

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together,
grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.*

Sunday 17 April, 11am

EASTER SUNDAY



Prelude: "*Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring, IS back*", arr Martha Powell Setchell

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Allison Cornell

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Gloria in Excelsis S278

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

All: **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 forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated for the lessons)

Reader: A reading from the book of 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (in unison)

- 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.**

Reader **A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (15:19-26):**

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Lesson:

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John (20:1-18)

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.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you Lord Christ**

HALLELUJAH HOMILY

Easter Morning Litany

Leader: Lord God, early in the morning, when the world was young, you made life in all its beauty and abundance: you gave birth to all that we know.
Praise be to God.

All: Hallelujah!

Leader: Early in the morning, when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had come among us, that you were one of us. Praise be to God.

All: Hallelujah!

Leader: Early in the morning, surrounded by betrayers, religious leaders, anxious governors, and silent friends, you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God: you shouldered and suffered the cross.
Praise be to God.

All: Hallelujah!

Leader: Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded garden and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, that you had come back to those who had forgotten, denied, mourned, and destroyed you. Praise be to God.

All: Hallelujah!

Leader: This morning, in the presence of your church on earth and in heaven, we celebrate you Lord Christ: your creation, your life, your death and resurrection, and your love for us. We remember that through the Pascal mystery we have died and been buried with you in baptism, so that we may rise with you to a new life. Therefore, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our desire to follow you, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Presider: Do you turn to Christ

All: I turn to Christ

Presider: Do you repent of your sins?

All: I repent of my sins.

Presider: Do you renounce all evil

All: I renounce all evil.

Presider: Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the world?

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and Earth.

Presider: Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed humanity?

All: 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.

Presider: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

All: 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. Amen.

Presider: Heavenly Father, each time we renew our baptismal vows, we renew our life in you, and so we pray,

All: Lord, bring us new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded: and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. AMEN.

(Presider moves among the congregation sprinkling them with water to remind them of their baptism waters)

Water Aspersions Music: “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”, 1982 Hymnal #376

The Peace:

Presider: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other. The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you.

The Offertory

Presider: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Doxology #380 vs 3

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Presider *Lift up your hearts.*

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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. By 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus
#S129

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory**

Hosanna in the highest (x2)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest (x2)

Then the Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit (+) to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also (+) that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. AMEN.

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

**All: 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

Fraction Anthem S155



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church.)

Communion Music: *“He is risen, he is risen tell it out with joyful voice”*
1982 Hymnal #180

Post Communion Easter Litany of Sending

Leader: Today and tomorrow,, Jesus says:

All: today and tomorrow, lo, I am with you always,

Leader when we try to do your will,

All: I am with you always,

Leader: when we go where we do not know,

All: I am with you always,

Leader: when we meet one we do not recognize,
All: I am with you always,

Leader: where faith ends and doubt begins,
All: I am with you always,

Leader: and should we forget you,
All: I am with you always,

Leader today and tomorrow,
**All today and tomorrow, you are with us always
to the end of the age. Amen.**

Benediction:

Presider: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

People: We are called to love and serve.

Presider: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)

Closing Song: "Alleluia, alleluia Give thanks to the risen Lord"

1982 Hymnal #178

Postlude: "*We Are God's People*", Johannes Brahms, arr by Fred Bock

Join us for Easter Brunch in the Educational Building Big Room!

