

Saint Paul's Church

Brookfield, Connecticut

*Easter Sunday
April 1, 2018
7:30 A.M. Worship
Service*



*Preacher & Celebrant
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We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us! We pray you will know the presence of the Risen Christ as we worship together this Easter morning.

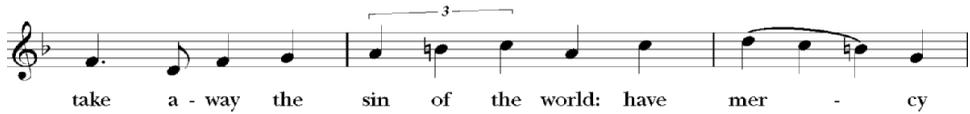
Prelude	“Jesus Stands Among Us in Thy Risen Power”	R. Lloyd
Opening Hymn	“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”	Hymnal, 207

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

Celebrant:
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.*

Gloria in Excelsis

Hymnal, S280



Collect of the Day (Celebrant and People)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

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.

First Lesson:

Reader: A reading from Acts. (10:34-43)

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *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.

Second Lesson:

Reader: A Reading from First Corinthians. (15:1-11)

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

“Alleluia, Alleluia” (Verses 1-2)

Hymnal, 178

The Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18 (Please Stand As Able)

Priest: 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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

“Alleluia, Alleluia” (Verses 3-4)

Hymnal, 178

The Sermon

The Reverend Joseph Shepley

The Nicene Creed (Please Stand As Able)

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 (You May Stand, Sit or Kneel)

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy Universal Church throughout the world;

That we all may be one. (Pause for prayer.)

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

That your Name may be glorified by all people. (Pause for prayer.)

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments. (Pause for prayer.)

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. (Pause for prayer.)

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

That our works may find favor in your sight. (Pause for prayer.)

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

That they may be delivered from their distress. (Pause for prayer.)

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; remembering especially those listed on the back of the bulletin, in whose loving memory the Easter flowers adorn the church.

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom. (Pause for prayer.)

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *(Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud).*

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin (Please Kneel)

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Priest and People.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Peace (Please Stand As Able)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory (Please Stand As Able)

“On Earth Has Dawned This Day of Days”

On earth has dawned this day of days,
Whereon the faithful give God praise!
For Christ is risen from the tomb,
And light and joy have conquered doom.

At early morn, with spices rare,
The women three assembled there,
All to anoint fair Mary's Son,
Who over death had victory won.

"Whom seek ye here?" the angel said;
"The Lord is risen from the dead;
See where he lay; let joy begin,
The tomb is empty; enter in!"

So let our songs to heaven wing,
The vault with alleluias ring,
In praise of Christ, our risen Lord;
New life to all he doth afford.

Words: Nikolaus Hermann (1480-1561); Music: Winchester New

Presentation

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Celebrant now offers a free-form prayer of consecration.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive in one kind is considered full communion. If you choose to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know as you kneel at the altar rail. For those who wish to intinct the Bread, by dipping it in the Wine rather than drinking directly from the Chalice, you may signify this choice by holding the consecrated Bread between your fingers. Please intinct the Bread in the small Chalice which will come before the larger Chalice.

Communion Hymn

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

Hymnal, 174

PostCommunion Prayer

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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn
Dismissal

“Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain“

Hymnal, 199

Lay Reader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Postlude

"Christ is Risen!"

J. K. F. Fischer

A Blessed Easter!

We are glad you joined us for worship today. The Clergy, Wardens, Vestry, and Staff of Saint Paul's Church extend to everyone a blessed Easter filled with the joy of His love and peace!

Calendar For The Week

(We welcome and encourage parishioners to come to any of these ministries.)

Sun., Apr. 1	-	Easter Sunday	
		7:30 AM	- Traditional Eucharist
		9:00 AM	- Traditional Eucharist
		10:30 AM	- Contemporary Eucharist
Mon., Apr. 2	-	10:00 AM	- Christian Caring
		7:00 PM	- Stephen Ministry
Tue., Apr. 3	-	9:15 AM	- Ladies' Bible Study
		5:45 PM	- Boot Camp
Wed., Apr. 4	-	10:00 AM	- Holy Eucharist and Healing
Thu., Apr. 5	-	7:30 PM	- Mission Committee
		7:30 PM	- Property Committee
		7:30 PM	- Music Night
Sat., Apr. 7	-	7:30 AM	- Men's Prayer Breakfast
		10:00 AM	- PraiseMoves

Next Sunday—Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.

The Reverend Joseph Shepley, Rector

Readings

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

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Easter Memorials 2018

The Easter flowers are given to the greater glory of God, and in loving memory of:

Patricia Abu-Suneima
Charles and Irene Allen
Keith James Allen
Lewis and Carol Allen
Baby Jessica
Francesca Barbieri
Niles W. Baxter
John N. Beck
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Helen Zytowski

