

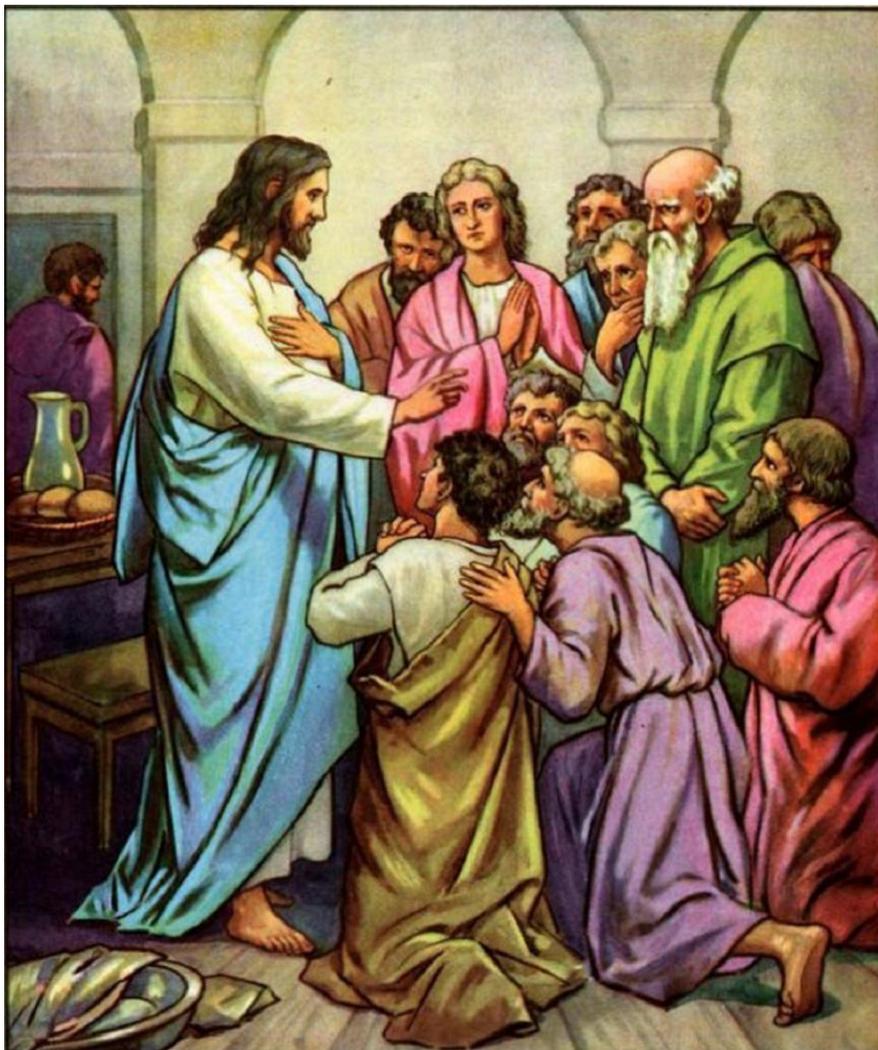


# The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

9:00 a.m.

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



**Jesus Appears to His Disciples**

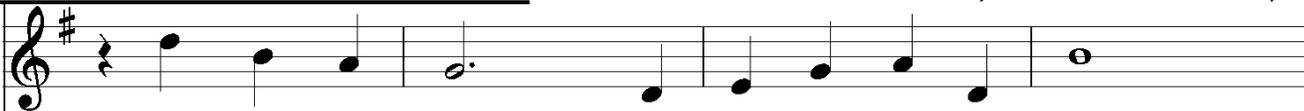
## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

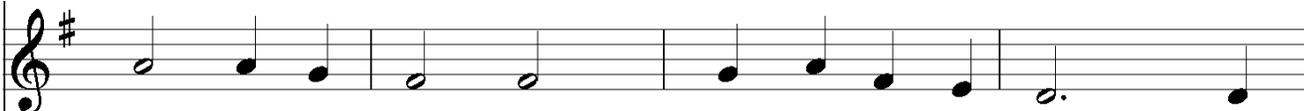
*People:* Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## Easter Cancticle: *Pascha nostrum*

