

# Easter Sunday



St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Glenside, Pennsylvania  
March 31, 2024  
10 a.m.

*Gathering in Joy*

**Prelude: Awake Thou Wintry Earth & Easter Hymn** Mascagni; Bach  
Charles Wolfe & Jeffrey Fountain, Trumpets

**Processional Hymn:** The Hymnal 1982, #184 **Christ The Lord Is Risen Again**

**The Opening Acclamation** (*Said three times*) **BCP 355**

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Flowering of the Cross: 179, "Welcome, happy morning"**

*All are invited to come forward and decorate the wooden cross with the flowers we have available.*

**Hymn of Praise:** With One Voice, #607 **Glory To God**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

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.**

## Listening for God's Word

### **The First Reading** - *Isaiah 25:6-9*

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.

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

**Psalm 118:14-24** (*Please use the Book of Common Prayer*)

**BCP 761**

### **The Epistle** - *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.

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

**Gospel Hymn:** The Hymnal 1982, #180 **He is risen, he is risen**

**The Gospel Reading** - *Mark 16:1-8*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

*Response:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Barbara Ballenger

## Holy Baptism of Maverick Leonard Woods

**Baptismal Hymn: With One Voice, #693, Baptized in Water**

**The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate**

**BCP 301**

Presider: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents:

I present Maverick Leonard Woods to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents;

I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents:

I will, with God's help.

*Then the Presider asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the child.*

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

*The Presider addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?

**People:**           **We will.**

*The Presider then says these or similar words*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

**BCP 304**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: 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.**

Presider: 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.**

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: 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.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: 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.**

### **Prayers for the Candidates**

**BCP 305**

*The Presider then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer**

*The Presider says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The Presider blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.  
Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.  
Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage  
in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus  
received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy  
Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death

and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Presider touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Baptism and Anointing**

*The candidate is presented by name to the Presider, who then immerses, or pours water upon the candidate, saying* Maverick, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying*

Maverick, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*The priest lights a candle from the Easter Candle and hands it to a family member.*

Maverick, receive the light of Christ, a sign of the new life enkindled within you. Share it with the world as a follower of Jesus. **Amen.**

### **The Prayer and Welcoming of the Newly Baptized**

**BCP 308**

Let us pray together.

**Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.**

*The Presider says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Presider and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

### **The Sprinkling Rite**

*The congregation is blessed with holy water from the font in recollection of our rebirth and renewal in baptism.*

### **The Peace**

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

**People: And also with you.**

## *Celebrating Holy Communion*

### **The Offertory**

*We offer to God gifts of bread and wine as fruits of our labor and the gift of money representing our lives offered for God's service. As is our tradition at St. Peter's, a portion of the Easter offering supports our parish's ministries and a portion supports a ministry beyond the walls of our church. This year we are supporting the Good Friday offering, which supports ministry to Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.*

**Offertory Anthem: Risen In Glory**

St. Peter's Bell Choir & Trumpeters

**The Presentation Hymn: The Hymnal 1982, #174 At the Lamb's high feast**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Enriching Our Worship Prayer 3*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God.... And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



**Sanctus:** The Hymnal 1982, #S130 **Holy, holy, holy Lord**

*The Presider continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent... And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Presider and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Presider continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. ...Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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 Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Fraction Anthem:** The Hymnal 1982, #S164 **Jesus, Lamb of God**

*The Presider continues*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **The Communion of the People**

**Communion Music: Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!**

Patrick Liebergen  
St. Peter's Choir

Charles Wolfe and Jeffrey Fountain, Trumpets

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*Presider and people together*

**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.**

*Sending Forth*

## **The Easter Blessing**

**Closing Hymn: The Hymnal 1982, #175 Hail Thee, Festival Day**

## **The Dismissal**

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Postlude: Hallelujah chorus**

George F. Handel

**Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth!  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,  
and of His Christ.  
And He shall reign forever and ever, King of kings, and Lord of lords!  
Hallelujah!**

## Worship Ministers

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## Upcoming Events

*Use the QR code below for more details about these events and more!*

- **Bread Day:** Families of elementary-aged children are invited to learn about the Sacrament of Eucharist, make Communion bread and fashion Sacrament stoles during Bread Day on Saturday, April 6 from 10:30 am to noon. This activity would work best for children in first grade and up. But littler ones are invited as well since all ages are invited to receive Communion.
- **Seder Meal:** The St. Peter's Seder will be Saturday, April 6 at 6 p.m. Please use the sign up in the newsletter or on our website to RSVP.
- **Spring Rummage Sale :** Drop-off and sorting begins Sunday, April 14 and runs through Wednesday, April 17.
  - **Jewelry Sale:** Thursday evening, April 18, from 6p.m.-9p.m. in the library.
  - **Public Sale:** Friday evening, April 19, from 6p.m.-9p.m in the parish hall.
  - **Bag & 1/2 Price Sale:** Saturday morning, April 20, from 10a.m.– 2p.m.

**Note:** This year's Jewelry Sale in the library will replace the Thursday night Family and Friends Sale.



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