

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024, 9:30 AM



St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Organ Prelude "Easter Hymn" by Christopher Tambling

Welcome Gary Sylvester

Children's Greeting Mary Curlew, Intern

Opening Hymn, #175 Hail Thee, Festival Day! (vs 1-4) The Hymnal 1982

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!
People **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Deacon Let every creature and creation rejoice!
People **All who know the power of Love cry, "Alleluia!"**

Celebrant Let us share every story of coming alive again.
People **And testify to all that brings peace and justice.**

Deacon No spirit of destruction can silence us.
People **Let everything that has breath praise God!**

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!
People **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Gloria, S278 (see next page)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of Easter

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Michele Johns

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Mary Curlew

- 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.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Michele Johns

I would remind you, my siblings, 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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn, #190

Lift your voice rejoicing

The Hymnal 1982

The Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

Deacon The Holy Gospel according to Mark
People **Glory to you, O God.**

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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Anthem

“Alleluia” by Randall Thompson

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God’s help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God’s help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God’s help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?
I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, 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 grace, in Christ Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

We thank you, Almighty God, for our baptism into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Asperges

The priest sprinkles water from the font using a sprig from an evergreen as a reminder of the baptismal vows just renewed. During which, the congregation sings:

Hymn, #296

We know that Christ is raised

The Hymnal 1982

Prayers of the People

Mary Curlew

Leader

Risen Christ, you overcame death to bring us life: As we celebrate your victory over sin and death, we raise our hearts in prayer for the concerns of the world you came to save. We invite you into our midst to hear our prayer: Come, risen Christ, and hear the prayers of your gathered people.

A moment of silence for reflection.

Risen Christ, you overcame death to bring us life: we rejoice at your presence in the midst of this gathered community and in the whole world. May our lives reflect your light and abiding presence to the world. Pray, beloveds, for our witness as God's church (*pause for intercessions*).

Come Risen Christ:

People

And hear the prayers of your people.

Risen Christ, While the battle is won, the war rages on. Bring peace in our time to the ravaged places of the world. Give wisdom and compassion to the world's leaders, that peace and justice may prevail. Pray, beloveds, for peace in the world (*pause for intercessions*).

Come Risen Christ:

And hear the prayers of your people.

Risen Christ, you are the ruler of creation. The trees, the flowers and even the stones sing your praises. We too, lend our voice of praise. Help us to be good stewards of this tender earth, and to value it as you do. Pray, beloveds, for this fragile earth (*pause for intercessions*).

Come Risen Christ:

And hear the prayers of your people.

Risen Christ, you are the source of life for all people. When our hearts are weary, grieving or in pain, your touch can bring us back to life again. Pour out your balm on our souls and the souls of all in pain or sorrow. Pray, beloveds, for those we wish to commend to Christ at this time (*pause for intercessions*).

Come Risen Christ:

And hear the prayers of your people.

Risen Christ, you have opened heaven's gate: you have freed us from the power of sin and death. Through your rising again, you give us the promise of resurrection to a holier state. Pray, beloveds, for the dying and the dead (*pause for intercessions*).

Come Risen Christ:

And hear the prayers of your people.

Finally, Risen Christ, we are grateful for the life you have shared with us, the gifts of hearts to love and hands to help. For family, friends, birds and song. For the comfort of your Spirit in all things. We pray that you help us to see your gracious hand in us, in each other and the world around us.

Come Risen Christ:

And hear the prayers of your people.

Risen Christ, here in our midst, hear our prayers.

Amen.

Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ is always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another with the sign of peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant As Jesus so freely gave himself for us, let us consider the offerings we make to God. For the scriptures say: "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God." (*Ephesians 5:2*) Let us, now, share the offerings and oblations of our lives and labor to the glory of God.

Bread and wine are brought forward while the ushers pass the offering plates.

Offertory Hymn, #205

Good Christians all

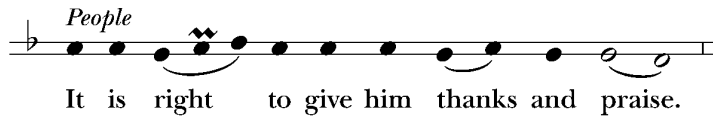
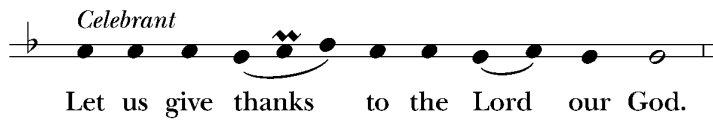
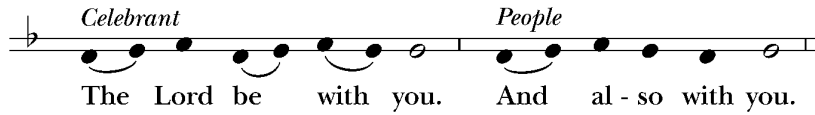
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The offering is brought forward.

