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HOLY FAMILY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Laurel Springs, New Jersey

2nd Sunday of Easter

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

16 April 2023

9:30 A.M.



THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 475 “God Himself is with Us”

Hymnal

The people standing, all say together:

THE WELCOMING PRAYER

Holy Spirit living within us, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome today all those who worship with us at Holy Family. Give us discerning hearts so that everyone who crosses our threshold feels welcomed in the spirit of your love. Help us to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. And most of all, O God, let this be a place of love and acceptance of all your children; in the name of your Child, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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. **Amen.**

GLORIA S273

Hymnal

*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.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 357

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. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.*

PSALM 16, *Conserva me, Domine*

The Psalm is read responsively by verse.

1 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.***

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1Peter 1:3-9

Reader: A reading from the first letter to Peter

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.*

Please stand as you are able for the singing of the Gradual Hymn and reading of the Gospel.

GRADUAL HYMN: 208 “Alleluia, the strife is O’er”

Hymnal

THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When 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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Please be seated for the sermon.

SERMON

The Revd. Carmen Viola

Please be stand as you are able for the Nicene Creed.

THE NICENE CREED *(said by all)*

BCP 358

*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. Amen.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, peace be with you. Let us pray to our merciful Lord, saying, “ Our Lord and our God, have mercy on us.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you have given your Church the gift of your Holy Spirit. May that same Spirit comfort and strengthen us as we proclaim your resurrection to the world.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, William our Bishop, Sally our Bishop Elect, Carmen, our Priest, Naomi our Deacon, the Ministry of the Leaders and Participants in the Way of St. Paul program from the Diocese of New Jersey cycle of prayer, and The Anglican Church of Tanzania from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

Silence

Our Lord and our God,

People: *Have mercy on us.*

Leader: God of wisdom, reach and counsel the leaders of the nations. May this world be filled with justice and peace.

We pray for Joseph, the President, Kamala, the Vice-President, the members of Congress and the Supreme Court; for Phillip the governor, and Jack the mayor.

Silence

Our Lord and our God,

People: *Have mercy on us.*

Leader: God our provider, you have given us this pleasant earth as a goodly heritage. May we use its resource wisely and always according to your purpose.

The congregation may add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Our Lord and our God,

People: *Have mercy on us.*

Leader: All-knowing God, raise up for this community people who will stand and voice your truth. May we be led by you on good paths of life.

Silence

Our Lord and our God,

People: *Have mercy on us.*

Leader: Merciful God, you are a strong refuge for those in trouble. Protect all those who suffer various trials. Reveal yourself to those who struggle to believe in you. Make all your people glad by the living hope that is found in you. .

We especially pray for:

The congregation may add their own petitions, followed by silence.

Our Lord and our God,

People: *Have mercy on us.*

Leader: God of life, may the dying and the dead rest in hope. Give us faith that you do not abandon anyone - even to the grace. And preserve us for the great inheritance you give us through the resurrection of your Son from the dead.

Silence

Our Lord and our God,

People: *Have mercy on us.*

Please kneel as you are able for The Confession of Sin.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: *Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen*

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE

BCP 360

Please stand as you are able for The Peace.

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

People: *And also with you.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

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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.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: *By your will they were created and have their being.*

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People: *By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.***

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS:

***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.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Celebrant: Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: *We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.*

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All are invited to receive communion.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*All: 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

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 210 “The Day of Resurrection”

Hymnal

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

CELEBRANT: The Revd. Carmen Viola

ORGANIST: Bob Fredrick

USHER: Cathy Brackin

ACOLYTE: Betsy Murphy

OLD TESTAMENT & PSALM: Chris Botto

NEW TESTAMENT: Linda Macklin

ALTAR GUILD: Madeline Juliano

COUNTERS: Elaine Bryan & DeSha Viola

COFFEE HOUR: AnnMarie Cranford

VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH: Luann Watson

SATURDAY OUTREACH: Barbara & Elaine

PRAYER LIST:

Agnes	David	Matthew
AJ	Holly	Mike
Sue	Barbara	Sue
Nicole	Amanda	Chris
Bill	Abby	Barbara, Sr.
Joe & Tori	Pres. Carter	Christy
John & Chris	Eric & Family	Donna
Linda	Jesse	Donald
Cindy	Gary	Judy
Jackie	Sylvia	Richard
Bob & Trish	Lee	Tom
Kathy	JoAnn	Naomi
Rich	Ryan	
Geri & Tom	Michelle	

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please fill out one of the prayer cards in the pews and place it in the offering plate. Requests can also be given to Madeline Juliano.

CARING CARDS: If you know of someone who is either sick or shut-in that could use a get well card or thinking of you card from the church, you can email Barbara Matthews, beejamatthews@gmail.com and she will have one send.

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Donations can be made for: Sunday Donation, Building Fund, Endowment Fund, Altar Flowers, Memorials, Sanctuary Candle Donation, and Outreach.

APRIL VESTRY MEETING: Today at 11:00 am is our April vestry meeting. All who attend Holy Family are welcome to attend the meeting. Vestry Member should have received an agenda and this month's minutes by email and in their mailboxes.

SATURDAY OUTREACH: HELP: HELP STOCK OUR SHELVES! Each month on the third Saturday, Holy Family distributes non-food essentials to people in need. Items can be placed in the marked basket in the parish hall. We need: toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, shampoo, bar soap, laundry detergent, dish liquid, toothpaste and lotion.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need coffee hour volunteers for April. There is a signup in the Parish Hall and in our e-newsletter.

YARD SALE: Saturday, May 6th is the Laurel Springs town-wide yard sale, rent a table at Holy family for the event. See Madeline for more information.

