

On this day the Lord has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Easter Sunday  
April 21, 2019, 10:30 am

Psalm 118:24

## The Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament

We worship today according to the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, beginning on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer, together with the supplemental The Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament. Congregational responses are in **boldface type**.

### The Word of God

Hymn: *Hail Thee, Festival Day!*.....175

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.

*Glory to God*.....S 280

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 for ever. **Amen.**

### The Lessons (*we sit*)

The Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 65:17-25

I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it  
an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain,  
or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--  
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

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 New Testament 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."

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Hymn: *He Is Risen, He Is Risen! (we stand)*.....180

#### The Gospel – John 20:1-18

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, Lord 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.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

#### Sermon

The Rev. Andrea Peacock

#### The Nicene Creed (*we stand*)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People (Form III, page 387 BCP)  
*(We stand or kneel.)*

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.

*Silence*

Here in our parish, we pray for **Brian** Hudson, **Jere** Van Etten, **Greg** Dubay, **Barbara** Trogdon, **Laura** and **Russell** Foss, **John** Haynie, **Andy** Stricker, **Mike** Oniffrey, **Rachel** Meeks, **Micah** Hart, **Dennis** Harper, **David** Hodges, **Dwight** and **Barbara** Garnett, **Charlie** Hayes, and the others whose names we call.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

## The Offertory

Hymn: *Come Away To the Skies*.....213

Doxology *(We will use the tune of Hymn 400 – All Creatures Of Our God and King)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**  
**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**  
**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament

We believe that in the Holy Eucharist, the elements of bread and wine are not mere signs, but that Christ himself is really present. In fellowship with the whole Church of God, with all who have been brought together by the Holy Spirit to worship on this day, and who have celebrated the Eucharist, let us rejoice that we are called to be part of the body of Christ.

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

Let us pray.

We give thanks to you, O God, for all things good and beneficial to our bodies and souls; for the Body and Blood of Christ, set here before us; that you have brought us together in this place; that your eternal word was made flesh for us; for Christ's life and ministry, death and resurrection; that you fill our lives with grace and grant us the gift of the Holy Spirit; and that through this Sacrament you grant us a pledge of our eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And now, let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us,

**Our Father, who are 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.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.  
*The Deacon receives the Sacrament in both kinds, and then distributes it to the servers and to us.*

Communion Hymn: *Alleluia, Alleluia*.....178

*After Communion, the Deacon leads the post Communion prayer:*

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 Lord bless us and keep us.  
The Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace:  
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (we stand).....207

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

Immediately after the service, we will gather on the main steps for a church photo. Then we will head to the Little House for pot-luck lunch together.

Next Sunday at 9:30 am in the Little House, Lee and Amanda Borden will begin a four-week study of the book *Mere Christianity* by CS Lewis. They encourage all to obtain a copy of this book for study.

<b>Serving at Epiphany this week:</b> Ushers: Kay and Mike Dickey Altar Guild: Lavonne Hart Lay Reader: Maurice McCord Lay Eucharistic Minister: Lavonne Hart Refreshments: Pam and Jere Van Etten	<b>And next:</b> Ushers: John and Kathy Haynie Altar Guild: Lee Borden Lay Reader: Mike Rallo Officiant: Maurice McCord Refreshments: Betty Weldon
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