

# Easter Day

## The Resurrection of Our Lord

March 31, 2024



*We seek to be instruments of God's peace, bearing witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ for all people.*

# ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Ministers: Every member of the Congregation



**Welcome** in the name of the living Christ to St. Francis Church! May you find renewed grace and peace as we worship together today. St. Francis is an Episcopal Church, part of the wider ministry of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. If you are visiting with us today, please help us get to know you by introducing yourself at the door, and also by signing our guest book or filling out a pew card. *Please be sure to include an email address if you wish to be added to our mailing list.*

Please remember to take your cell phone or electronic device off silent mode at the end of worship.

You are invited to enter in reverence and awe of God's presence in this holy place. Before the liturgy begins we commend the keeping of silence as a time for prayer and reflection.

The fifty days of Easter provide us with an opportunity to renew ourselves to the Baptismal Covenant and awaken to the presence of God's Holy Spirit in our lives. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus we pray that Christ will be revealed to us "on the Way."

## **ABOUT OUR WORSHIP:**

The liturgy that we use for worship is from the red Book of Common Prayer (**BCP**). Beginning portions of the liturgy are printed in the bulletin. **Bold** print is to be spoken by the people of God.

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

*Jesus Christ is risen today!*

Hymnal 207

Erik Gladwin, Trumpet

EASTER ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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. Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:

Hymnal S-280

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** *Isaiah 25:6-9*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24** (*remaining seated*)

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| 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;<br>his mercy endures for ever.   | 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;<br>I will enter them;<br>I will offer thanks to the LORD. |
| 2 Let Israel now proclaim,<br>"His mercy endures for ever."   | 20 "This is the gate of the LORD;<br>he who is righteous may enter."                                 |
| 14 The LORD is my strength and my song,<br>and he has become my salvation.  | 21 I will give thanks to you, for you<br>answered me and have become my<br>salvation.                |
| 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory<br>in the tents of the righteous:   | 22 The same stone which the builders<br>rejected has become the chief<br>cornerstone.                |
| 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!<br>the right hand of the LORD is exalted!<br>the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!" | 23 This is the LORD'S doing,<br>and it is marvelous in our eyes.                                     |
| 17 I shall not die, but live,<br>and declare the works of the LORD.   | 24 On this day the LORD has acted;<br>we will rejoice and be glad in it.                             |
| 18 The LORD has punished me sorely,<br>but he did not hand me over to death.  |  |

**SECOND READING:** *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."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN:**

*He is risen!*

**Hymnal 180**

**GOSPEL:** *Mark 16:1-8*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**SERMON:**

The Rev. Patrick Perkins

## **RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

**BCP 292**

*The Celebrant invites the Renewal of Baptismal Vows:*

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.

*Celebrant:* 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. **Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - FORM II**

**BCP 385**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
...for Doug, our Bishop, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for the community of St. Francis; and for all ministers and people.

...for The Church in the Province of the West Indies; for the parish of St. Francis, Holden; for the mission of The Mustard Seed;

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well being of all people.

...for the men and women of the Armed Forces and their families, especially J. Pigsley, Gregory Smith, Jason Haynes, Mark Williams, Jacob Pezzini, Tyler Jeck, Daniel Roy, David Lane, Riley Smith, Andy Kimball, James Cimochoowski;

...for Joe, our President; Maura, our Governor; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

...for peace throughout the world; for the victims of war and terrorism, for the people of Ukraine and Afghanistan; for peace in Sudan, Yemen, and the region of the Middle East; and for those facing famine and drought in Somalia and the Horn of Africa;

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

...We ask your healing presence be with Rich, Eric Warner, Kathleen Lloyd Jones, Jack, Jonathan Seale, Bill, Elizabeth Heath, Ann Murphy, John Dougherty, John K, Ted Harris, Paul Stanovich, Adam Schmidt, Cam Canale, John, Jill P.;

...those suffering from homelessness and all types of addiction and mental illness; the residents and staff of Holden Nursing Home; and those who mourn.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.  
...especially for all who are preparing for baptism, confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church, and all people as we seek God's Word during this season of Lent. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers of thanksgiving or petition, either silently or aloud.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially Francis and Clare; Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*Celebrant add a concluding collect.*

**THE PEACE**

**BCP 360**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**

*Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord*

**Hymnal 178  
With Bell Choir**

*The Easter Offering has been designated to The Mustard Seed*

**OFFERTORY PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY**

**Tune: Hymnal 380**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;**



**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A**

**BCP 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 God thanks and praise.**

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.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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**

**Hymnal S-130**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

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:

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

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. **AMEN**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BCP 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.