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,
People All things come of thee, O God, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus, S128 (see next page)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
 By his baptism of suffering and death
 you give your church birth into a living hope.
 Raising Jesus from the dead,
 you make a new covenant with us,
 by water and the Spirit,
 and deliver us into freedom.
 We who were no people are now your people,
 declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
 who calls us out of death's shadow into everlasting life.

On the night when he gave himself up for us,
 he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
 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."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
 gave thanks to you, gave it to 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."

On the third day you raised him from the dead
and revealed him to the women
who came to the tomb to care for his body.
On that day he was recognized by his disciples
in the breaking of bread.

And so, remembering these
your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
We offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,
and we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give you thanks, God of love.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ
that we may be for the world
the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in loving service to all the world,
until all feast at your heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God
now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant
People*

Gathered into one as the family of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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

*Celebrant
People*

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

The Invitation

Celebrant Come, for all is now ready! The Gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St. Bart's! The ushers will invite you to come forward down the center aisle where there are two bread stations – one for each side of the sanctuary. Each station has both bread and gluten-free bread: presenting your hands facing upward indicates you'd like bread with gluten, hands facing down will indicate you'd like gluten free bread. Once you receive the bread, you may proceed to the Chalice station on your side. You are invited to sip from the chalice. If you prefer not to sip from the cup, you may place your hands across your chest to receive a blessing. If you prefer to receive neither the bread nor the wine, but would like to come forward for a blessing, please come forward as described above and simply cross your arms at your chest and the Priest or Deacon will offer a blessing. Hand sanitizer is available in the aisle. Please use the side aisles to return to your seat once you have received.

Communion Hymns 204 Now the green blade riseth / 185 Christ Jesus lay

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Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **God of abundance,
 you have fed us
 with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
 you have united us
 with Christ and one another;
 and you have made us one
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.
 Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue for ever
 in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Benediction

Celebrant As the Risen Christ called out, "Mary"
 on the other side of death,
 may you hear your own name
 on the lips of the Beloved
 calling you into hope,
 even when your heart is shattered.
 Evil cannot keep us down.
 Love rises. Love persists.
 Love always will.

The Blessing

Celebrant God's Blessing be with you,
 Christ's peace be with you,

the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always.

People

Amen.

Closing Hymn, #207

Jesus Christ is risen today!

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

Deacon

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in our Risen Savior. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

"Fugue in d" by J.S. Bach

RESOURCES

Opening Acclamation & Benediction: *Liturgy that Matters*, enflashed

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Prayers of the People: written by The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

Great Thanksgiving, Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing: *Enriching Our Worship*

Eucharistic Prayer: St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco, CA.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer
Music	Christina Edelen
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Chalice Bearer	Mary Curlew
Nonvested Chalice Bearer	Jan Burson
Lector	Michele Johns
Ushers	Jay & Basil Souder
Altar Guild	Beth LaSalle
Flower Arrangers	Corey Walmer, Barbara Barhydt, Imelda Schaefer
A/V	Peter Sillin
Counters	Pamela Trudo, Pam Hobson
Snow Removal	John Duncan
VPOW	Gary Sylvester
Nursery Care	Jennifer Weiderman



Easter Flowers are given...

By:

Jan Burson

Harriet B. Davis

Susan Garrett and Randy Moon

Carla Hunt and Andrew Tonks

Sarah Luther

Imelda A. Schaefer

By:

Harriet B. Davis

JulieAnn Heinrich

Sue Wheat

By:

Anonymous

In memory of:

Katherine & Albert Zimmerman

David W. and Muriel P. Ballard

Our parents

Alexander and Velma Hunt

Cheryl Nixon

Marge and Bob Tonks

Michael Luther

Frederic M. Schaefer

Josefina G. Hernandez

In honor of:

Anne B. Davis and Claire B. Davis

Loved Ones

Emma, Lilli, Hannah and Lucas Burrows

Braydan Wheat

In thanks for:

The beautiful music here at St. Bart's



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