



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The
Day of the
Resurrection:
Easter Sunday

Suffolk, Virginia

March 31, 2024

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist at 9:30

Organ Voluntary: *Meditation on "Easter Hymn"* — Michael Bedford

The Flowering of the Cross:

The Processional Hymn: *Jesus Christ is risen today* **#207**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Salutation & Collect for Purity: p. 355

A Hymn of Praise: *Christ our Passover (stz. 1)* **WLP #880**

The Collect of the Day:

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.
Amen.

Today's Readings from Holy Scripture

The First Lesson: **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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Response: 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.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.**

The New Testament Lesson: **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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn: ***We know that Christ is raised*** (stz. 1 & 4)

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The Gospel Lesson: **Mark 16:1-8**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon:

The Very Rev. Dr. Keith Emerson

The Nicene Creed:

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The Prayers of the People: Form IV

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Birthdays: Rachele Hirsch-Brooks, Elizabeth Cross, Kate Cross, Hunter Flowers, Bunny Lewis, John Pinner, Amanda Rowe, Carter Rowe, Will Sage, and Theodore Wright.

Anniversaries: Chet & Sandy Hart.

Parish Prayer List: Magdalena Barnes, Betsy Brothers, Arthur Buchanan, Norma Buchanan, Juel Carr, Maya Cross, Rainey Dail, John Dickens, Hack Gallotta, Connie Garris, Connie Happel, Richard Harrell, Patricia Hundley, Bev Judkins, Diane Liles, Beth Lipphardt, Peggy Moore, Irma Mottley, Fran Ossman, Sally Perry, Barbara Powell, Dawn Powell, Janice Richie, Amanda Rowe, Lyn Snyder, and Stephanie Tomasco.

The Peace:

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The Offertory

The Anthem: ***With a voice of singing***

– Matthew Shaw; arr. Shepherd

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard,

Christ has risen! Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honour of his name,
make his praise to be glorious.

With a voice...

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A:

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Sanctus for St. Paul's

Alan Reese

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav - en 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, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Lord's Prayer:

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The Fraction Anthem: *My flesh is food indeed*

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The Communion of the People:

Every person who has been baptized into the Christian faith and life in the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church regardless of age or denominational affiliation.

You may stand or kneel at the Altar Rail. Gluten-free wafers are available. As per diocesan guidelines, communion wine is served from the common cup. If you opt for intinction, you may now do so on your own. The first Lay Eucharistic Minister will administer the common cup. The second will hold the cup for intinction. Please know receiving the Bread alone is considered to be 'full communion. If you are not able to negotiate the Chancel steps the priest will be happy to bring communion to you at your pew.

Most Sundays a member of the congregation will be available to pray with you privately after you receive communion. This person will be standing at the Prayer Desk next to the pulpit. We encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for healing and grace.

The Communion Hymn: *Now the green blade riseth* #204
Alleluia! Give thanks... #178

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion:

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We praise you, O Lord, for this heavenly banquet that you have so freely given us. Thank you that we carry in our hearts the riches of this eternal goodness. May we pour it out wherever we go, lighting up the darkness with truth, speaking out hope where there is despair, and weaving your unconditional love into all we do. Send us now in the power and strength of the Holy Spirit. May we live to be all that you have destined us to be. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

The Blessing:

May the strength of God sustain you;
may the power of God preserve you;
may the hands of God protect you;
may the way of God direct you;
may the love of God go with you;

And may the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be with you this day and always.

A Hymn: **Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!** (stz 1,2 &5) **#205**

The Dismissal:

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

An Organ Voluntary: **The Hallelujah Chorus** [sung by the Choir]

— G.F. Handel

Calendar

Today **Easter Sunday** with an **Egg Hunt** and special **Reception** to follow.

4/1 **The Office** will be closed.

4/2 **The Burial Office with Communion** for Mary Susan Gibbs at 11:00.

4/7 **A Celebration of Baptism with Holy Eucharist** at 9:30 followed by the **Coffee Hour** in the Parish Hall.

The Suffolk Community Youth Group meets from 5:00-6:30 in the Parish Hall. We will be making stone pavers to go around the food pantry, so you can bring small rocks, marbles, shells, or items to make textures/designs on the stones. It is probably a good idea to wear old clothes!

4/14 **Morning Prayer** at 9:30 followed by the **Coffee Hour** in the Parish Hall.

Assisting in Today's Service

<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>L.E.M.</u>	<u>Vestry Ushers</u>
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The Treasurer: Gail Pruden

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