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The Second Sunday of Easter
HOLY EUCHARIST
April 23, 2017
10:30 a.m.

An Easter Message from the Rector

During Holy Week we walked with Jesus as he made his way to Jerusalem for the last time. We shared a last supper and washed one another's feet as Jesus showed us what it means to love and serve others. Along with Mary his mother, and Mary Magdalene, one of his inner circle, we stood at the foot of the cross and witnessed Jesus's agonizing death. We know too well the sting of death as we kept watch at Jesus' tomb. But, as Christians, we know there is more. This Easter we sing our "Alleluias" as testimony to the world that love, not death, has the last say. For the 50 days of Eastertide we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ as we live into our calling to be the living body of Christ in the world. Life and love, not death and despair, have the last word. Together we celebrate the good news that death has been defeated once and for all as we join our voices, singing, "Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed!"

If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a card (hanging in each pew), put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or member of the clergy, and we will be in touch. It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you should need to participate in the service is found here, in this bulletin and in the blue hymnal in the pew rack. Hearing assist devices are available, as is nursery care for young children. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or any other requests. Again, welcome.

Cover image: Fresco at the entrance of St. Mark's Basilica, Venice.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Short Prelude & Fugue in F Major, BWV 556

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 208 Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done

VICTORY

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a,22-32

All sit.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 16

The people say the text in **bold** print, and sing the antiphon as indicated.



- Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied.

- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

Antiphon

- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
 in your presence there is fullness of joy,
 and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 178 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks *All stand and sing*.

Alleluia No. 1

THE GOSPEL John 20:19-31

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Hope Eakins

THE NICENE CREED

All 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A period of silence is kept. The people say the words in **bold**.

Made alive in Christ and filled with his Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

Ever-living God, you awaken faith amid our doubts and fears. Reveal your presence so that we recognize your power at work in your church and throughout the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Creator, the earth receives your promise of new life; seeds die to bear fruit and plants decay to nourish the soil. Restore all living things as you intend. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Giver of peace, when you make your presence known, you do so by offering peace. Bring such peace to peoples and nations ravaged by war, violence, and natural disaster. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Healing God, you breathe hope into rooms of despair. Be with the sick, the lonely, the grieving and those in any need, especially those on our parish prayer list. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of welcome, you are with this assembly as we worship. Bless all those whom God draws to this community and be with those who cannot be present this day. We pray especially for our rector and parish members who are on pilgrimage to Iona this week. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, with you all things are possible. With the saints, make us live in hope, trusting that though we do not see, we believe. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Celebrant Receive our prayers, merciful God, and dwell in us richly, through Jesus Christ, our life and

our redeemer.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM He shall feed his flock (from Messiah)

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) Text: Isaiah 40:11 Daaé Ransom, soloist

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; and he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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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. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

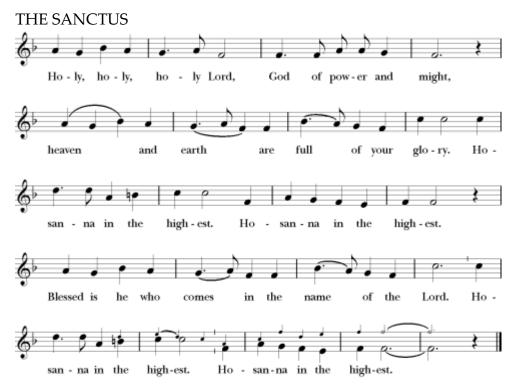
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues.

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:



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All remain standing or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

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

All

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

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



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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant 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.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail.

If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

If you would like to receive Healing Prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM How beautiful are the feet of them George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) (from *Messiah*) Text: Romans 10:15

Daaé Ransom, soloist

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People

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 for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 182 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

TRURO

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY Toccata

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say **Amen** at the end of the Voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

Vestry members are on hand today to welcome you to St. John's.

This morning's greeter is Courtney Bass.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend William Eakins **Preacher:** The Reverend Hope Eakins

Layreader: Carol Sonne

Organist/Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Acolytes: J.P. Evans, Caroline Smith, Genella Evans, Elsa Ciscel **Ushers:** Laura and John Roche, Claude Brouillard,

Conny DeLuca, Paul Shaker, Lyn Walker

Healing Prayers: Chris Byrd

Altar Guild: Alycia Evica and Carol Sonne

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Christoph Stretz **Musician:** Helen Hughlett

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In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séinaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulants, Stacey Kohl and Michael Corey, and our missioner in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing:

Jim Evans	Jim Tracy	Robert Connolly	Chas	Jay
Kim Green	Cheryl Trahan	Carol	Susan	William
Carol Grieco	Marlene Lambert	Luis & Lillian	Kathy	Ian
Janet Ray	Louis Neuchterlein	Missy Cipriano	Jim	Alec
Kent Lawrence	Julia	Alison & Sam	Barbara	
Regenold Moton	Arlene MacIntvre	Gravson Moore		

Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

Margaret Beers	Dianne Jones	Barbara Lennox	Julia Smith
Stacey Alemany	Ross Hatch	Tim Goetz	John Powell III
Linda Evans	Caroline Grant	Ethen Worrell	

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the church of Muranga South (Kenya).

