

ST. GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Learning and Doing the Work of Jesus"

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EASTER SUNDAY - April 21, 2019

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:30 AM

Organ Prelude - "This Joyful Eastertide"

John Ferguson

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Processional Hymn - #207 "Jesus Christ is risen today" (*hymnal; stand; all sing*) *Easter Hymn*

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

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

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Gloria - S280 (*front part of hymnal; stand; all sing*)

Robert Powell

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect

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.*

A PRAYER FOR TIMES OF CHANGE (*said by ALL*)

Assist us, Lord, in living hopefully into the future. In the face of change, help us to set unnecessary fears aside and to recognize our potential for creative response. Help us to develop a reasonable optimism when confronted by "the new" and to guard against our own

defensiveness. Be with us as we remember and celebrate former times, and keep us from unreasonable yearning for them, which takes us from the work you have set before us in our time. All this we ask in the name of your Child, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

From "Women's Uncommon Prayer", The Rev. Linda C. Smith-Criddle

The Lessons

The First Lesson - ACTS 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "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."

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 Second Lesson - 1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26 *(please sit)*

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.

Sequence Hymn - #199 "Come ye faithful raise the strain" vs. 1, 2 *(stand; all sing)* St. Kevin

The Gospel - JOHN 20:1-18

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: *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.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sequence Hymn - #199 "Come ye faithful, raise the strain" vs 3, 4 *(stand; all sing)* St. Kevin

The Sermon - The Rev. Nancy Packard, Interim Vicar

The Nicene Creed *(Stand, said by all)*

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.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: On this day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad as we pray to the God who raised Jesus from the dead, saying, *Alleluia! Lord hear our prayer.* For the Church, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our Bishop, Emmanuel

Bishop of Kajo-Keji, Rev. Nancy, Deacon Sally, Russ McClellan Mission Developer & Pastor Tom Scornavacchi of Hopewell Love, Common Ground Recovery Community, Good Shepherd Learning Center, St. Matthew's Society, clergy and people of St. Margaret's, Emmaus, clergy & people of the Holy Land and peace in Jerusalem and Lubule Koiba Parish in Kajo-Keji; that we may be signs of Christ's light for all who have lived in darkness, of hope for all who know pain and suffering, and of love for all who have been rejected.

People Alleluia! Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: For this parish family, especially those on our Parish Cycle of Prayer and those gathered to eat and drink with the Risen Lord, that we may be strong in faith, confident in hope, and abounding with love for God and neighbor.

People: *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: For Rowan D. Larkin and all the newly baptized, that they may always keep the light of Christ burning in their lives.

People: *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: For all those serving in the military, the President and Vice-President, members of Congress and the Supreme Court and those who live in places of war, violence and unrest, that with all God's people they may live in freedom and safety.

People: *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: For all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, remembering especially Al & Sherry Carrigan and those on our prayer lists; that they may encounter the Risen Lord who brings hope and healing.

People: *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: For those who have died, remembering especially Father Cal & Pam Adams, Hilary Missimer, June & Arthur R. Heist, Jr. and those in whose names the memorials and flowers have been given; that they may live forever with Christ in the glory of the resurrection.

People Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light, hear the prayers we offer in the hope of eternal glory, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live forever in the joy of the resurrection. Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. **AMEN.**

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Anthem - "With a Voice of Singing" (*sung by choir*)

Shaw/arr. Carpenter

Presentation Hymn - #208 "The strife is o'er" (*sung by all*)

Victory

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus - S129 (*front part of hymnal, all sing*)

R. Powell

The Celebrant continues:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People *We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant 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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Fraction Anthem S 163 (*front part of hymnal, all sing*)

Robert Powell

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

(All are welcome to receive communion at St. Gabriel's. Drink from the common cup, or dip your bread in the chalice as it is offered to you. If you wish no wine, fold your arms across your chest after eating the bread. To receive a blessing only, we invite you to cross your arms as the person with the bread approaches you.)

Communion Hymn -“ Easter Hallelujah” (*sung by Phoebe Kelleher*) L.Cohen & K. Mooney

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People (stand)

Almighty and everliving God,
We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the people

Easter 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 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-#182 “Christ is alive!” (*hymnal, stand, all sing*)

Truro

The Dismissal - *The people are dismissed with these words:*

Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Organ Postlude - “Carillon on ‘The Strife is O’er’”

Charles Callahan

We thank Sandra Sittler, organist, for her gift of music this Easter morning!

→ ANNOUNCEMENTS ←

RESERVE YOUR SPOT! The Women's Retreat at peaceful Mariawald will be May 17-19 focusing on "Life is a Pilgrimage" led by spiritual director Diane Ross. Cost is \$175/private rm. or \$165/shared rm. From Friday eve to Sunday after lunch, enjoy a time of spiritual renewal and fellowship. A \$50 deposit to Sally Heist will hold your place. Bring a friend, this is not limited to Parish only! See the March *MESSENGER* for more details.

THE NEXT BLOOD DRIVE will be held in Adams Hall on May 5th from 9AM-1PM. There is a sign-up sheet in the bell tower. Your donation can save THREE lives! Please put this date on your calendar and donate if you can!