### **FRACTION ANTHEM:**

Agnus Dei

**Hymnal S-164**

### **COMMUNION HYMN:**

*Good Christians all rejoice and sing  
That Easter day with joy was bright*

**Hymnal 205  
Hymnal 193**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**BCP 365**

Let us pray.

**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.**

**THE EASTER BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

*Christ is alive!*

**Hymnal 182  
Erik Gladwin, Trumpet**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**THE DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**SERVERS THIS WEEKEND:**

Altar Guild: Sharlene O'Connor, Marje Sullivan, Marge Tremblay, Jenny Sanders

Nursing Home: Karen Kappes

8:00 a.m.

Reader/LEM: Dick Delorme

10:00 a.m.

Usher: Ted Kremer

Reader/LEM: Susan Dresley

LEM: Chris Berglund

## EASTER MEMORIALS

### **In Loving Memory of.....**

Barbara Baird given by Virginia Powell-Brasier

Donald Rogan and Kelley Rogan Johnson given by Nancy Rogan

Madelyn and Anson Betts, Elvina and Marcel Delorem, Tyke Crowley given by Richard and Susan Delorme

Richard and Edith Jones, Helen Gould Jones, Oscar and Madeline Schmidt given by Randy and Carolyn Schmidt

Teresa Ann Beggan given by David Lucas

Elizabeth Hofstra, Thomas Johnson, Tami Mugford given by Laurie Sanchez

My husband, Michael given by Sharon Foust

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Plante, Mrs. Lisa St. Martin given by Jeffrey and Nancy Plante

Anita Collins given by her family

Allen and Barbara Beck, Christopher Pope, Linda Dodge given by Peter and Nancy Pope

The Rev. Janice MacFarland Schuyler given by Bill

Iver and Gladys Erikson, Bill and Charlene Stewart, Gordon and Dottie Erikson given by Mark W. and Beverly Erikson Stewart

Barbara Van Schermbeek given by her daughter, Elizabeth Adams

Don Engstrom, Jon Griesbach given by Jane Griesbach

Jack Holden given by The Holden Family

Samuel C. Davenport given by The Davenport Family

Julia Elkin given by The Bell/Giles Family

Francis, Virginia, Edward and Robert Clark given by Betty Clark and Jennifer and Wendy Christainsen

Edna and Cark Kriaski given by Diane Lucas

James and Anna Giarusso, Helen Gould Jones, Richard H. and Edith L. Jones, Paul Zenaro, Scott Zenaro given by Vincent and Beverly Giarusso

Betsy Cowles Perkins given by The Perkins Family

### **In Loving Memory of.....**

My husband and our parents David Dill, Francis and Ester Dill and William and Katherine McDonald given by Jeanette Dill

Linda Ethel (Johnson) Taylor given by her husband, David T. Taylor

Martha (Cunningham) Taylor and Warren Leach Taylor given by their son, David T. Taylor

William and Jean Andrews, Charles and Ruth Nowak and Richard Falcon given by John and Lucy Nowak

Martha Porcaro given by the Porcaro Family

Jesse given by his mother and brother

Arnold, Joan and Arn given by their beloved Son and Brother

### **In Thanksgiving for the Blessing of.....**

Michael Delorme, Jennifer Crowley given by Richard and Susan Delorme

Our family and friends given by Randy and Carolyn Schmidt

John Kremer given by Naomi Kremer

Our family and friends given by Laurie Sanchez

My family given by Sharon Foust

Rosalyn Pope given by Peter and Nancy Pope

My children Mark and Kimberley and their children, Christopher and Margaret, Jason, Victoria, Nicholas, Joshua and Emmaus

Ohana given by Beth Ann Carrigan

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to  
Christ's Love

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