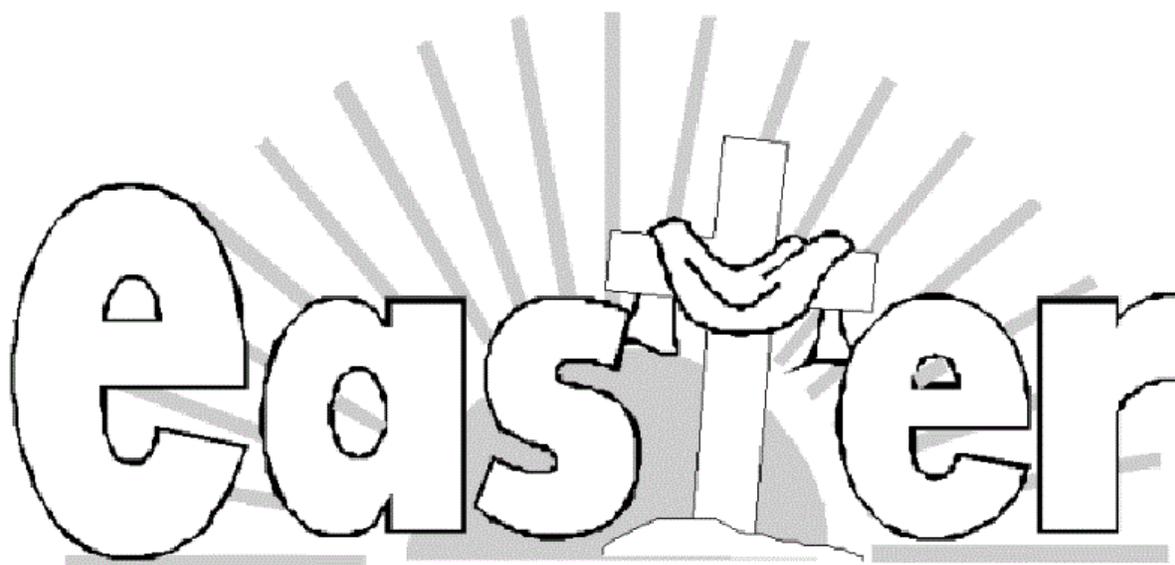


# ***The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day***

*16 April A.D. 2017 • 12:30 p.m.*

*A service especially for families with young children*



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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Hymnal 1982 #207

*Jesus Christ is risen today*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## The Opening Prayer

Let us love God with our hearts,  
**and our neighbors as ourselves.**  
Let us love God with our minds,  
**and our neighbors as ourselves.**  
Let us love God with our strength,  
**and our neighbors as ourselves.**

## Song Before the Gospel

*This is the Day*

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the

Lord hath made. We will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in

it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made.

We will re-joyce and be glad in it. This is the day,



The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [20:1-18]  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him." Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn't go in. Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying. Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Story**

(The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson

**After the story, we all sing, "AMEN"**

**A Creed (sing twice)**

**We believe in God the Creator  
We believe in Jesus the Son  
We believe in God, Holy Spirit,  
With us 'til our journey is done.**

## The Prayers

*After each prayer, say:*

God of Love.

*To which we all respond:*

**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant and People together:*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
risen from the tomb,  
your love is let loose in the world;  
let your love conquer my heart,  
that as your disciple  
I may continue to follow you for ever.  
Amen.

## The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.

*All greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Announcements

## Offertory

**Doxology: Sung to the tune of Hymnal 1982 400**

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!

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us,**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is good for us to always give thanks to you, Lord God, creator of heaven and earth. So we praise you, singing with all the angels of heaven this hymn to you:

*After the preface, all sing together: to the tune of Hymnal 1982 304*

**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. Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night before he died, Jesus gathered his friends together to share a meal. Before they ate, he lifted up the bread and wine to God and gave thanks. He thanked God for making the wheat for the bread and the grapes for the wine. After he gave thanks for the bread and the wine, Jesus took the bread and broke it into pieces—one piece for each of his friends.

Then Jesus gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this to remember me.” Jesus wanted his friends to remember him whenever they ate bread together.

Next Jesus shared the cup of wine with his friends. He said to them, “Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood shed for you. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.” Jesus also wanted his friends to remember him when they drank wine together.

That night at Jesus’ last meal before he died, he asked his friends to remember him. Today, we also remember Jesus as we share bread and wine together. We remember Jesus died on the cross and we also remember he rose from the grave.

We remember this mystery of faith: (*together*)

**Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

At dinner that night Jesus made a promise to his friends. He said, “I will never leave you alone. I will send God’s Holy Spirit to fill your hearts and your minds.” Jesus makes that same promise to us today. Jesus helps us and is with us in everything we do and everywhere we go.

So, today, we ask the Holy Spirit of God to touch this bread, this cup, and our own hearts so we may remember Jesus just as his friends did at that dinner long ago. Blessed Trinity, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, we give you praise and glory now and forever. AMEN.

*The prayer finishes with the Lord’s Prayer:*

**Our Father in heaven,  
holy is your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*Silence is kept as the priest breaks the bread*

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

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

*Administration of the Sacrament: All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Ascension. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. Eat the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you, or you may hold the bread and dip it into the wine when the cup is offered to you. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Make your need known to the Clergy by holding up three fingers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than receive communion, please join in the movement to the communion station and cross your arms over the front of your chest - this will alert the Clergy of your desire to be blessed.*

**Hymnal 1982 #325**

*Let us break bread together*

**Prayer after Communion**

We thank you, Lord, for this life.