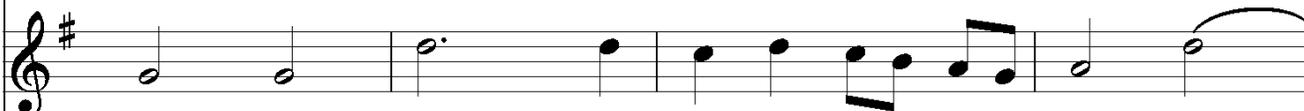
*Wonder, Love and Praise, 880*



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;  
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -  
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through  
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -  
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -  
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

## The Word of God

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* God be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**All:** O God, whose blessed Son  
made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
Open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may behold him  
in all his redeeming work;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

*The congregation sits.*

### **First Lesson: Acts 3:12-19**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

**Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

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

*Remaining seated, all say together [in unison] the*

### **Gradual: Psalm 4**

*Cum invocarem*

- 1 **Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**
- 2 **“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?”**
- 3 **Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.**
- 4 **Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**
- 5 **Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the LORD.**
- 6 **Many are saying,  
“Oh, that we might see better times!” \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.**
- 7 **You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.**
- 8 **I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

## Second Lesson: I John 3:1-7

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

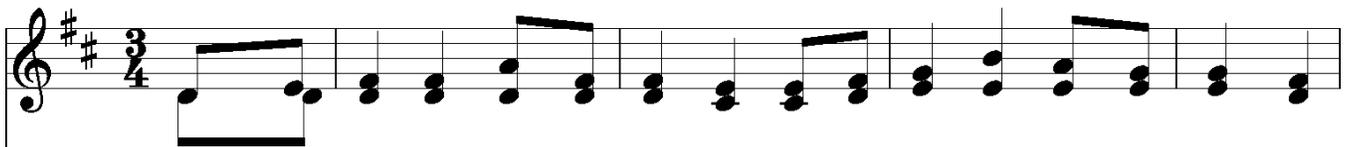
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**People:** Thanks be to God.

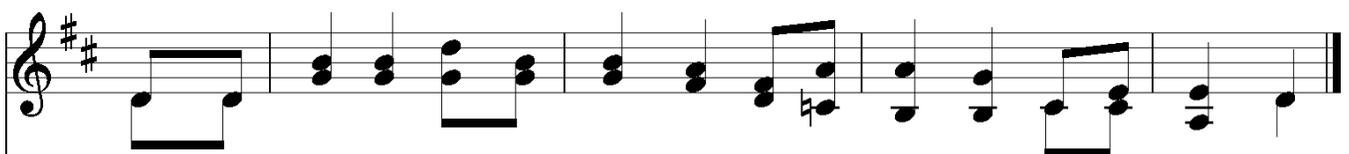
All then stand to sing the following

### Sequence Hymn

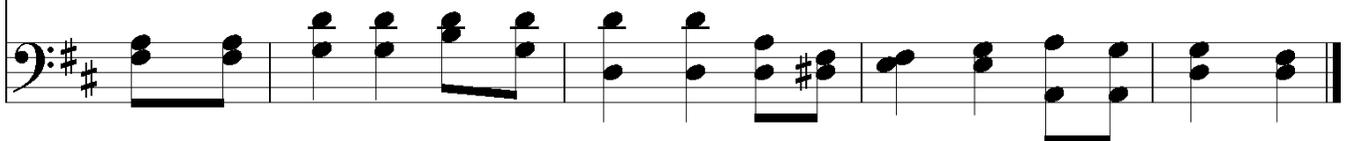
*Lift Every Voice and Sing II, Hymn 213, verses 1,3,5*



1. Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther Safe - ly in His bos - om gath - er;
2. God His own doth tend and nour - ish, In His ho - ly courts they flour - ish;
3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord His child - ren sev - er;
4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, Your pro - tect - or nev - er slum - bers;
5. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



1. Nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en, Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
2. From all e - vil things He spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.
3. Un - to them His grace He show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
4. At the will of your de - fend - er Ev - ery per - son must sur - ren - der.
5. His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



*All remain standing for the reading of the*

**Gospel: Luke 24:35b-48**

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

*Priest:* The Gospel of Christ.

