

ST PAUL'S ELKINS PARK

An Inclusive Multicultural Episcopal Church



*Easter Sunday
The Lord is Risen*

April 4, 2021

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*St. Paul's Episcopal Church is a multi-cultural community of faith
with members from all over the world.*

*We welcome all at the Holy Table in our church,
without exception, wherever you are in your spiritual journey.*

*We are a very interesting and articulate group of people
who want to grow in the Spirit, and who seek to follow Christ's path
of compassion and service.*

We'd love to get to know you!

Please feel free to join us for Sunday worship.

You will be most welcome!

Sunday Service

10:00 AM ZOOM Family Communion

Contemporary worship with ancient depth, with all kinds of music.

Tuesday Service

10:00 AM ZOOM Spoken Morning Prayer

Start your day with beauty and devotion with this 15-minute service.

Cover: *Auferstehung Christi* by Meister von Meiskirch c. 1500 -1543

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Shawn Roth, Tenor, Guest Artist, Academy of Vocal Arts
Brian Kuszyk, trumpet, Guest Artist, Academy of Vocal Arts

The Holy Eucharist

The Word of God

Prelude

Simple Gifts

arranged by S. Heather

Brian Kuszyk, trumpet

Greeting

Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today

Blue Hymnal #207

Join our soloists and sing along at home!

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pain which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!
Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Opening Sentence

The Priest says: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Hymn of Praise and Glory (*Gloria*)

Blessed Assurance

Lift Every Voice #219

Join our soloists and sing along at home!

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine

Heir of salvation, purchase of God

born of His spirit, washed in His blood

[Refrain]

This is my story, this is my song

Praising my Savior all the day long

This is my story, this is my song

Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, perfect delight

Visions of rapture now burst on my sight

Angels descending, looking above

Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

[Refrain]

Perfect submission, all is at rest,

I in my savior am happy and blessed

Watching and waiting, looking above,

Filled with His goodness, lost in his love.

[Refrain]

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O God, who made this most holy day to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through

Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lesson from Hebrew Scriptures

A reading from the Book of 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth (Elijah) by Felix Mendelssohn

Shawn Roth, tenor

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *

“His mercy endures for ever.”

The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *

the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”

I shall not die, but live, *

and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
“This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter.”
I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the LORD'S doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Anthem

Alleluia (Exultate Jubilate)

by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Tessika McClendon, soprano

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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

*Through the Red sea brought at last
Join our soloists and sing along at home!*

Blue Hymnal #187

Through the Red Sea brought at last, alleluia!
Egypt's chains behind we cast, alleluia!
Deep and wide flows the tide
severing us from bondage past, alleluia!

Like the cloud that overhead, alleluia!
through the billows Israel led, alleluia!
By his tomb Christ makes room,
souls restoring from the dead, alleluia!

In that cloud and in that sea, alleluia!
Buried and baptized were we, alleluia!
Earthly night brought us light,
which is ours eternally, alleluia!

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark 16:1-8

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Paul DeWitt Reid

The Affirmation of Faith (*Creed*)

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us.

You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.

You came to us before we came to you.

You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.

You are with us now.

You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcame death.

You are God. We worship you.

Taken from the New Zealand Prayerbook

Anthem

In Christ Alone

by Stuart Townsend and Keith Getty

Shango-Jamal Lewis, baritone

The Prayers at the Empty Tomb

Reader

God of all Life, Sacred One whose reality encompasses both life and death; we stand in awe at the gift of life and your promise that no Calvary can ever extinguish your loving purposes.

Roll away the stone, and let us see Christ risen.

Risen Jesus, divine yet always human, crucified yet always alive, Alpha and Omega; your faithful trust in God's call and God's love has opened for us a new way into the very heart of God.

Roll away the stone, and let us see Christ risen.

Sacred Spirit of all Life, you hovered over the waters of creation and embraced the cold tomb with the warmth of your unquenchable energy; move afresh in our lives.

Roll away the stone, and let us see Christ risen.

On this festival of the resurrection we pray for God's people throughout the world, and especially those living under great difficulty in Africa, Haiti, and the Holy Land and throughout the Middle East.

Roll away the stone, and let us see Christ risen.

Through these great Fifty Days of Easter raise up and renew your Church, and especially the Episcopal Church in this land. Bless our bishops, priests, deacons and faithful people in each diocese.

Roll away the stone, and let us see Christ risen.

In our shared life as a nation and as a community, help us to be Easter people; proclaiming in word and action the good news of your New World Order in which the last are placed first, the powerful are cast down and the rich are sent away empty.

Roll away the stone, and let us see Christ risen.

We bring to you all those who need an Easter experience in their lives and their circumstances at this time.

Name those in need of our prayers, either silently or aloud..

Raise them up, restore and heal them, good Lord.

Roll away the stone, and let us see Christ risen.

We claim our place in the great company of your Easter people joining in the hymn of praise that crosses time and goes beyond all time.

Please pray for those who have died, either silently or aloud.

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.** ©2006 Greg Jenks

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

	The peace of Christ be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

Words of Welcome and Announcements

The Offertory Anthem

This Joyful Eastertide Dutch Hymn (1685) arranged by William H. Harris
Ensemble

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee

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 our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your
blessing and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.
Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus **The Blue Hymnal #S130**

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.

Then the Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, let us join hands as we 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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People

*We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.*

Agnus Dei

Blue Hymnal #S164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Invitation

The Celebrant invites the People with the following words

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
All are welcome at the Lord's table.

Communion Anthem

A Simple Song (Mass)

by Leonard Bernstein

Anne Marie Stanley, mezzo-soprano

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever

in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

The Priest blesses the people.

God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always. *Amen. (source: Celtic)*

Closing Hymn

He is risen, he is risen

Join our soloists and sing along at home!

He is risen, He is risen!
Tell it with a joyful voice.
He has burst his three days' prison;
Let the whole wide earth rejoice.
Death is conquered, we are free;
Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful hearted,
With glad smile and radiant brow.
Death's dark shadows have departed,
Jesus' woes are over now;
And the passion that he bore,
Sin and pain can vex no more.

Come with high and holy hymning;
Hail our Lord's triumphant day.
Not one darksome cloud is dimming
Yonder glorious morning ray
Breaking o'er the purple east,
Symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, He is risen!
He hath opened heaven's gate.
We are free from sin's dark prison,
Risen to a holier state;
And a brighter Easter beam
On our longing eyes shall stream.

Blue Hymnal #180

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Te Deum

by Marc Antoine Charpentier

Brian Kuszyk, trumpet

View and hear this Easter service any time at:

<https://vimeo.com/531285702>

Listen with your best headphones or speakers!

(You'll be glad you did!)

You are warmly welcome to Join our ZOOM Virtual Coffee Hour following this service at 11:30am, Easter Morning, 2021

Join Virtual Coffee Hour(11:30am, 2021):

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Hymn (After Coffee Hour)

God Be With You

Lift Every Voice #234

Join our soloist and sing along at home!

God be with you, God be with you, God be with you,

Until we meet again (*Repeats*)

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