**St. John’s Episcopal Church**

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Celebrant: Rev. Harold Schneider

Lector: Margaret Smith Music Director: Kitty Underwood

**Introit “Joy Comes in the Morning” Choir**

**Processional:** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today**Hymn 207*

*BCP #299*

*The people standing, the Celebrant says:*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*The Celebrant then continues:*

There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

**People Amen.**

**The Lessons**

**A Reading from Acts 10:34-43 Insert**

Lector The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**A Reading from Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Insert**

Lector The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**A Reading (Lesson) from1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Insert**

Lector The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Anthem:** *At the Lamb’s High Feast**Hymn 174*

Lector:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gospel Mark 16:1-8 Insert**

*After the Gospel, the Reader says:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**  Rev. Harold Schneider

**Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

Celebrant:

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor: I present Jason Foltz to receive the Sacrament of

Baptism.

The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented:

Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate I do.*

*BCP #625*

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.**

*After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation ,saying:*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People: We will.**

*The Celebrant then says these or similar words:*

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

*BCP#304*

**The Baptismal Covenant**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

**People I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of 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.**

**Prayers for the Candidate**

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation:*

Let us now pray for Jason who is to receive the

Sacrament of new birth and for those who

have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and

death.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his hearts to your grace and truth.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your

holy Church.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the

Spirit.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your

love.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and

glory.

**People Lord, hear our prayer**.

*The Celebrant 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 forever. Amen.

**Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying:*

The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

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 Celebrant 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.

***BCP #307***

**The Baptism**

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying:*

Jason Foltz, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or*

*Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying:*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy

Spirit you have bestowed upon this 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.

*Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking*

*on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying to each one*:

Jason, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked

as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

**The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people:*

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

**Announcements and Prayers**

**The Flowering of the Cross**

Please come forward and add flowers to the cross

**Offertory Anthem:** Awake! Arise! Go Forth! Price & Besig

**Doxology** Hymn 380 (verse 3)

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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.** |

V. All things come of thee, O Lord.

R. **And of thine own have we given thee**. (1 Chr. 29:14)

*BCP #367*

**The Great Thanksgiving** *Eucharistic Prayer B*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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|  | 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.** |

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-  
where 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus** *S-129*

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*The people stand or kneel.*

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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.***

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

BCP# 364

**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**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation and may add:*

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| Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. | |
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Ministration of Communion – All are welcome at God’s table.

**Communion Anthem:** God Sent His Son LEVAS 43

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**Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee**

**for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the**

**spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy**

**Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of**

**thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very**

**members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the**

**blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs,**

**through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly**

**beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy**

**grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn:** He Is Risen Hymn 180

**The Dismissal**

People respond: **Thanks be to God.**

***Easter Day, Year B***

### Acts 10:34-43

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."

### Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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.

### 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.

### Mark 16:1-8

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.