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

*All sit to hear*

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Tom Wand

*All stand to say*

**The Nicene Creed**

**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.**

*All remain standing for the*  
**Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant:* Gracious and Loving God, Christ's peace penetrates our startled and terrified hearts: Open our minds to understand the scriptures and to know ourselves as your beloved children, for we pray, saying: Know that God does wonders for the faithful; when we call, God will hear us.

*People:* Know that God does wonders for the faithful;  
**when we call, God will hear us.**

*Leader:* You have called your Church to be witnesses of the resurrection and to proclaim in your name repentance and forgiveness of sins: Lift up your countenance upon us, O God, that we may see and touch the presence of the Risen One.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; for Daniel, our Bishop; for Tom, our Priest; for all the baptized in this parish, ministering here and in the world; and for all lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons. We give thanks for the parish mission and goals we have discerned and ask that they may guide our congregation as we more fully carry out God's call to service and build up our life together as Resurrection parish.

*People:* Know that God does wonders for the faithful;  
**when we call, God will hear us.**

*Leader:* Though the nations of the earth act in ignorance and reject the call of the Holy and Righteous One, fulfill what you have foretold through all the prophets, that we might see better times.

We pray for Joseph, our President, along with the members of Congress and the judges of our courts; Tom, our Governor, along with the General Assembly and the Courts in our Commonwealth; the leaders of this Township of Aston, and the leaders of all the townships and boroughs in which we live.

Know that God does wonders for the faithful;

**People: when we call, God will hear us.**

*Leader:* We praise our Wounded Healer Christ, who suffered, and rose from the dead on the third day, that your divine re-creative power may be at work throughout the world to confront injustice, disease, poverty and sadness.

Know that God does wonders for the faithful;

**People: when we call, God will hear us.**

*Leader:* Answer the people of this community, Defender of our cause, and set us free when we are hard-pressed, that we may dwell in safety until the day when we will see you as you are.

Know that God does wonders for the faithful;

**People: when we call, God will hear us.**

*Leader:* Hear our prayers for all for whom we intercede, especially, Bob Spencer, Wendy Dargay, Billie Jean Adams, Roxie Koerner, Stephen Perrera, Eric Brunner, and Jacob Blake; those over 31 million of our fellow Americans who are infected with the COVID-19 virus; for those unemployed, or whose businesses are in distress because of this pandemic; those who face the terrifying choice of entering work environments that jeopardize their health; those imperiled by harsh weather, both in our country and elsewhere; for those grieving or menaced by violent acts of hate in our country and around the world, especially those whose lack of resources and whose suffering under the inequalities of our society cries out to us for justice, redress, and support; children and families separated or interned at our nation's borders; those mentioned in our parish's prayer list, and those we name before You now:

*Silence is kept.*

*The People may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.*

Know that God does wonders for the faithful;

**People: when we call, God will hear us.**

*Leader:* We celebrate the goodness of your blessings among us, especially for Bridget Thomas, James Idun, Jean Cavanaugh, and James Robert Wand, as they celebrate their birthdays this week; for Ernestine Franz, as we commemorate her baptism; for Carole Sorokanych and Sarah Laxton, as we commemorate their confirmations; for the first responders and health care workers who strive to protect us from dangers to our health, including the COVID virus; for the essential workers who put their health at risk for us; for the hope and help given by vaccines to ease the COVID pandemic; this

parish's fellowship and its ministry; for the mission you have given us to accomplish, and to which we have dedicated ourselves; and for those blessings we remember before You now:

*Silence is kept.*

*The People may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.*

Know that God does wonders for the faithful;

**People: when we call, God will hear us.**

**Leader:** We remember all who have died, that they may be revealed to be like you, O God, in the resurrection life of Christ, especially, Joan Allen, Ed Hess, Sr., Carolyn Watson, Estherine Craig, Jean Latch, Ellie Evans, Heidi Osborn, Edward Kurt Rappold, Jr., Dorothy Laxton, Anthony Grisaffe, Matthew Aber, Cathy Pannabaker, Nik Rajagopal, Brian Sicknick, Walter Wallace, Jr., Aaron Danielson, George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, Breonna Taylor, and Joe Ritchie-Bennett; those over 560,000 of our fellow Americans who have died in the Coronavirus pandemic, including John Davis; among these we give special thanks for those who gave their life for others by serving as health care workers, first responders, and essential workers; all those killed by unlawful violent acts, both by and against law enforcement officers, and those whom we remember before You now:

*Silence is kept.*

*The People may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.*

Know that God does wonders for the faithful;

**People: when we call, God will hear us.**

**Celebrant:** O God of our ancestors, you have glorified your servant Jesus: Fill our wondering hearts with your joy and love, that we may live faithfully and be righteous as he is righteous, living in your life-giving Spirit, through Christ our Savior.

