



The Mass of Our Lord's Resurrection: Easter

St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Bridgewater, NJ

Please stand to sing

Opening Hymn and Asperges: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Hymnal 1982, 207

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People

Christ is ris - en in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.

Glory to God

Hymnal 1982, S-278 (Matthias)

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 forever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles *Please be seated.*

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.*

Psalm 118:14-17; 22-23

The cantor sings the antiphon, and then the people repeat it.

Ant: On this day, the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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: **(Ant)**

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. **(Ant)**

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. **(Ant)**

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

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.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel Acclamation *Please stand as able The Alleluia is sung by a Cantor, then repeated by all.*



Verse: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. *Alleluia is repeated*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *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. The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Homily

The Nicene Creed *Please stand*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *Remain standing, or kneel*

In hope and gladness, let us pray to God, who gives Life to all.

That our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection,
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That those who lead and those who serve in the Church throughout the world, especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Sally, our diocesan Bishop, may be refreshed and encouraged by Christ's victory, We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That isolated and persecuted churches may find strength in the good news of Easter,
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That those who lack food, work, shelter, or medicine may be blessed with provision,
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That war, famine, and plague may cease in all the world,
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That the light of God's presence may be revealed to the sick, the weak, and the dying, to comfort and sustain them, especially
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That, according to God's promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

Celebrant O God, worker of wonders, you made this day for joy and gladness, yet you also know the needs that weigh upon our hearts: Hear, therefore, the prayers we bring to you, and grant us grace so to recognize the Risen One in our midst—the Christ now entered into glory, the firstborn from the dead, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome *Please be seated.*

The Offertory Anthem *Easter Carol*

Alfred V. Fedak

*"Christ, the Lord, is ris'n today," All creation joins to say;
Raise your songs and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal: Christ has burst the gates of hell!
Death in vain forbids him rise; Christ has opened Paradise! Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King; Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save; Where thy victory, O grave?
Soar we now where Christ has led, Following our exalted Head;
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies! Alleluia!*

*Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be given;
Thee we greet triumphant now; Hail, the resurrection, thou!
King of glory, Soul of bliss, Everlasting life is this:
Thee to know, Thy pow'r to prove, Thus to sing, and thus to love! Alleluia!*

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Hymn *At the Lamb's High Feast!*

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On the night before he died, Jesus came to table with those he loved. He took bread and gave you thanks, O God. He broke the bread among his disciples, and said, Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

When supper had ended, he took a cup of wine, and again he gave you thanks and praise. He passed the cup among his disciples, and said, Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Gracious God, we plead with confidence the sacrifice of Jesus, your Son. Death could not bind him, for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness and exalted him as Lord of creation.

And so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Eternal God, we offer you these earthly gifts of bread and wine. Let your Holy Spirit move in power over them and sanctify them, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your dear Son. Sanctify us also, and unite us in one body into the likeness of your Christ. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all people will be free, all divisions healed, and in union with The Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, prophets, martyrs, St. Martin of Tour, and all your Saints, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 forever. *AMEN.*

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

*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 Fraction

Fraction Anthem *Christ Our Passover*

Hymnal 1982, S 155

Invitation Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are they who are called to his Supper

Choir Anthem *O Christ, Our Joy and Gladness,*

Carlton T. Russell

*O Christ, our joy and gladness, O Dayspring of our night.
We come with fear and sadness at Easter dawn's first light:
The stone is laid aside, Death's wrappings now lie useless,
O wondrous Easter-tide, O wondrous Easter-tide!*

*With Mary, we've stood weeping, not knowing you are there,
With death a vigil keeping, hearts half-set on despair.
Now, life's no more the same: as once you spoke to Mary you call us each by name,
You call us, call us each by name.*

*Rabboni, Teacher, Savior, You ask us now to go
by voice and by behavior to tell all what we know.
Enlightened by your Word, we'll share our joy and gladness,
for, "We have seen the Lord," for, "We have seen the Lord!"*

Communion Hymn: As Newborn Stars Were Stirred to Sing

WLP, 788



1. As new - born stars were stirred to song when all things came to
2. In psalms that raise the sing - er's sense to un - i - vers - al
3. When God's re - deem - ing Word took flesh to make sal - va - tion
4. But si - lence won no vic - t'ry there; a rest was all it



be, as Mir - i - am and Mos - es sang when
truths, in pro - phet's dark - toned o - ra - cle or
sure, un - heed - ing hearts at - tuned to strife re -
scored be - fore glad al - le - lu - ias rose to



Is - rael was set free, so mu - sic bursts un - bid - den
hymn of three brave youths: the song of faith and praise en -
fused love's o - ver - ture. Yet to the end the song went
greet the ri - sen Lord. The church still keeps that song a -

forth when God - filled hearts re - joice, to wak - en
 dured through those God called to be a cho - sen
 on: a sup - per's part - ing hymn, a psalm in -
 live, for death has lost its sting, and with the

awe and grat - i - tude and give mute faith a
 peo - ple bearing light for all the world to see.
 toned on dy - ing lips when sun and hope grew
 gift of life re - newed the heart will ev - er

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Post-Communion Prayer

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Hymn *The Day of Resurrection*

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Serving Today

Thurifer: Michael Maloney Crucifer: Nick Persson Reader: Anne Marie Verdiramo

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Picazio, Jennifer Persson

Choir: Alison Jandek, Beth Hixenbaugh, Jane Maloney, Rob Vernon

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws+

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An Egghunt will follow the Mass. Please gather in the undercroft and one of the Sunday School teachers will give directions.