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EASTER DAY

The Holy Eucharist

20 April 2025 - 10:00 am

Celebrant & Preacher: Reverend Dr. Renee McKenzie

Interim Organist: H. L. Smith, II

PRELUDE – PSALM CVIII – Reinken

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Candlebearer, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying

The light of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

PROCESSIONAL: HYMNAL – 207 JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY!

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

The Celebrant then continues.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS {NAM}

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 10: 34-43

Lector: Lillian Anne Randolph

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

Lector: Bennedette Greene

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.

GLORIA PATRI {NAM}

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

SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 15: 19-26

Lector: Alice Briscoe-Brown

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able, for the Holy Gospel.

GRADUAL: ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 20: 1-8

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON HYMN: LEV II – 42 HE LIVES! HE LIVES!

SERMON: *Reverend Renee McKenzie PhD*

The Baptismal Covenant

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 the 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE. Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

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.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

SELECTION Dance Ministry

THE PEACE

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

All: And also with you.

Those worshipping onsite are invited to extend a gesture of peace in a physically distant way. Those worshipping remotely may extend a gesture of peace with those around them.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Psalm 96:8

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: AWAKE THOU WINTRY EARTH - BACH

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 3

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says,

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Celebrant and People

SANCTUS {NAM}

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. 🛎

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” 🛎🛎🛎

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.” 🛎🛎🛎

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION III {NAM}

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER LEVAS II 264

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People,

**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 BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

The Celebrant says / sings:

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI {NAM}

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *grant us peace.*

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. 🛎️🛎️🛎️

COMMUNION HYMN - AAHH – 280 HE AROSE!

POST COMMUNION ANTHEM – COME, YE FAITHFUL - THATCHER

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant and people say

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 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.

THE BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL: HYMNAL – 180 HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN!

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE – EASTER PÆAN - Dail

ANNOUNCEMENTS

About the Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle is a large, white candle lit during the Easter service. The candle is often decorated with symbols of Christ's resurrection, such as a cross or an image of the resurrected Christ. The Paschal candle also represents Jesus' resurrection and triumph over death and is a symbol of hope and new life. The Paschal Candle has a long history and carries significant meaning and symbolism in Easter services. The candle is lit during the Easter Vigil, symbolizing the light of Christ's resurrection overcoming the darkness of the tomb. The Paschal Candle is also lit during baptisms, signifying new life in Christ.

ATTENTION: Our prayers go out to our sister in Christ Shirley Dorsey as she rehabs, after a hospital stay, at Providence Rehabilitation, 600 S. Wycombe Ave., Yeadon, PA 19050.

ATTENTION: Our candle torches that are used for the processional march and at the altar, need to be replaced. The torch candle is a two (2) piece set. Consisting of a pole and torch piece. We have acquired the poles and now are seeking to purchase the torch pieces. We are still in need of \$300.00. Please send all monies whether check or money orders, to Calvary St. Augustine, memo-line Candle Torches. Thank you all in advance for your assistance in this matter.

ATTENTION: WOMEN'S DAY is June 08th, 2025. Our theme is ***"How God's Love is Revealed to Us; John 1: 1-18***. The color of the day is White. You can send your ad electronically to calsaintaug@gmail.com. Get your ad's in, ASAP the deadline is May 4th, 2025. For further information contact Sandra McFadden-Brown.

STEP-CDC, After School program continues until May 1st, 2025. Classes are Monday thru Thursday. From 2:45 pm- 5:00 pm, Tutoring & Homework help from 2:45 -4:00 pm. The scheduled programming on Monday is Healthy Eating, Tuesday is Community Service, Wednesday is Arts & Crafts, and Thursday is Boys & Girls club.

Children's Sunday School Welcomes you. We start @ 10:00 AM. We are so excited to learn about God's word together. If you're new here, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself, we're happy to have you join us. As we have a growing community, we are looking for more teachers and stand in volunteers. Please contact Tierra Epps-McFadden if you are interested.

STEP-CDC Adult Basic Education presents computer tutoring for our congregation or any anyone else who is interested in improving their knowledge of computers. Classes are on Thursday starting @ 11:00 AM-1:00 PM.

The Food Pantry is open on Monday's only (no holidays) from 12:00 pm-6:00 pm, and the doors close at 5:45 pm. To receive any food, you must present a state issued identification card. In addition, please make sure that you sign the logbook when you receive any food.

THANK YOU to all, who purchase the Sunday Tribune Newspaper, for the price of \$1.00. This single dollar goes a long way to help improve our youth programs. Please see Burhedita Gonzalez or Judith Brewer to get your copy. Thank you.

THANK YOU to everyone for continuing with your tithes and other gifts that you share with the church. May God continue to bless each one of us.

ONLINE GIVING is available through the web app, called Givelify. You can download the Givelify-app, @ the Apple store or Google Play store (see the last page for the QR-code link).

To add or remove names from the PRAYER LIST please contact Sharon Congleton @ 215-843-5538 or via email @ sharonjoyme@aol.com

If you wish to offer your talent as a singer, please contact Frances Upshaw by Wednesday @ 215-806-1020 or via email @ franupshaw72@gmail.com.

Happy Birthday
Cindy Fisher, Marva Davis, Sanaa Brown

PRAYER REQUESTS

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve thy ailing servants and give thy power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in thy loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Leah Alexander, Mary Atwood, Baxter-Family, Lewis Berry, Sr., Alice Briscoe-Brown, Edwina-Watson-Brown, J. Claus, Eugene Cobb, Robert Dabney, Jr., Donna Davis, Edna Drayton, Deandre DuPois, Cindy Fisher, Kathleen Freeman, Brendan Gilchrist, Wayne Gilchrist, Burhedita Gonzalez, Regina Grier, Nichelle Grievous, Kenneth Hudson, Betty Humphrey, Kira Ingram, Doris Jackson, Eric Jackson, Melba Jordan, Emma Latimore, Charles Lyons, Majorie Mallory, Dara Mason, Darice Mason-Scott Family, Halise McKinney, Louise Moss, Dai-Quan Newman, Curtis Owens, Dorothy Payne, Charles Pressley, Shirley Ragin, Dee Rushing, Aidan Seawell, Tony Slaughter, Yvonne Sledge, Canon Edwin Smith, Thomas Stewart, Robert Stewart, Jessie Stuart, and Kathleen Williams.

MEMORIAL-REMEMBRANCE

Louise Henderson, Jr., Nannie Todd, Yvonne Holmes, John E. Mallory, Albert Dillon Sr., Geraldine Jones

Ministers Serving Next Sunday on April 27th, 2025, Second Sunday of Easter

Dereck P. Baxter, Sr. 1st Lesson: ACTS 5: 27-32

Sandra McFadden-Brown Psalm-150

Elwood Collins 2nd Lesson: Revelation 1: 4-8

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Benedette Greene-Rector's Warden, Frances Upshaw-Accounting Warden, Judith Brewer-Clerk of the Vestry, William Berry, Kathleen Williams, Dereck P. Baxter, Sr, Mary Hill Jackson, Charlene Crafter, Angela Holland, Brenda Belton, Juanita Chambers, and Elwood Collins (Auxiliary: Willie Jewett, Brenda Gilchrist-Allen)

VISION STATEMENT:

We are a welcoming inclusive church offering without distinction to age, class, race, gender, sexual orientation or able-bodied-ness, a spiritual, social and educational hub for the Belmont Community. We share lively, spiritual, and relevant worship and offer a place of safety, encouragement, and education for young people.

MISSION STATEMENT:

God is calling our congregation to grow spiritually, share our life with God's children and make known His love through word and deed. We welcome all guests.

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