

Sunday of the Resurrection
EASTER

*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
9 April, 2023 ~ 9:30 AM*

Prelude *Lift Your Voice Rejoicing Mary*
Soloist: Chloe Dondero

FISK OF GLOUSTER

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

***Entrance Hymn #179** *Welcome Happy Morning* (vv. 1,4&5) FORTUNATUS

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 Lesson

Colossians 3:1-4

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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.

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.**

***Sequence Hymn #180** *He is Risen!* (vv. 1, 2 & 4)

UNSER HERRSCHER

***The Holy Gospel**

John 20:1-18

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 Very Rev. Dr. Caroline Carson+

***The Nicene Creed**

BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***The Prayers of the People: Form VI**

BCP, p. 392

(The people may stand or kneel)

Celebrant Filled with joy on this feast of feasts, let us offer our prayers.

Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For Nancy our Mayor, Philip our Governor, and Joseph our President; for this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Episcopal Church of Sudan. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for William our Bishop; for Sally our

Bishop-elect, for Judith our Deacon, for Caroline, our Rector and for all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

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, and the grieving; those serving in the military and other dangerous professions, and for our enemies, that all hearts may be turned to peace. We may add our own petitions either silently or aloud at this time.

Leader Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; for the beauty of your creation; for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week, and all the Saints.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. (*Deceased loved ones and friends may be mentioned at this time.*)

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

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*)

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory *This Joyful Eastertide* arr. John Ferguson (b. 1941)

***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) Robert Powell (b. 1972)

(The People may stand or kneel)

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

BCP, p. 364

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.**

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

Fraction Anthem S-154 (all sing)

David Hurd (b. 1950)

***Postcommunion Prayer**

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**

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

The Parish Notices

***Hymn #208** *The Strife is O'er* (omit verse 3) VICTORY

Dismissal BCP, p. 366

Postlude *Hallelujah from Messiah* G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Thank you to the Lighthouse Brass, Chloe Dondero, Soloist and to our Music Director Ellen Dondero and the Holy Innocents' Choir for all the beautiful music this past Holy Week AND this morning. You are all a great blessing to us and to the glory of God!

***Please join us for the children's EASTER EGG HUNT
and Outside Reception following the service!***

Serving Today

Crucifer ~ John Wall **Lector** ~ Gail Jacobsen

Ushers ~ Bill Kehr Mike Fahner

Chalice Bearers ~ Kay DeCicco, Melissa Wall, Vince Contreras

Parish Prayer List – April 9, 2023

PLEASE NOTE: *If you need a name to stay on the list or add a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, April 12th**.*

Charles Bishop	Kevin B. Campbell	Joan Connolly
Judy Contreras	Mary Ann Crewdson	Faith
Joni	Gollihur Family	Kevin
Lovas Family	Ollie	Peggy
Pat Pritchard	Rhonda Pritchard	Debbie & Joe Reising
Rebecca	Chloe Snyder	Lara Sparks Deitz
Charles Sullivan	Ann White	Jane Enos
Nancy & Gary Acker	Wayne Kotter	Eileen Mitchell
Linda G.	Amie	Gina M.
Judy Boies	Dennis	Karen Maxwell
Barbara	Jo-Anne	The Sundararaj Family
Dave Elfreth	Karen Grossman	Rick Johnson
Louise Muth	Elliott	Faye
Adam Houser	Jan	Karen & DJ
Marie R.	Bill Todd	Ron & Kenny
Box Family	Dcn. Judy	Amy M.
Sue W.	Mike Daly	Mary Matzer
Anne	Diana	

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Bill Kehr (04/10), Anne D’Souza (04/11), Wesley Heilman, III (04/13), Thomas Hughes (04/13), Judith Studer Hamilton (04/15)

Altar Candles, Sanctuary Candle: This week’s Altar Candles and Sanctuary Candle are given by Gail and Steve Steiner in memory of their parents and to the Glory of God.

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR April 10 – April 14

10 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
11 – Tues	Evening Prayer	6:00 PM
13 – Thurs	Book Study resumes at rectory	2:00 PM
	Vestry Meeting	7:00 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
14 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	

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BOOK STUDY RESUMES This Thursday at 2:00 PM at the Rectory. The schedules book is: Hope, by Jane Goodall.

VESTRY

Next meeting is Thursday, APRIL 13 at 7:00 PM. Vestry meetings are open to all at any time. Just contact Mtr. Caroline+ to make sure it's either a hybrid or in-person etc. and to receive the zoom link. Minutes posted in the hallway on the CHURCH BUSINESS bulletin board (when we're able to access it again soon!)

WEEKLY SERVICES

Morning Prayer – Mondays at 9:00 AM via FB Live, led by Bill Kehr

Evening Prayer – Tuesdays at 6:00 PM via FB Live, led by Mtr. C+

Compline – Thursdays at 9:00 PM via FB Live, led by Rob Meyer

Other? – Would you like to lead a weekly service? Let Mtr. C+ know!

PRAYER MINISTRY

Our Prayer Ministry team meets monthly and is led by Judy Contreras. Contact her if interested in joining! judyc3956@gmail.com

RECTOR'S FORUM SET FOR MAY 21 following the morning service!

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