# St. Peter's Episcopal Church 10:00 a.m. April 1, 2018

## Easter Day ~ The Resurrection of Our Lord

Preludes:"3<sup>rd</sup> Livre Dialogue" (L. Marchand), "Die Bänkel sängel Lieder" (ed. R. King)
Opening Hymn #207 "Jesus Christ is risen today"

Easter Hymn

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is Risen

People: The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia

Glory to God #S-280 (Powell)



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 forever. *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."

### Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

- 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 Second Lesson: 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.

Sequence Hymn: Polish Easter Carol (choir anthem)

## The Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

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.

Homily

The Reverend Ronald Kolanowski

## The Service of Holy Baptism

Sponsor I present Thomas Richardson & Sarah Jane to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces

of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world

which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you

from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your

power to support *Tom and Sarah* in *their* life in Christ?

People: We will

**The Baptismal Covenant** 

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 the 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.

## **Prayers for the Candidates**

Celebrant: Let us now pray for *Tom and Sarah* who *are* to receive the Sacrament of

new birth.

Deliver **Tom and Sarah**, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord. Hear our prayer

Celebrant: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: Lord. Hear our prayer

Celebrant: Fill **Tom and Sarah** with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord. Hear our prayer

Celebrant: Keep *Tom & Sarah* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord. Hear our prayer

Celebrant: Teach *Tom and Sarah* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord. Hear our prayer

Celebrant: Send *Tom and Sarah* into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord. Hear our prayer

Celebrant: Bring *Tom and Sarah* to the fullness of your peace and glory

People: Lord. Hear our prayer

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death

of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his

resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who

lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

## Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage

in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus

received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy

Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

**Thomas Richardson; Sarah Jane** I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

Let us pray together.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*.

Thomas Richardson; Sarah Jane you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen*.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

#### The Peace

Offertory: Drumming Offering with Carla Pomprowicz and Master Drummer Bolokada Conde Offertory Hymn: #180 "He is Risen"

Unser Herrscher

**Eucharistic Prayer D** 

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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.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever..... Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing





We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures....Recalling

Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All: We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ....Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

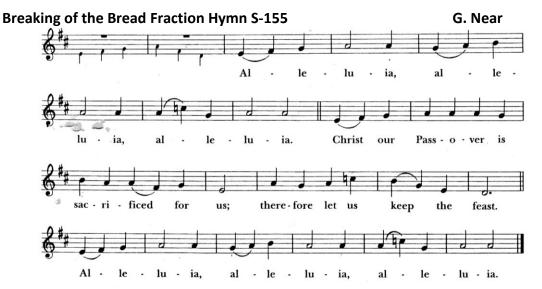
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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 Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion

The Episcopal Church welcomes all worshippers, regardless of age or denomination, to join us at the altar rail for communion. If you choose not to receive the Sacrament, we invite you to come forward at the time of Communion to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come to the Communion rail, please inform the usher and Communion will be brought to you at your pew. Note for persons with allergies or medical conditions: gluten-free wafers (also free of wheat, casein, dairy, nut, egg, yeast and soy) are available from the priest on request.

Communion music: "Ricercare XIII" (Froberger), "Wir glauben all an eien Gott" (Bach) Post-Communion Prayer

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All: 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 up from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be untied with Christ forever. **Amen** 

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and 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 for ever. **Amen.** 

Recessional Hymn: #200 "Come Ye faithful" Gaudeamus pariter

Dismissal

Postludes: "Christ is Risen Today" (arr. By Jack Gale)

Today we are delighted to welcome "Quintebrass" who are sharing their talents with us:

Jim Corcoran John Ferrante Briant Marsh Peter Morse Ed Pitkin

