# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

In the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina



The Three Marys at the Tomb William Bouguereau, 1876

# Easter Sunday April 4, 2021

To Know Christ and to make Christ known...

St. Paul's invites all people to the Christian Way of unity with God and neighbor through a welcoming environment of worship and ministry

Please enter the church in silence so that all may have quiet time to prepare hearts and minds for worship.

#### The Holy Eucharist

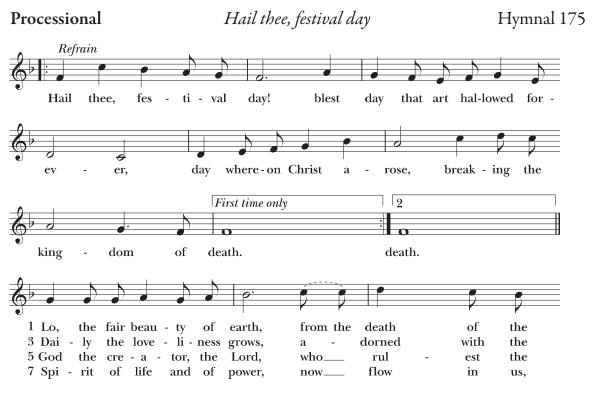
#### Station at the Paschal Candle

Celebrant This is the day that the Lord has made, Alleluia

People We will rejoice and be glad in it, Alleluia

Celebrant

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



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The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

The Celebrant says to the people

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Book of Common Prayer 355

People Th

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## Celebrant and People

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. Amen.

## Glory to God:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

People 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 lifegiving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people may be seated.

# A Reading from 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 Confitemini Domino

- 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.

# A Reading from 1 Corinthians (15:1-11)

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though

some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

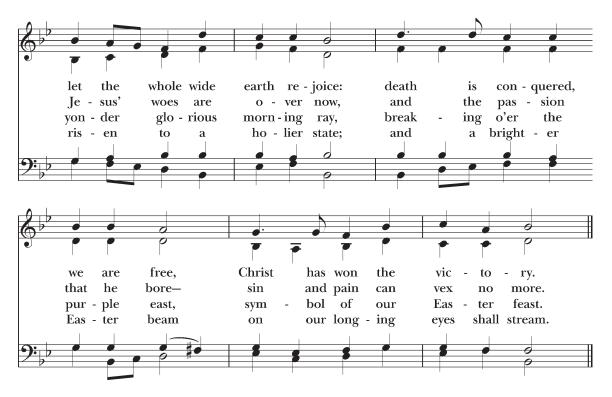
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People Thanks Be to God

# Hymn to Announce the Gospel

He is risen



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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark (16:1-8)

People 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Sermon

#### The Rev'd Adam Pierce, Assistant Rector

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

**BCP 292** 

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. Amen.

# Prayers of the People

Leader and People pray responsively

Celebrant

Beloved God, we thank you for giving us power through your Spirit to reveal your life to the world: strengthen, bless, and guide us to make you known by word and example.

We are your Church, O God.

Guide us in your grace.

We thank you for your creation, and pray for the earth you have given us to cherish and protect: nourish in us your love for all you have made.

We are your stewards, O God. *Guide us in your grace.* 

Guide and bless us in our work and in our play, and shape the patterns of our political and economic life, that all people may share in the fulfillment of your creative work.

We are your servants, O God. *Guide us in your grace.* 

Awaken our hearts to your presence in all people; in those we love easily and those with whom we struggle, in those different from us and those familiar to us.

We are made in your image, O God.

Guide us in your grace.

We thank you for calling us to a glorious heritage as your holy people. Free us from lack of vision, from inertia of will and spirit. By your life-giving Spirit, lead us out of isolation and oppression, redeem and restore us.

You are the life within us, O God. *Guide us in your grace*.

We thank you for the gift of life, with all its blessings and sorrows. Shield the joyous, comfort and strengthen those in any need or trouble. Bless those who will be born today and those who will die, that joining with the company of all your saints we may rejoice in one unending song of praise.