BINGO IS COMING BACK! Since last month's Bingo was such a success, we have added another for Sunday April 28th! We will need items for the raffle baskets & be sure to reserve your tickets NOW! We were sold out last month and had to turn people away. Contact Anna Miller 610-970-8911 or annamiller@verizon.net

COLLECTING UMBRELLAS Dylan Troncelliti is collecting umbrellas for local kids in Pottstown that walk to school every day. His friend Clare (from First United Methodist Church, Pottstown) is a crossing guard who sees numerous children walking to school in the rain. He would like to collect umbrellas through Sunday, May 19th and is looking for small compact umbrellas that any kid could carry. We cannot accept large –golf umbrella sized – for safety purposes. There is a bin in the hallway for drop off. Your help is greatly appreciated!

LAUNDRY LOVE just completed its 7th outreach event in April. This program is held the 3rd Tuesday of each month. There are numerous ways to help with this outreach program. Look for our article in the Messenger in May to see what Laundry Love is, What our goals are and How you can Help! Please feel free to contact Russ McClellan (610-451-4966) russ@cgrcommunity.org or Danielle Troncelliti (610-960-8844) dtroncelliti@gmail.com to find out ways to help!

THEY'RE BACK! Beautiful crafts from Africa return next week for a limited time. Just in time for Mothers' Day shopping!! Check it out!

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PARISH FAMILY & FRIENDS IN NEED OF PRAYER- 30 DAY LIST Helen Baker; Al & Sherry Carrigan; Michael DeVito; Carole Graham; Beth Heinz; Chelsea Hinkle; Tom Ivens; the Kammerdeinner family; family of Bill McCrudden; Natalia; Suzanne Seibert.

IN THE MILITARY: Jacob Bennett; Kyle Connor; Connor Cooper; Nick English; Zach English; Vince Frasure; Adrienne Hunt; Jacoby Kellog; Jason Killian; Jeff Lydic; Ben Martin; James Martin; Shannon McCorkle; Ross Morrison; Matthew Pawlik; Jason Robbins; Ben Skean; Daniel E. Vroman.

LONG TERM: Mary Jane Amoroso; Joan Andres; Telisha Baker; Ray & Pat Bailey; George Bartalsky Jr.; Mary Bartalsky; Bobbie; Sy Boone; Kathy Borneman; Christopher Browne; Carol & Carl Burkhart; Erica Burns; Caroline Coyne; Margaret Crummy; Danny; Jed Dean; Joe DeMayo & family; Sandy Douros; Kathryn Ellwanger; Rick Embelton; Mark Endy; Natasha Ewa; Tina Fanjoy; Kathleen & Mary Flannigan; Nancy Flohr; Jim G.; Gail; Thomas Gentile; Elizabeth George; Tracy Germano; Mary Gorham; Bob Green & family; Jeffrey &

Ayla Gummel; Matthew Hall; LuAnn Hanley; Theresa & Christine Hawkins; Trevor Heinrich & family; Carroll Hine; Lynn Jackson; Don Jacobs; Jeanne M.; Debby Khateeb; Betty Koppany; Liz Landes; Linda; Raziel Liriano; Lorraine S.; Charlie Mandrachia; Marcie; Bernadette Massaro; Maureen; John Mazzoni; Lorraine McCorkle; the McKeon family; Safaa Mohammed; Rosann Mosteller; Dr. Robert Mrtek; Nancy H.; Frank Owsiany; Louise Parsons; Patti; Elliot Phillips & family; Rosemary Pollock; Ember Poppeti; Molly Price; Amy Reed; Troy Richie & family; Guiellianna Riegel; Bill Roberts; Eric Roda; James Rooks; Rose; April Rosenbaum; Ernie Runge, Jr.; Russell family; Romy L. Schaeffer; Carissa Scheid; Jonah Schmidt; Cathi Schroeder; James, Rita, & Hope Sewell; Kristen & Jon Simchick; Richard Skaar; Tom Spangler; Sharron Specht; Rita Starkey; Heather Stefanik; Chris Stewart; Blair Stockton; Kathleen Sweeny; Mary Lou Tate; Caroline Terrell; Rich Vila; Jack & Mary Vondwinglow; Ed Wanish; Christine Wesoloski; Judy Wink; Tony Yanos; the York family.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR Staff, Youth, Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Bethlehem; Hopewell Love; Common Ground Recovery Community, Mission Developer Russ McClellan, Pastor Tom Scornavacchi; Good Shepherd Learning Center.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are sponsored in thanksgiving for and in memory of Father Cal & Pam Adams.

THE BULLETIN IS SPONSORED by Charles & Margaret Crummy in memory of Margaret's brother, Hilary Missimer.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is given by the Heist family in loving memory of June & Arthur R. Heist, Jr.

IN OUR PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER we pray for Christine Hall; Johanna Hall, Danielle & Matthew Gambino; Kim, David, Heather Lynn Hall; Pamela Hall.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER. we pray for the clergy and people of St. Margaret's, Emmaus & St. Matthew's Society.

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER we pray for peace in Jerusalem & for the people of the Holy Land .

WE PRAY FOR OUR COMPANIONSHIP DIOCESE OF KAJO-KEJI in South Sudan, Bishop Emmanuel Modi and the clergy and people of Lubule, Koiba Parish.

Did you know?..... Help is needed to beautify, weed, and maintain the flower beds at the front and side of the church. This is one of the first things seen when people pass our church, drive through or park in our lot, and walk into our front doors. If you are interested in helping with this important task, please let Sally Heist know.

† *Please remember the Church in your will.* †