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Andrew's, Milford; St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton; and parishes in transition, transition teams, and interim clergy.





We need to re-stock our supply of small-denomination gift cards (\$5 or \$10) for Walgreens, CVS, ShopRite, Subway or Dunkin Donuts to give to neighborhood residents who stop by with basic needs for food and toiletries. Please pick some up when you're able and either drop them off at the office or hand them to any staff member. And THANK YOU to those who have faithfully brought in cards. This ministry is a simple way to let people in need (sometimes desperate need) know that St. John's is a place of refuge and welcome.

Sign up to host a Sunday coffee hour on the Faith Forum bulletin board in Hubbard Hall. We still have lots of empty spaces for the spring! Partner with another family to make it easy for everyone.

Gather a team of women for Habitat's Women Build project on May 10 - 13. You will learn to frame, install siding and windows. The Habitat staff will be on site! Recruit your friends, sorority, church or civic group to come together for a worthy cause. Each team member must raise or donate \$100 to participate. Call 860-541-2208 ext. 2204 for details.

The Greater Hartford Host Lions Club is holding its 53rd Annual Pancake Breakfast including a full breakfast buffet on Sunday, April 30 from 8AM – 12PM at the American School for the Deaf on North Main Street. The cost for this unlimited buffet is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. There will be raffle items available from local merchants, and PAWS, the Lions Club Mascot Lion, will be there to greet the kids. All proceeds will be donated to local programs. Please call Danielle Herbert for additional information at 860-989-2474.

Opportunities for Study and Fellowship

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton's midweek Bible study, at noon on Wednesdays, was so successful during Lent that she will now offer it every week. Stop by whenever you're able — no need to sign up ahead of time! (**Note:** There will be NO Bible study on April 26 while Susan is on the adult pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland.)

The Women Together study/spirituality group will continue on Tuesdays in May, from 3 to 4:15 p.m. at St. John's. This group brings together women from St. John's, St. James's and Trinity Churches under the leadership of the Rev. Helen M. Moore. On Tuesdays starting on May 2, the group will read and discuss Richard Rohr's book *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*. E-mail Helen at helen@sjparish.net or call her at 860-331-1127 for more information or to let her know you're coming.

The Men's Bible Study meets at 6:30 a.m. on Thursday mornings in the Reception Room, with coffee!

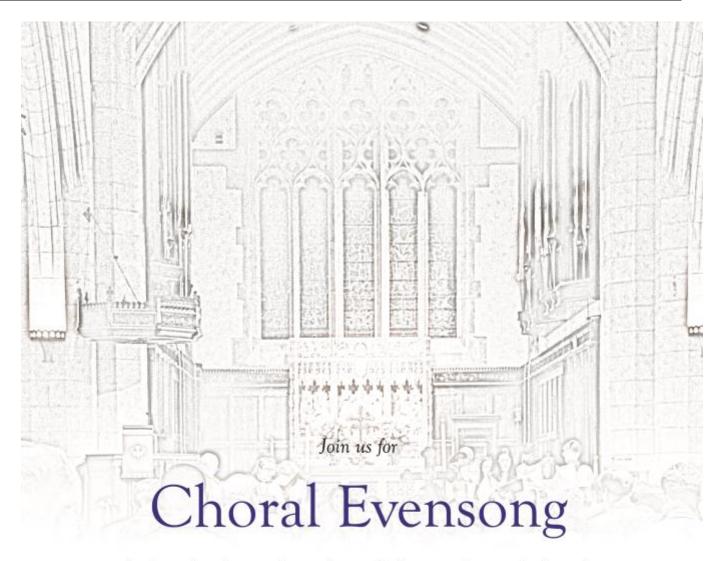
2018 Holy Land Pilgrimage

As we pray for our parishioners who are on pilgrimage to Iona this week, we are happy to announce another pilgrimage being planned for next year. Rector Susan Pinkerton, along with Priest Associates Hope and Bill Eakins, will lead a group to the Holy Land from September 14 to 26, 2018. With a local guide, Canon Iyad Qumri, the group will visit holy sites including Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth, along with some lesser-known places. The cost will be around \$2,400 per person, not including airfare. More details to come. If you're interested in going, please let the rector know.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- ❖ Midweek Bible study Every Wednesday at noon, with the rector (no study on 4/26)
- ❖ Men's Bible study Every Thursday at 6:30 a.m.
- ❖ Easter Egg Hunt TODAY after the 10:30 service
- ❖ Evensong with the St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs April 30 at 5 p.m.
- ❖ Pipes Alive! organ concert with Peter Niedmann May 7 at 12:30 p.m.
- ❖ Chili Cook-off May 12 at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Special coffee hour in the Cloister Garden May 14 after the 10:30 service
- ❖ Youth Sunday May 21 at the 10:30 service



A time of quiet, music, and a needed connection to the Sacred.

Sunday, March 26 Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield

> Sunday, April 30 St. John's Youth & Adult Choirs

> 5:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church 679 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford www.reddoormusic.org

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning 5:00 p.m. Evensong on selected last Sundays of the month 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday Christian Education at 9:30 a.m. September – May

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Sundays, 10:30 a.m., in the church Lay leaders: Victoria Crosta – text: 860-478-6524; Melissa Render – text: 860-983-4606