

Easter Sunday
April 17th, 2022
St. Peter's-at-the Light Episcopal Church
Barnegat Light

The little church near the light, sharing the Light



Please stand as you are able

Entrance Procession

Entrance Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Hymnal # 207

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

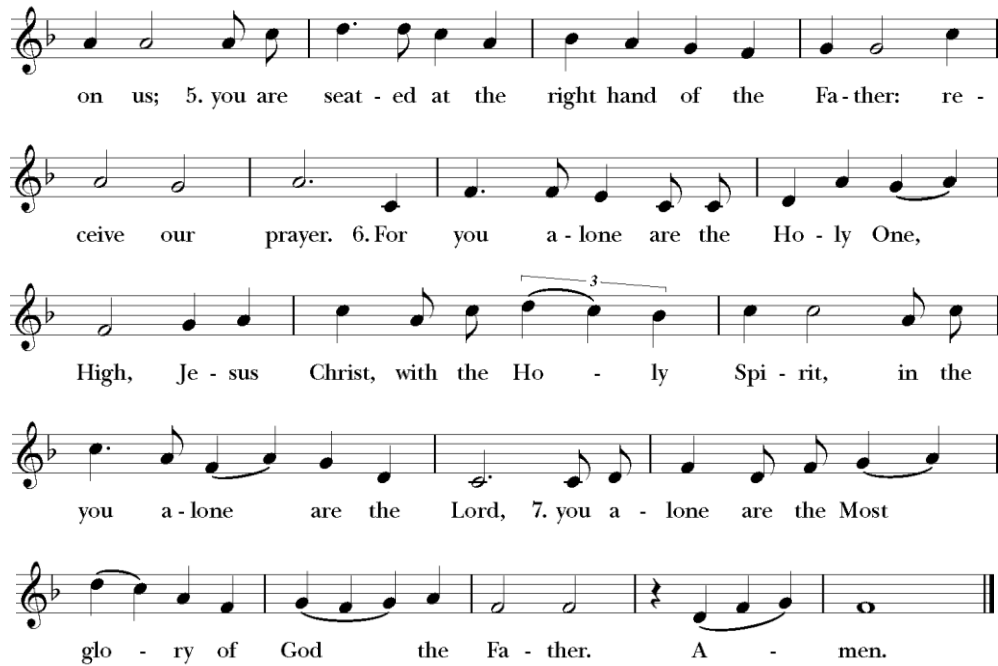
Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Glory to God

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



The Collect for the Easter Sunday is found in the Book of Common Prayer at page 222.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Please Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

OT Lector: The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah *Isaiah 65:17-25*

¹⁷ Look! I am creating a new heaven and a new earth:

past events will not be remembered; they will not come to mind.

¹⁸ Be glad and rejoice forever in what I'm creating,

because I'm creating Jerusalem as a joy

and her people as a source of gladness.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad about my people.

No one will ever hear the sound of weeping or crying in it again.

²⁰ No more will babies live only a few days,

or the old fail to live out their days.

The one who dies at a hundred will be like a young person,
and the one falling short of a hundred will seem cursed.

²¹ They will build houses and live in them;
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They will not build for others to live in,
nor plant for others to eat.
Like the days of a tree will be the days of my people;
my chosen will make full use of their handiwork.

²³ They will not labor in vain,
nor bear children to a world of horrors,
because they will be people blessed by the LORD,
they along with their descendants.

²⁴ Before they call, I will answer;
while they are still speaking, I will hear.

²⁵ Wolf and lamb will graze together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
but the snake – its food will be dust.
They will not hurt or destroy at any place on my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

OT Lector: We will pray verses 1 – 2 and 14 – 24 of Psalm 118 as our response to this reading. Psalm 118 begins on page 760 in the BCP. We will pray these verses responsively by half verse.

- 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.

NT Lector: The second reading is from the Acts of the Apostles *Acts 10:34-43*

³⁴ Peter took a deep breath and began.

"It has become clear to me," he said, "that God really does not show favoritism.

³⁵ Rather, in every race and nation, people who fear God and do what is right are acceptable to God. ³⁶ God sent his word to the children of Israel, announcing peace through Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all! ³⁷ You know all about this, and how the word spread through all Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism John proclaimed.

³⁸ God anointed this man, Jesus of Nazareth, with the holy spirit and with power. Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were overpowered by the devil, since God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses of everything he did in the land of Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day, and allowed him to be seen, ⁴¹ not by everyone but by those of us whom God had appointed beforehand. We ate and drank with him after he had been raised from the dead. ⁴² And God commanded us to announce to the people, and to bear witness, that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets give their witness: Jesus is the one! Everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Sequence Hymn

Sequence Hymn

Victimae Paschali laudes

Christians, to the Paschal victim offer your thankful praises!

A lamb the sheep redeemeth:

Christ, who only is sinless, reconcileth sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:

the Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring what thou sawest, wayfaring:

“The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus’ resurrection;

bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting.

Yea, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you.”

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining,

have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

Amen. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke

Luke 24:1-12

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

24 The women went to the tomb in the very early morning of the first day of the week, carrying the spices they had prepared. **2** They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, **3** and when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

4 As they were at a loss what to make of it all, suddenly two men in shining clothes stood beside them. **5** The women were terrified, and bowed their faces toward the ground. But the men said to them, “Why look for the living with the dead? **6** He is not here – he has been raised! Do you not remember? While you were still in Galilee he told you that **7** the son of man must be handed over into the hands of sinners, and be crucified, and rise again on the third day.” **8** And then they remembered his words.

