



Holy Eucharist
ORDER OF WORSHIP
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 4, 2021 @ 10:30 a.m. CT

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Dear St. Stephen's,

Thank you for joining us for the Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist Service. Serving as today's lectors are Carroll Dolezal and Connie Maverick at the 10:30 a.m. Live Stream and Alexis Jones at the 11:30 a.m. Courtyard Service. Music is provided by Anne Jones and Allen Hennig. Sondra Blanford, Mary McIntosh, and Linda Reed have prepared the altar. Roy Buckley, Mike Marcionetti, and Todd Schmidt are running our A/V. I will be delivering the sermon at both the 10:30 and 11:30 services this Easter morning, April 4, 2021.



If you are already a St. Stephen's YouTube subscriber and/or Facebook follower, you will receive an alert Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. CT when we begin to stream the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service. For others, you may watch the service at 10:30 a.m. by clicking the links at the top of this order of worship or visiting the church website, ststeve.org and clicking the blue *Online Easter Sunday Worship* button.

May God bless you this day and always,



EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

Kirby Attwell: *"in memory of Nancy Attwell from the Attwell Family"*

Sondra Blanford:

"in memory of Joe & Gladys Blanford" & "in memory of Richard & Gina"

Linda Buckley: *"for peace & unity"*

Kathleen & Bill Cline: *"dedicated to our church family"*

Carla Daws: *"in loving memory of John Daws"*

Carroll Dolezal: *"thanksgiving for our family & friends"*

Sharon East: *"in memory of Dollie East"*

Sarah Fuchs: *"in memory of Rodney"*

Carolyn & Ed Galle: *"in memory of our beloved parents"*

Ed Galle: *"in memory of my godmother"*

Mary Goodwin: *"in memory of Steve Goodwin"*

Nancy & Charlie Henson: *"in memory of our beloved parents"*

Tom Jenkins: *"in celebration of Easter"*

Mary Kennedy: *"in memory of Ron Kennedy" and "Don & Evelyn Kennedy"*

Sharon & Rick Lucier: *"a more peaceful and healthy world"*

Connie Maverick: *"in celebration of Easter"*

Mary McIntosh: *"in memory of Pete & Kay Masterson"*

Anna O'Farrell: *"in memory of Chandler Brown" & "dedicated to the O'Farrell Family & dedicated to the Brown Family"*

Deanna Seaman: *"in memory of George Seaman"*

Susan Tennyson: *"in memory of Elizabeth Grace (Lizzie) Tennyson"*

Susan & Greg Webb: *"in thanksgiving for St. Stephen's"*

PRELUDE



WELCOME

Lector: Katy Shugart

THE OPENING HYMN #207

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (verses 1, 2, 4)



Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day,
Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to
redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King,
Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and
save. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love, Alleluia! praise
him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

THE SALUTATION

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are 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.

GLORIA S278

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY (BCP p. 222)

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 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.

THE LESSONS

First Reading (Isaiah 25:6-9)

Lector: Carroll Dolezal

Lector: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that
he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 (*Confitemini Domino*)

The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 118, verses 1-2 and 14-24, beginning on page 760 in your prayer book.

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.

THE SECOND READING (Acts 10:34-43)

Lector: Connie Maverick

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN "Open Our Eyes, Lord"



THE GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant and People: Allelulia! Allelulia! Allelulia! Allelulia!

SERMON

The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert



RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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 the 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.

Celebrant: 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 (Form III, BCP p. 387)

Lector: Connie Maverick

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: *That we all may be one.*

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

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

(The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect)

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: *And also with you.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Your Easter Offering envelope may be dropped into the offering plate or mailed.
- 11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Courtyard every Sunday, weather permitting. Please bring your own chair.
- [Online giving](#) can be done through the church website through gifts of gratitude and [pledge cards](#).
- TAKE 5, a 5 minute music break hosted by Allen Hennig airing on YouTube and Facebook on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. CST. [Click for TAKE 5 playlist](#).
- Mission Sunday, April 11, 2:00 p.m., Courtyard
- **Happy April Birthdays: Linda Buckley, William L. Buckley, Melissa Odell, Anna O'Farrell**
- **Happy April Wedding Anniversary: Phil Muth & Julie Underriner (15 years)**
- To announce birthday or wedding anniversary publicly, fill out [online form](#). We do not announce birthdays and wedding anniversaries without permission. We announce in a monthly block, therefore, submit information two weeks in advance. Using the same form, you can add optional altar flowers to your announcement.

BLESSINGS (Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

Linda Buckley, William L. Buckley, Melissa Odell, Anna O'Farrell



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!

Phil Muth & Julie Underriner (15 years)



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, an

offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory "The Strife is O'er, The Battle Done" (arr. Cindy Berry)

Doxology (all sing)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP pg 361)

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.

Celebrant: 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 thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath 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:

Sanctus S128

Celebrant and People sing

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.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

“Christ Our Passover” S154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

COMMUNION HYMN "Alleluia, Alleluia #191



POST COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP pg. 365)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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 BLESSING (BCP pg. 339)

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN #210

"The Day of Resurrection" (verses 1-3)

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain his own "All Hail!" and, hearing may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes together blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth with the risen Christ!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



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