



Holy Trinity Church
446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550
A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

Easter Day

April 4, 2021

9:30 a.m. choral service

The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher

Anne Bouvier-Monroe, Organist

Josh Spooner, Reader

Joe DiSalvatore – Clarinet; Susan Howland - Harp

The Vigil Light is given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Emeline and George Watson.

Prelude: “Welcome, Happy Morning!” *Tune: Fortunatus*

Introit: “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord” *Tune: Alleluia No.1 - Susan Howland*

Processional Hymn #194

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now can no longer, death, appall us; Jesus lives!

By this we know thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us. Alleluia!

**Jesus lives! For us he died; then, alone to Jesus living, pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Savior giving. Alleluia!**

Liturgy of the Word of God

Rings Bells

Acclamation for the Day of Resurrection

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria #179

Words: John Ellerton; Music: Arthur Seymour Sullivan

“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say; hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!

Lo! The dead is living, God for ever more! Him their true Creator, all his works adore!

Refrain: Welcome , happy morning! Age to age shall say.

**Earth her joy confesses, clothing her for spring, all fresh gifts returned with her returning King;
bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough, speak his sorrow ended, hail his triumph now.**

Refrain: Welcome , happy morning! Age to age shall say.

Collect of the Day (said by all)

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

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 **People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm: Hymnal #204

**Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that spring-eth green.**

**In the grave they laid him, love whom hate had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that spring-eth green.**

Second 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 **People: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation:



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.

Celebrant : The Gospel of the Lord **People: Praise to you Lord Christ**

Sermon

The Rev. Richard Signore

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP, p. 292

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?

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.**

People

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?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,**

the communion of saints,

People

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.**

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

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, III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Prayer for the Parish

O everlasting source of love, in whom our faith resides, guide us surely ever forward on our lifelong journey. Not so fast that we miss the beauty that surrounds us on the way, nor miss your grace so freely given that teaches us how to grow. But with a steady presence felt and a sense of gratitude may we find our place amidst the jungle of life within the kingdom of heaven on earth. Amen

The Exchange of the peace

Liturgy of Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: *“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!” O Filii Et Filiae, 15th Cent. French Melody*

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 #S125

**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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

**And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this
bread and this wine.**

**We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon
these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of
Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your
Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him,
being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time,
put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to**

that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

And our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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: WLP #875 Be Known to Us

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.
Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
One body we are, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.
Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Communion #335 I Am the Bread of Life – *Joe DiSalvatore, Clarinet*

Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (*St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787*)

The Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Recessional Hymn #199 Come ye faithful

Come ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness;

Loosed from Pharoah's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.
'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

* **Dismissal**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *"Triumphantly Risen!" -R Anderson*

FLOWERING THE EASTER CROSS

After the Easter service is over, the flowered cross will be moved outside to the sidewalk leading to the sanctuary. There will be a table or bucket with fresh carnations. Each individual or family can come to the table and select a flower and add it to the cross. You are also welcome to bring your own flowers if you prefer. As always, masks and social distancing will be expected to ensure everyone's safety. Lynn Garland will be present until noon to assist with any questions or concerns.

If it is raining, we will flower the cross inside the foyer to the parish hall. People can enter by the parish hall and leave through the sanctuary doors.



THANK YOU FOR THE BEAUTIFUL EASTER FLOWERS!

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson.

In loving memory of the Yates and Parrettie families.

In loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Story.

In loving memory of William & Barbara Meservey, given by W. Roger Meservey.

In loving memory of Mabel & John C. Dirlam, Stella & Elias Peters, and Josephine & R. Clifford McKinstry
given by Maria & John B. Dirlam.

In loving memory of Mary & Henry Canty, Walter & Tammy Lundquist, Bryce Petrunia
given by Brian Canty.

In thanksgiving for the blessing of the parish of Holy Trinity Church
given by Brian Canty.

In loving memory of Albert, Evelyn, Paul, Steve, Ralph & Cathy, and Bruce
given by the Bouvier-Monroe family.

In loving memory of Richard Mosher, Sr. and Richard Mosher, Jr.
given by June Mosher, wife and mother.

In loving memory of Edward E. Frost, Jr., Edward E. Frost, Sr., Anne Frost, Frederick Polhemus,
Elizabeth Polhemus Gulick, and Wilson Gulick
given by Jean O. Frost.