9 They went back, away from the tomb, and told all this to the eleven and all the others. **10** It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them. They said this to the apostles; **11** Their words seemed to the apostles as stupid, useless talk, and they did not believe them.

12 Peter, though, got up and ran to the tomb. He stooped down and saw only the grave-clothes. He went back home, perplexed at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord, the Good News of our salvation.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Remembering When It Matters

Please stand as you are able

The Renewal of Our Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Confident of God's grace and power, let us now stand to renew our Baptismal Covenant.

*The Acolyte and Eucharistic Minister
will bring the light from the Paschal Candle to the congregation.*

Celebrant: My friends, through the Paschal mystery we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Please stand, with lighted candles

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows:

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: We come with anticipation on this first day of the week to become witnesses, sharing in the resurrection life of Jesus, as we pray: Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Litanist: Eternal One, you have filled your Church with new life and empowered us through the conquering love of Jesus: Raise us with your Spirit that we may live in the power of Christ's resurrection to bring life and light to all the world. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Litanist: The right hand of the Most High has triumphed over evil and death, bringing new hope to all the world: Speak your living truth unto everyone who leads and holds authority among the nations, that they may be agents of life and justice. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Litanist: The Apostle Peter has taught us, that you show no partiality, O God, but you accept all who live reverently and do right: Let your peace extend to every person, that the power of evil and injustice may be banished, and all people may live as beloved children of the divine. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Litanist: Be with us in this community that we may be glad witnesses of your goodness, O Holy One. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Litanist: Christ the wounded healer has overcome all that can threaten us. Let his resurrection power bring healing and hope to those for whom we pray, especially those who have asked for our prayers:

Amy Andrejco, Kim B., Nicky & Ann Berardis, Harvey Bishop, Baby Dominic, Lynn & Al, Eileen & Carole Camerota, Martha Carroll, Cynthia Clarke, Sonja & Thomas Detjen, Lisa DiLeo, Danielle DiPisa, Nancy Drewes, Mike Elaser, Emilee Fleming, Kay & Bill Giberson, Jon Hasselbrink, Carole McAllister, Kathy & Butch McCaffrey, Kevin & Roseann McCann, Rob Malara, Vince Menzel & Kay Roberts, Mary Meyers, Joanne M., Michael Piekarski, Linda Pugliese, Barry Putt, Jr., Allacen & Craig Rathbun, Terri Renegar, Judy Rosenberg, Tammy Stiles, Joan Sweet, Tom Valchik, Walter Whimpenny, Larry and John.

Litanist: Christ has died and is risen, bringing life and immortality to light. We remember those who have died, especially those whose memory is honored by our Easter flowers, and those who began their new life in you since our last Easter celebration. *Pause for a moment so the community can add names aloud.* May they live in him and share in the joy of Easter. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant: Gracious Eternal and Loving God, you have anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and raised him from death on the cross into resurrection life: Feed us with his life as we eat and drink with him in this Easter Eucharist, that we may be his witnesses, sharing in the Spirit's work of reconciliation and peace, through the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

An Easter Blessing of Peace

Celebrant: May our loving, liberating, and life-giving God fill you with peace today and with hope today and always.

All: Amen.

Let us now offer each other a greeting of peace.

Please Be Seated

The Liturgy of the Table

Hymn as the Table is Set

Jesus Is Lord of All the Earth

Hymnal # 178

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
 Now we shall live for ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

Repeat Refrain

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

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Please stand as you are able

We are praying Eucharistic Prayer B during this Easter Season. It begins **page 367** in the BCP.

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; For he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. But his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again, he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal # S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Priest: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: **We remember his death,**
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory.

Priest: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;
 presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

The Great Amen

Hymnal # S-147



We will use the contemporary form of the Lord's Prayer, found on page 364 in the BCP

Priest: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be 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.

Priest: Alleluia! Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

Priest: These are 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.

Post-Communion Hymn:

Because He Lives

LEVAS # 43

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus; He came to love,
2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by, And feel the pride,
3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er; I'll fight life's fi -

1. heal, and for - give; He lived and died to buy my
2. and joy he gives; But great - er still the calm as -
3. - nal war with pain; And then as death gives way to

1. par-don, An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
2. sur-ance, This child can face un-cer-tain days be - cause He lives.
3. vic-t'ry, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives.

Be-cause He lives I can face to - mor-row; Be-cause He lives

all fear is gone; Be - cause I know He holds the

fu - ture, And life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause He lives.

*During the distribution of Communion,
those worshipping from home may invite Jesus
to fill their hearts using these prayers*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshipping in-person today, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I give you praise and thanks for your many blessings, especially *(name here the blessings given you)*. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray together once again.

All: Loving God,
 we give you thanks
 for restoring us in your image
 and nourishing us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
 Now send us forth
 As a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
 that we may proclaim your love to the world
 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

Please stand for the final blessings of this service

Celebrant: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: *Christ Is Alive* *Hymnal # 182 (see next page)*

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Special thanks to our organist, David Holland, and to all worship assistants!