**People: Amen.**

### **The Peace**

**Celebrant:** The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Please note that Christian tradition from  
the Council of Nicea in 324AD onward  
discourages kneeling at any point in worship during Easter season.**

### **Announcements**

## **Offertory**

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with an appropriate sentence of Scripture.*

*After the gifts of bread and wine are offered at the Altar, all say the following*

## **Doxology**

**Let trumpets sound and voices sing!  
Let all on earth their praises bring!  
For Christ has conquered death and sin  
And life eternal us did win.**

*At the conclusion of the Doxology, all remain standing; the Celebrant begins the Eucharistic Prayer.*

## **Eucharistic Prayer A (Expansive Language)**

*Celebrant:* God 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 proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's 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**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify ✠ them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify ✠ us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

**People: AMEN!**

**The Lord's Prayer (Traditional Translation)** *The Book of Common Prayer, page 364*

*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. This anthem is said by all.*  
**God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.  
Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

### **The Invitation**

*The Celebrant raises the elements and says*  
**The Gifts of God for the People of God.**

**“If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but...is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth.”**

**[*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 457]**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*      Let us pray.

**All:      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.**

### **Blessing**

**Celebrant:** Beloved, you are God's children now; when God is revealed, you will be like God, for you will see God in reality.

**People:    Amen.**

**Celebrant:** Peace be with you, for the presence of the Risen Christ is with us.

**People:    Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Embrace hope in the power of the Spirit, and be witnesses for the Author of life.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* And the blessing of our wonderful God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and empower you, now and forever. Amen.

*People:* **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:**

*The Hymnal 1982, Hymn 199*



1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,  
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:  
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;  
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;  
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing



led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.  
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Postlude**



### Participants in Today's Liturgy

The Rev. Thomas C. Wand  
Debbie Ney, Organist  
Amelia Wilbur, Vocalist  
Rosemary Bezuidenhout, Reader



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We thank you for your continued support!



WEEK 15	04/11/2021	ACTUAL	BUDGET 52 WEEKS
Pledge	\$3,598.00	\$36,906.50	\$35,192.31
Contribution	\$30.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,163.46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,628.00</b>	<b>\$38,106.50</b>	<b>\$37,355.77</b>



The Episcopal Diocese  
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The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez

*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.*

Mark 16:6

Alleluia, He is Risen. He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia. After a long, cold, and snow-filled winter, signs of new life are evident in our landscape.

Easter reminds me of something that is intimately connected to the depth of my faith, the intensity of hope. This Easter, let us not lose this perspective. We have endured a challenging and painful year. Despite the challenges, we hoped upon hope, dreamed, prepared, and acted. Think of what we have learned, how we have grown stronger since Easter of 2020.

This Easter, hope continues to spring forth from the truth that Christ is Risen and with us as we take our next steps forward. Like the light of life found in the empty tomb, we discard the linens of despair and dream as to how we further our Lord's kingdom in the years to come. Do not hope for too little.

The light of Easter is the knowing that when Jesus walked out of that tomb on Easter morning, he did not walk out alone. He grasped our hands into his and took all of us with him into a new light, a new day, into a new life. The love of Christ brings his life to our lives—the message of Easter.

All along the way he is telling us, you are good, beautiful, and loved. When the world tells us we are not worth it, Jesus says you are mine. When we cannot take another step, Jesus tells us we are strong. When people say you do not belong, he says sit by our side. Look up and catch the rays of the rising sun, listen to the song of the birds and the beauty of our prayers and be reminded of the glorious truth, he has truly Risen.

In the same way, our churches are being reborn through bold acts of innovation and faith. We are combatting poverty in ways unimaginable 12 months ago. This revolutionary diocese is proclaiming the Good News as a beloved family of God. He is Risen. This Easter discerns what light you will bring to the world through your life and service to God. Ask yourself, “what story will you tell of God?” And, what new person will you share it with?

