

# Easter Sunday



St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Glenside, Pennsylvania  
April 20, 2025  
10 a.m.

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*

## Gathering in Joy

**Prelude: Easter Hymn - Mascagni**

Jeffrey R. Fountain  
Trumpeter

**Processional Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982*, #207 **Jesus Christ Is Risen Again****

**The Opening Acclamation** (*Said three times*)

**BCP 355**

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Gloria: With One Voice, #607 Glory To God**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

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.**

### Listening for God's Word

**The First 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.**

**Psalm 118:14-24** (*Please use the Book of Common Prayer*)

**BCP 761**

**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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn:** *The Hymnal 1982, #199 Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain. Vs 2,3,4*

**The Gospel Reading - Luke 24:1-12**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*Response:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Barbara Ballenger

**Bell Anthem: Easter Joy—John Behnke**

St. Peter's Bells

## 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.

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

**People: I do.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider: 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.**

Presider: 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.**

Presider: 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.**

Presider: 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.**

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

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

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

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

## **The Sprinkling Rite**

*The congregation is blessed with holy water from the font in recollection of our rebirth and renewal in baptism.*

## **Prayers of the People, Form I**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

*The Presider concludes with this prayer:*

Loving God, we offer you our prayers, some in words, others written in our hearts. Break open our hearts, hear our prayers and continue to give us your light, Christ Jesus, this day and forever. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **Celebrating Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory**

*We offer to God gifts of bread and wine as fruits of our labor and the gift of money representing our lives offered for God's service. As is our tradition at St. Peter's, a portion of the Easter offering supports our parish's ministries and a portion supports a ministry beyond the walls of our church. This year we are supporting the Good Friday offering, which supports ministry to the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.*

**Offertory Anthem: Rejoice! The Lord Has Risen - Wagner**

St. Peter's Choir

**The Presentation Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982, #208 The Strife is O'er vs. 1,2,4,5***

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Enriching Our Worship Prayer 3*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed

the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**Sanctus:** The Hymnal 1982, #S125 **Holy, Holy, Holy**

*The Presider continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Presider and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Presider continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with Peter, Philip, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

*Elevation:*

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer** (*Contemporary language*)

**BCP 364**

**Our Father in heaven,**

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial,**

and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power,**

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Presider:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

**Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God**

*The Presider continues*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **The Communion of the People**

**Communion Music: I Know That My Redeemer Liveth - Handel**

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*Presider and people together*

**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.**

## *Sending Forth*

### **The Easter Blessing**

May the Divine One who has redeemed us and made us God's 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 for ever. **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.**

**Closing Hymn: The Hymnal 1982, #175 Hail Thee, Festival Day**

### **The Dismissal**

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**



**Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth!  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,  
and of His Christ.**

**And He shall reign forever and ever, King of kings, and Lord of lords!  
Hallelujah!**

**Postlude: March in F - G. F. Handel**

Jeffrey R. Fountain, Trumpeter

### **Worship Ministers**

**Presider & Preacher:** *The Rev. Barbara Ballenger*

**Deacon:** *The Rev. Bob Smith*

**Acolytes:** *Jerry Moore, Teresa Mignogno, Alex Stevers-Radke*

**Lectors:** *Stephanie Gill, Joani Harkinson*

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**Eucharistic Ministers:** *Audrey Kipphut, Amy Michener-Wall*

**Ushers:** *Peter Gottemoller, Dave Kipphut, Keirstin Sibley, Linda Toia*

**Vestry Steward:** *John Olson*

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## Upcoming Events

- **Easter Blessings to all! Please join us in the parish hall following morning worship for a brunch and in the courtyard for an easter egg hunt.**
- **Visitors, please fill out a welcome card to stay connected.** *See an usher for information.*
- **Containers of soup and local honey will be available for a free will donation following morning worship.**
- **A Special Thank You** is extended to all our incredible staff who have worked throughout this week, including our musical directors. Thank you to our Bell Choir and Choir members, to Jeffrey Fountain, our trumpeter, and to all worship ministers who helped create such a meaningful week for us all. We thank all those who volunteered their time to help prepare for Holy Week liturgies and fellowship activities. We thank our kitchen coordinators who have provided delicious and nourishing meals for the parish. Finally, we are especially grateful for the work of our Tech team, who have continued to serve and remain available to our digital community.
- **Annual Spring Rummage Sale:** Begin dropping off your donations on Sunday, April 27. See sale dates and times on the St. Peter's website.
- **Easter Offering:** It is our tradition that a portion of our Easter offering is given to a ministry beyond our walls. This year we are supporting the Good Friday offering, which supports ministry to the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Scan the QR below to donate today!



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to the Glory of God and

in loving memory of:

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