We thank you for this holy food.

Strengthen us for your service.

And be with us always. *Amen.*

**The Blessing**

**Hymnal 1982 #180**

*He is risen*

**The Dismissal**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\* All readings are from the *Common English Bible*

# *Easter Altar Flower Gifts*



*The Easter Flowers are given/Las flores de pascua se dan:*

<b>In Honor of/En Honor de</b>	<b>Donor/Donante</b>
The Ruppel Family.....	Peggy Ruppel
Sheila Danner.....	Gerry Gil
Xochi & Xavier.....	Karyn Worthing
Victoria Nwankwo.....	Christian Nwankwo, Jr.
<b>In Loving Memory of/En Memoria de</b>	<b>Donor/Donante</b>
Ray Knight.....	Betty Knight
Russell Stoddard, Peg Stoddard, Jan King.....	Sari Stoddard
Christian Nwankwo, Sr.....	Christian Nwankwo, Jr.
Russell Allen.....	Danielle Allen
Billy Ball.....	Mary Waldron
David Evelyn.....	Megan Evelyn Didavi
Roy & Catherine Spangler, Ruth Oram-Smith, Julian Cohn.....	Don & Jean Cohn
Susan MacDonald.....	Carleton MacDonald
Graham Hartwell.....	Meg Mackert
Margaret Odunge.....	Gloria N. Nwankwo
Dorothy Chestnut.....	Laurie Chestnut
Robert Conley.....	Denise Lionetti
Mary Ahrens, Lori Ahrens.....	Peg Donnellon
Grey & Dick Froelich.....	Kathryn Froelich
Louella Watkins, Alfred Watkins.....	James Black
Mrs. Maud Hammond.....	Maud Hammond
Alphonso Bell.....	Melody Bell
William & Helen Bradfield.....	Elizabeth Lennon
Lois & Clifford Eddy, Lois & Joe Deffenbaugh.....	Phyllis & Joe Deffenbaugh
	Glenn J. Pfadenhauer, Alice & Charles Pfadenhauer, Loretta S. Mott, Helen & Edward Fors, C. Peter Thomas, Caryl & Raymond
Thomas, Sophie E. Dunbar.....	Dotty & Jerry Pfadenhauer
	Bryan Ernest FitzPatrick, John D. FitzPatrick, Jean FitzPatrick, Paul O. Andersen,
Ernestine L. Andersen.....	Kristin FitzPatrick
Mary Capar, Constantine Smiy, Horace T. Neal, Jane Neal.....	Ed & Helen Neal
Austin & Hannah Freeman, Major Clemens & Ellen Dean, Edith Freeman.....	Major & Hawa Clemens
	Clara Thomas, J. Chauncey Morris, Jr., Ramona Bright-Morris, Robert I.E. Bright,
Edith L. Bright.....	Enid Cole
Lincoln Perley IV, John & Lucile Cocumelli, Lincoln Perley III and Audrey Perley.....	The Perley Family
	Abraham & Nancy Kroma, Samuel Johnson, Sr., Samuel Johnson, Jr.,
Samuel Koenig.....	Abraham & Christine Kroma
Prince Langley, Sr., Prince Langley, Jr. Muriel Langley, Hilda Langley, Edna Macauley.....	Alexander Langley
	Christian Nweke Nwankwo, Chudume
	Anthony Nwankwo, Charles Omeadi Oguejiofor

*Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt following the service*

# *Leadership at Ascension*

## *Clergy*

*The Rev. Randy Lord-Wilkinson, Rector*  
*The Rev. Javier García Ocampo, Assistant to the Rector*  
*Jason Cutshall, Seminarian*

## *Musicians*

*Jerrold Tidwell, Minister of Music*  
*Howard Hanson, Musician, Service for Families with Small Children at 10:15 a.m.*  
*Samuel Munguia, Musician, Spanish Language Service at 11:00 a.m.*  
*Eric O'Loughlin, Musician, 5:00 p.m. Service*

## *Wardens*

*Betsy Hasegawa, Senior Warden*  
*Janet King, Junior Warden*

## *Vestry*

*2017: Denise Lionetti, Najma Stubblefield, Paul Whitmore*  
*2018: Avin Lalmansingh, Gary McLaughlin, Berenice Rodriguez*  
*2019: Rose Buck, Zadinga Ogada, John Pruessner*  
*Sari Stoddard, Clerk of the Vestry*  
*Howard Holland, Treasurer*

## *Ministry Area Leaders*

*Megan Didavi, Christian Formation for Children*  
*Angie Hight-Walker, Christian Formation for Youth*  
*Ted Bedell, Facilities*  
*Howard Holland, Finance*  
*Paul Boynton, Mission*  
*Randy Lord-Wilkinson, Pastoral Care*  
*Jean Cohn, Personnel*  
*Carleton MacDonald, Worship*

## *Delegates to Diocesan Convention*

*Kristen Keating, Carleton MacDonald, Sue Snay*  
*Alternate: Mardia Dennis*

## *Staff*

*Kathy Van Arnum, Parish Administrator*  
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