



Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

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*A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western
Massachusetts*

The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Day

March 31, 2024

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Judith Lee, *Celebrant & Preacher*

Anne Bouvier-Monroe, *Organist*

John Grant, *Eucharistic Minister*

Madisynn Segarra & Colleen DeMings, Readers

Jack Burns, Teddy DeMings, Jones Reith-Lowery

Acolytes

Prelude *Resurrection*

Lani Smith

Introit [instrumental] *Triumphantly Risen*

Ross

Processional Hymn *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Hymnal #207

Flowering the Cross

Salutation Alleluia! Christ is Risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia**

Song of Praise *Jesus is Lord*

Hymnal #178

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 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 forever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson: A Reading from the Prophet 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino in unison)*

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: A Reading from the Book of 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**

Sequence Hymn *Alleluia* *Alleluia Alleluia* **WLP #848**

**The Holy Gospel According to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to John
[20:1-18]**

Glory to you, O 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.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Judith Lee

Sermon Hymn

This is the Day

Insert

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP, 304

The Prayers of the People

With thanksgiving for the gift of new life, and in hope that our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection.

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of the Good News, and in hope that the church may find new life in the joyful mystery of the resurrection,

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of this community of Holy Trinity, in hope that God may continue to renew us in his love and guide us in our new ministry.

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the opportunity for leisure and travel, and in hope that he may watch over and protect all who are traveling, and comfort those who have nowhere to go.

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the abundance we enjoy with our families and friends, and in hope that he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter.

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for our health and in hope that he may reveal the light of his presence to comfort and strengthen those who are weak in body and soul, especially those we name silently or aloud
Pause

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of eternal life, and in hope that he may enfold in his joyful presence those who have died, especially those we now name, silently or aloud,

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of faith, and in hope that God may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

Let us say together:

O God, worker of wonders, you made this day for joy and gladness. Let the risen Lord abide with us always, set our hearts on fire, and open our eyes, so that we may be bewildered by grace and see him at this table, the Christ now entered into glory, firstborn from the dead. Amen.

Prayer for the Parish

O wondrous light of the world, we welcome you with joy this and every morning. Your love and compassion know no limits. Through the mystery of your grace, your light, like a good shepherd, guides our way, even in our darkest hours. Give us the strength and courage to share your light, love and compassion with those we meet on our journey. And may your light shine so brightly in our lives that it is visible to anyone who sees us. All this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Peace

Sharing "God Moments"

Announcements

Offertory Anthem *Run to the Garden* Words: Roger Thornhill

Music: Brad Nix
H#380 vs. 3

Presentation Hymn *Doxology*

The Liturgy of the Table

Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP, 372

Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy*

#S-129

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, 364

Fraction Anthem *Christ our Passover*

S#154

Communion Music *O Filii et Filiae* 15th Century Melody

Setting by Larkin
Hymnal #208

Communion Hymn *Alleluia! The strife is o'er*

Prayer of Thanksgiving *in unison*

O Christ, you are risen with the sun; you are light in our darkness. May we find our true place in your living Body. May the new covenant through us bring healing and reconciliation to this

wounded world. Alleluia! You are risen. We are risen with you. Praise and glory to the living God. Amen.

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 us into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in our 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 forever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn *The Day of Resurrection*

Hymnal #210

Dismissal

Postlude: *Rejoice! The Lord is King*

Rutter

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Announcements

Many thanks to everyone who made possible the joy and beauty of today's Easter celebration. Special envelopes for your Easter offering are available in the back of the church.

The April Tidings was sent out last week. Please see the Ushers or the Wardens if you have not received your copy.

Mission Plate for April: Meals on Wheels of America

Food Pantry for April will go Wales Community Food Pantry. Please bring canned meat or your favorite nonperishable food.

Next Sunday April 7th – We will celebrate the admission of two new members of Daughters of the King: Rose Reith and Traci Stuart. Our service will begin at **9:30 a.m.**, followed by a special coffee hour.

Sunday April 14th – Pastor Dan's first Sunday. The service will begin at **11 am**, followed by a special coffee hour to welcome Pastor Dan

Sunday April 21st – We will observe Earth Day with special prayers and music

Saturday April 27th – 6-8 pm International Dinner & Cabaret