

Christ Church of Bethany and Woodbridge

The Feast of the Resurrection: Easter Day (3/31/2024)

Prelude: *Resurrection Suite* Patterson

Announcements

Processional Hymn 207 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* Easter Hymn

The Word of God, as beginning on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Gloria (S-280)

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.*

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."

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

**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.

Gradual Hymn 210 *The Day of Resurrection* Ellacombe

At the introduction of the Gospel, the congregation responds, "Glory to you, Lord Christ"

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to St. John 20:1-18

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.

At the conclusion, the congregation responds, "Praise to you, Lord Christ"

The Sermon

Choir Anthem: *Every Sunday is Easter Sunday* Sleeth

Nicene Creed, page 358

Prayers of the People, Form VI (BCP page 392)

The congregation may add their own thanksgivings and petitions, either silently or aloud.

The Lay Minister may remember the altar flower dedications and the prayers for those members of our community and extended community as printed at the bottom of the order of service.

*The Celebrant, if applicable: We especially remember God's servant(s) _____. Give to the departed eternal rest. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.** May [his/her/their] soul(s) and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, **rest in peace.** Amen.*

The Peace

The Holy Communion

(The choice of the Eucharistic Prayer is at the discretion of the Celebrant)

Offertory Hymn 174 *At the Lamb's High Feast* Salzburg

Doxology

The Sanctus

The Breaking of the Bread

Music during the Distribution:

<i>O Filii et Filiae</i>	Paul Tate
<i>Rejoice</i>	Chris DeSilva

The Post-Communion Prayer, page 365

Recessional Hymn 180 *He Is Risen!* Unser Herrscher

Postlude: *Easter Joy* Lehebbauer

Participants:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. John Branson

Musician and Choir Director: Michelle Fraser

Lay Minister: Tom Sansone

Lector: Jessica Skolozdra

Altar Guild: All members

Video: Bob Skolozdra

Counters: Laurie Marcho and Babs Ross

Ecclesia Canem: Brother Jesse, CGC

Stewards of the Sacred Space: Ruth Beardsley and Michelle Fraser

Flower dedication:

Easter flowers have been given by the congregation in memory of loved ones

In our Petitions and Thanksgivings:

Jayne Johnson, Madeline Slicer, Doris Beswick, Sandy, Cate Horton, Lisa Caivano, Patricia, Paul, Frankie Sylvester, Pat Ryan, Rosalie Molnar, Steve Johnson, Gail Peabody, Nancy, Margaret Clements, Jeff Boyd, Greg Banks, John Matheson, Owen Horvath, Sharon Patrick, Josephine, William, Kerri Guida, Joan, MaryBeth Vientos