



# He is Risen!

*I know that my redeemer is alive.*

JOB 19:25 (CEB)



*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. Please join us for Coffee Hour following the service!*

*\* Indicates to stand as you are able*

## *Sunday of the Resurrection*

# EASTER

*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents  
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey  
31 March, 2024 ~ 9:30 AM*

Pre-Service      *Thine is the Glory*      Arr. Cathy Stemeogna

Prelude      *Lift Your Voice Rejoicing Mary*      FISK OF GLOUSTER  
Chloe Dondero: Soloist

### THE WORD OF GOD

**\*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 First Lesson

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: 1-11**

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you-- unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was

buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All*     **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn #178** *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord* ALLELUIA NO.1

**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** *(The people may stand or kneel)*

**BCP, p. 392**

*Celebrant* Let us offer our prayers to God.

*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 Church in the Province of the West Indies. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Sally our Bishop; 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, 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.)*

*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*)

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Anthem**      *Christ is Risen!*      Austin C. Lovelace (1919-2010)

**\*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)

*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.**

**Fraction Anthem: S-154** (*all sing*) *Christ Our Passover* David Hurd (b. 1950)  
(*All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.*)

**\*Postcommunion Prayer** (*Please stand*) **BCP, p. 365**

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.*

### **The Parish Notices**

**Hymn #180** *He is Risen!* UNSER HERRSCHER

**Dismissal** **BCP, p. 366**

**Postlude** *Alleluias* Robert Lau (b. 1943)

***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   **Ushers** ~ Melissa Wall, Bill Kehr

**Altar Servers** ~ Kay DeCicco, Vince Contreras, Leila Sullivan

## Parish Prayer List – March 31, 2024

**PLEASE NOTE: This is the last Sunday in March. All names will be removed from the prayer list unless you have requested to leave them on. If you need to add a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, April 3rd.****

Judy Contreras	Lara Sparks Deitz	Joan Connolly
Mary Ann Crewdson	Dennis	Gerry M.
Connie Anderson	Christian Balint	Barney H.
Susan F.	Cheryl	Dayton
Jason	Kirsten Angelozzi	Bob Hendricks
Christine Hendricks	Andy	Kathy & Walter
Ron & Kenny	Jeannine	Priscilla
Judy & Al	Joan & Linda Kelly	Chris C.
Pierro Family	David D'Ambrosia	Barry Longenbach
Robert	Mike	Tony
Aleen	Jan	Elliott
Dennis Hickey	Rosanne & Bob	Juli & Dave
Laura	Lovas Family	Debbie & Joe Reising
Rebecca	Fiona	Graham
Bob	Sue	Melanie
Sophia	Joseph	Paris
Jim Darling	Charles Sullivan	Warren Lamon
Rachel	Louise Muth	Teri Keller
Gia	Cora	Hunter Gideon
Vic Hughes	Rick & Becky Johnson	Frank M.
Ray M.	Kate White	Joey
Diane Dreby	Patty August	Hank Henninger
Canon Don Muller	Sue P.	Rich
Ed & Fran Kurocka	The Flagler Family	The Blake/Carolann Families
Steve & Dawn Swarter	Anne White	Gail South
Bishop Michael Curry	TJ Patton	Beth Camarote
Jason Bond	Family & Friends of Austin	Fr. Frank Crumbaugh
Taylor & Tracy	Anne H.	Chuck Hall

Omer Demir  
Cindy Wood

Bunny  
Judy Hamilton

Carol Roberts

**Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:**

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

**Birthdays:** Stokes Carrigan V (04/01), Katelynne Cowper ( 04/01), Jacqueline Sparks (04/04) James Baxter (04/06)

**WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR April 1 – April 6**

01 – Mon	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
02 – Tues.	ECW meets in Chapel		11:30 AM
	Evening Prayer (FB)		6:00 PM
03 – Wed	AA (Open) Women’s Meeting		6:00 PM
04 – Thurs	Bible Study @ Rectory		2:00 PM
	Compline (FB)		9:00 PM
05 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	~ Rehearsal with concert group	
06 – Sat	Elizabeth Shea Committal		11:00 AM
	Happy Together Concert		4:00 PM

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**Maggie Aftanis** ~ In memory of the Snyder and Aftanis Families

**Christine Burlaga** ~ In memory of Barry

**Jeanne & Rich Cashel** ~ In memory of beloved family and friends

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

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

**The Evleth Family** ~ In memory of Warren “Dick” Evleth

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

**Susan Hughes** ~ In memory of John, Sam, Dave, Pete & Tina

**Thomas & Gail Jacobsen** ~ In memory of friends and family

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

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

**McLaughlin Family** ~ In loving memory of Frank & Paul McLaughlin, Doris, Browning, Donald Deacon & Emlee & Frank McLaughlin

**Karin & David Mitchell** ~ In memory of loved ones and Marilyn Flagler

**Jackie & King Sparks** ~ In memory of our many loved ones

**Gail & Steve Steiner** ~ In memory of our parents

**Leila G. Sullivan** ~ In memory of the González Family

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*Presider* Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into this community of Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church in the Borough of Beach Haven. We welcome them to join us as we seek to love the Lord our God with heart and soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We welcome and cherish their unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus Christ.

*Vestry Member* (The new members of the community are presented. A member of the vestry or other leader makes the presentation.)

*Presenter* I present Joan and Mike Melega to be welcomed as official members of this Holy Innocents' community.

*Presider* Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of ?  
*New Members* I do.

*Presider* Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life?  
*New Members* I will, with God's help

*Presider* Will you who witness these promises, do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?  
***People* We will.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

***Presider and People* Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought *Joan and Mike Melega* to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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