 2) **EASTER HYMN**

The Collect for Easter Day

BCP, p. 222

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 be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *All: Amen.*

The First Lesson *(Please be seated)*

Acts 10:34-43

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

BCP, p. 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.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #178 (Please Stand) *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*

ALLELUIA NO.1

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People **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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** (*All are seated*)

The Sermon

The Rev. Peter De Franco

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows (*All Stand*)

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are 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 Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People **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?

People **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.**

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

People **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?

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

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

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

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

People **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?

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

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Sprinkling of the People with Water

As a reminder of the water of Baptism, the people are sprinkled with Holy Water.

Hymn #296 *We Know that Christ is Raised*

ENGELBERG

The Prayers of the People *(The people may stand or kneel)*

Celebrant Let us pray to the Father who raised his Son to life that we might live for ever in him, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer".

Strengthen your Church to be the Body of Christ at work in the world. Heal our divisions and imperfections, make whole this visible body so that it may truly reflect his glorious Body. Give grace to ministers of the Gospel in proclaiming the message of the Resurrection.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that the joy of the Resurrection may be known throughout the world, that those who are ignorant of the love of Christ may feel his presence and share his risen life. May all human endeavor become part of the new creation and the life without end.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Give grace this Easter time to heal the wounds of differences among our families, friends and neighbors. By the offering and acceptance of pardon where there has been wrong, may we know together the fullness of the Easter life.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant to all who suffer the knowledge of where true healing is to be found. Heal the hurt and broken bodies, give peace to the troubled minds, restore hope to the grieved and anxious spirits. Lead all human sorrow through the pain of the dying Christ to the joy of his Resurrection.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

For all deacons, priests and bishops, especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, Peter, our Supply Priest and all bishops, priests and deacons that they may shine forth by their words and actions the coming of God's Kingdom.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

As we rejoice in the Resurrection of Christ our Savior, we pray for all who, like him, have suffered the death of the body. We pray that the power which brought him from the grave may give them a part in his victory over death and in his risen life for ever, especially remembering those for whom the Altar Flowers were given.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially remembering all victims of climate change, and for the poor. We also remember all those mentioned in our Parish Prayer List: the sick, the shut in, all caregivers and the grieving; those serving in the military and other dangerous professions, and for our enemies, that all hearts may be turned to peace.

(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud at this time.)

For these and all our petitions, we pray to the Lord,

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Peace *(All stand)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Lloyd Larson

Presentation of the Gifts *(All stand)*

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

***People* We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus **S-129** (all sing) *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

Robert Powell

Celebrant 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. 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 you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant 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. 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.

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. *All: AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

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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 those who trespass 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. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant *Alleluia.* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia.***

Fraction Anthem: S-154 *(all sing) Christ Our Passover*

David Hurd

(All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.)

Music During Communion

Hymn #154 (LEVAS) *(all sing)* *Taste and See*

James E. Moore

Postcommunion Prayer *(Please stand)*

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Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Easter Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make

you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Hymn #180

He is Risen!

UNSER HERRSCHER

Dismissal

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Postlude

This Joyful Eastertide

arr. Michele Robeson-Howard

Please join us outside for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Coffee Reception!

*Special thanks to our Music Director Ellen Dondero and the Holy Innocents' Choir.
Thank you to John Dondero & Johnny Dondero on trumpet and Chloe Dondero, Soloist
for all of the beautiful and heartfelt music this Holy Week and Easter!*

YOU ARE SUCH A TREMENDOUS GIFT TO US ALL!

Serving Today

Crucifer ~ John Wall

Lector ~ Diane Carter **Chalice Bearers** ~ Bill Kehr, Leila Sullivan

Ushers ~ Pat Peacock, Dave White

Parish Prayer List – April 20, 2025

*If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by
Wednesday, April 23rd.*

Lara Sparks Deitz

Dennis

Christine Hendricks

Ann White

Debbie & Joe Reising

Peg Appleget

Alycia Mullin

Tino

Pat

Rich

Marie Kleber

Joan Connolly

Connie Anderson

Barry Longenbach

Pierro Family

Connie

Dcn. Judy

Meg Neff

Florence Lamon

Kathy Rice

Charles Sullivan

JoAnn King

Mary Ann Crewdson

Christian Balint

Warren Lamon

Lovas Family

Joe

Lynne Weidmann

Rob Meyer

Melanie Harman

Jessie

Doug Hunter

Matt Starr

Ellis Barbieri	Judy Hamilton	Cindy Wood
Diane	Linda K.	Linda M.
Ray M.	Gia	Jeannine
Phil	Frank	Ed McDaniels
Fran Iozzi	Johnny Johnson, Jr.	Bill Bentley
Dr. John		