In you alone we have eternal life, O God. *Guide us in your grace.* 

## Prayer for the Election of St. Paul's next Rector

Heavenly Father, source of all knowledge, you know the needs of your church in every place. Look graciously upon the people of St. Paul's and grant our search committee and Vestry the wisdom and discernment to call, with open hearts and

minds, a faithful pastor who will feed us, your flock, and equip us for our ministries.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

We offer these our prayers and thanksgivings to you, O God, the source of all that is true and holy, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Anthem Alleluia, Christ Is Risen James Kirkby

Dakota Marshall, trumpet

# The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A) BCP p. 361ff.

*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 him thanks and praise.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### Celebrant and People

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.

Then the Celebrant 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.

#### The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

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 A period of silence is kept.

#### **Fraction Anthem**

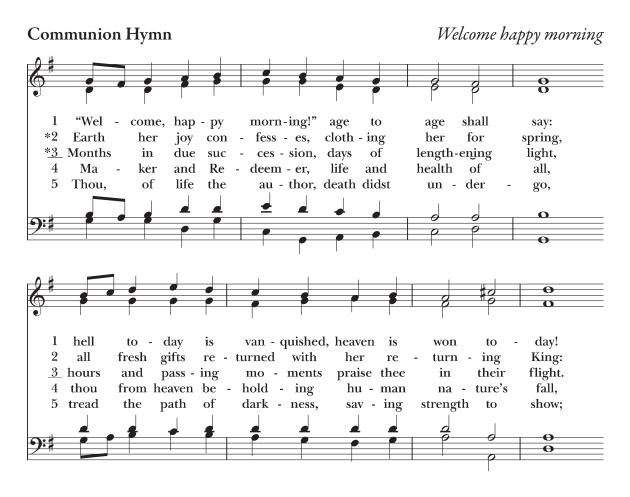
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

# Communion of the People

The gifts of God for the People of God.

## **Prayer For Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, 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 into your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen*.



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6 Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain; all that now is fallen raise to life again; show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see; bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!

Refrain

## Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

The people stand or kneel.

People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces a blessing to which the congregation responds, "AMEN."

#### A Service of Remembrance

Officiant Blessed is our God, always, now and for ever and to the ages

of ages.

People Amen.

Officiant and People

God of Grace, we pray to you for the over 500,000 people who have died from Covid-19 and all those we've lost this year, whom we love and see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Give Rest, O Christ

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

O God of the living and the dead, you have trampled upon death and abolished the power of evil, giving life to your world. Give to your departed servants rest in a place of light, in a place of tranquility, in a place of refreshment, where there is no pain, nor sorrow, nor suffering. Remembering especially:

Adrian King Elaine Martin Gardner Michael Scott Ahmaud Arbery George Floyd Belaustegui

Anne Bowers Gerald Miller Nancy Thompson

Barb Hitchcock Gloria-Jean Miller Pat Richter
Ben Atkinson Howard Liebengood Pat Whitehead

Brian Sicknick Hugh McLawhorn Patricia Weissenborn

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For you, Christ our God, are the resurrection, the life, and the repose of your servants, and to you we give glory, with your eternal Father and your all-holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Officiant

May Christ, who rose from the dead and has authority over the living and the dead, have mercy on us and save us. May the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints in glory, strengthen us all and welcome them in the heavenly places. *Amen*.

Anthem Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and giving life to those in the tomb.



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## **Blessing**

The Celebrant pronounces a blessing to which the congregation responds, "AMEN."

## Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia. *People* 

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Voluntary Toccata Charles Marie Widor

# Prayer List

#### In our parish

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#### People Requesting Prayer

ANN AND RODNEY
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SHARON BERRY O'ROURKE
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#### **Easter Flowers & Music**

## In Memory

In memory of our parents, and Ryan Andrew Parks

and Ryan Andrew Parks given by Merry Ann & Larry Wright

In memory of Edward Belcher

given by Teresa Singer

In memory of Leelar Turner

given by Leon Tillery given by Lyle Sullivan

In memory of Louis, Katie & Clark Sullivan

given by Joyce Connelly

In memory of Joseph and Kathleen Kapinos
In memory of Marie & Tracy Brown

and June and Tom Bobo

given by Nancy & Don Bobo

In memory of my mother Catherine B. Roy

given by Candace Halecki

# In Thanksgiving

In thanksgiving for the COVID-19 Vaccines

given by Lyle Sullivan

In thanksgiving for our children

and grandchildren

given by Bill and Elaine Anlyan



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