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

Paul Bailey, Justin A. Dumhart, Joseph Alexander, Danny Melega, Andrew Wall, Brandan White

Birthdays: Lisa Mack (04/20), Carroll Sheppard (04/20), Margaret C. Degnan (04/24) Hank Hennunger (04/26)

Anniversaries: Judy & Vincent Contreras (04/24)

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR April 21 – April 25

21 – Mon	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Yoga in MH	9:15 AM-10:15 AM
22 – Tues.	ECW Holy Eucharist/Meeting	11:00 AM
24 – Thurs	Bible Study in MH	2:00 PM
	“Clam Diggers” AA Group	7:00 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
25 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
26 – Sat	Atkinson Memorial Service	1:00 PM

Please note the church office will be closed tomorrow.

April 24, 2025 at 2 PM in Martin Hall The Bible Study will read *Sacred Nature -- Restoring Our Ancient Bond with The Natural World* by Karen Armstrong. Please contact Leila Sullivan if you plan to join on Zoom. In this short but deeply powerful book, the best-selling historian of religion Karen Armstrong

re-sacralizes nature for modern times. Drawing on her vast knowledge of the world's religious traditions, she vividly describes nature's central place in spirituality across the centuries.

SAVE THE DATE for Upcoming Concerts!

May 4th 4PM : *Fotografia*, an afternoon of Jazz Quartet featuring Vocalist Christine Kephart

June 1st 4PM: *Lighter Fare: A Caberet*
Capital Singers of Trenton



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set up a recurring donation.



Maggie Aftanis ~ In loving memory of the Snyder and Aftanis Families
In loving memory of Janine

Christine Burlaga ~ In memory of Barry Burlaga and Ted Hansen

Diane Carter Carrigan ~ In memory of Stokes B. Carrigan, III

The Cashels ~ In memory of beloved family and friends

Kay & Mike DeCicco ~ In memory of Kate and Harry Conklin, Virginia and James DeCicco, Michael DeCicco, Jr., Jim DeCicco, Angela DeCicco Morro and Ronald DeBlis

Fr. Peter De Franco ~ In memory of Gisella and Peter De Franco, Henry Mosckvam, Eva and Stefan Mosckvam, Teresa and Joseph De Franco

Carl De Franco ~ In memory of Arlein Gincley, Lowell Gincley, May Meeker June Pederson, Mother Lorraine Dughi, Andrea Crossin, Bill Rinehart, Maya De Franco

Jane Enos ~ In memory of loved ones of the Enos and Kleber Family

Diane Entrikin ~ In loving memory of John Entrikin, Evelyn & Bob Taylor, Evelyn May Taylor and all loved ones

Erma Green ~ In memory of Spiotta and Green Families

Carol, Amy & Sarah ~ In loving memory of Gene Hammond

Hank Henninger & Patty August ~ In memory of Susan Esposito and Peter Kloeblen

Susan Hughes ~ In memory of The Lippincott, Hughes and Fink Families and in celebration of Christ's resurrection

Thomas & Gail Jacobsen ~ In memory of loved ones

Bill & Ellen Kehr ~ In memory of William and Grace Kehr, Charles and Mary Erskine

Carol Kirby ~ In loving memory of Matthew Kirby and Ellis Kirby

Judith Krom ~ In memory of the Valentine and Krom loved ones

Ruth McLaughlin ~ In loving memory of Frank and Paul McLaughlin, Donald Deacon, Doris and Browning Deacon, Emlee and Frank McLaughlin

Jackie & King Sparks ~ In memory of departed loved ones

Gail & Steve Steiner ~ In memory of our parents

Leila G. Sullivan ~ In memory of Inez Sullivan

Melissa Wall ~ In memory of Charles Wall

Bob Weidmann ~ In memory of Lynne Weidmann

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Vestry Class of 2025

Judy Contreras

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Larry Peacock

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Vestry Class of 2027

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