Be kind to someone who is not expecting it, forgive, reach out to someone alone or invite someone to a service (on Zoom or in-person). Take an extra 15 minutes of your day, pray and spend them with our Lord (it is worth it). Don't ever forget that the Christ who is among us is brilliant in his various disguises. Jesus loves surprising us, and you never know when he will appear or whom he will be disguised as.

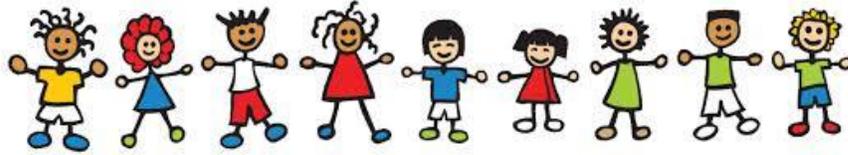
I deeply believe in Jesus Christ and the promise to be with us. I deeply believe in the Love of God. All will be well. Never stop dreaming, hoping, and acting in His name. Never stop loving God and one another because “Love is stronger than death.” Love is all that remains.

Our message as a diocese is the Easter message—Jesus Christ is Risen. Let us greet a new day, new life, and new world, with joy. The sun is shining, the flowers are blooming. Alleluia, He is Risen. He is risen indeed.

Most Blessed Easter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a large, stylized initial 'D' and 'G'. The signature is written in a cursive style and includes a small cross symbol at the beginning and the Roman numeral 'XVI' at the end.

*The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez*  
*Sixteenth Bishop of Pennsylvania*



## Resurrection Pre-School

9am till 12noon / 5-day classes for 4's / 3-day classes (M/W/F) for 3's

Reasonable rates—Financial Aid Available  
Children need to be toilet-trained

Please call the office 610-459-2013  
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Dawn Viscusi, Pre-School Administrator

**REMEMBER:  
IT'S YOUR WORD OF MOUTH PROMOTION  
OF OUR PARISH'S PRESCHOOL THAT  
KEEPS THIS OUTREACH PROGRAM OF OUR  
PARISH ALIVE AND DOING ITS GOOD  
WORK!**



**WAWA HOAGIE SALE:** Our Wawa Hoagie coupon fundraiser continues! We are selling coupons at \$3.50 each for a Wawa “shorti” hoagie, of which we keep a small profit from every sale. The coupons can be used at all Wawa’s and have no expiration date. If you are interested, please see Rosemary Bezuidenhout or contact the office.

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**Food Outreach Contributions Update:**

Through April 11, our congregation has contributed \$16,250 to this ministry (above and beyond regular pledge contributions). Of this, \$14,500 has already been disbursed to assist those suffering from food insecurity. As always, thanks be to God for the generosity of these gifts, and may God help us persist as this need grows ever greater.

**OUTREACH UPDATE from Leigh Oppelt, Outreach Coordinator**

The money pouring in for the food pantry has been amazing and it is nothing short of amazing that all are being so generous in these difficult times. The Brookhaven pantry has been so appreciative of our generosity.

Nonperishable food has been donated to a group of local folks who head to Philadelphia once a week and hand out supplies to the homeless; the number of homeless persons is increasing each week. They are also collecting warm clothing and blankets. ***If anyone would like to donate clothes or blankets, please reach out to me.***

Additionally, we will provide to another local (DELCO) food pantry this week that is run out of St. Timothy's. They are also collecting non-perishable food. Nancy Buck has put out a call on her Facebook for donations. I will be supplying her with groceries to support this cause.

Times are hard for so many people, ***if anyone comes across a family struggling or who just need Giant gift cards please reach out to me with information.***

Since March I have been volunteering my time to the Brookhaven Pantry every Sunday morning. This is when the pickup of food takes place. Cars line up out the main road and some weeks all the way down the main road. They also have walk-ins that carry out what they can manage to carry. I work in the background, packing fruit/veggie/bread/dairy/desserts/frozen food into the boxes. Some weeks it is very overwhelming and then again rewarding. Thru all of this I have met some wonderful people. Like my church family, everyone just wants to help those in need.

Please continue to keep your eyes and ears open for anyone in need, Once again, thank you for all your support. Miss you all, hoping we can all get back together soon.

/s/Leigh

**Please remember in your prayers**  
**those for whom our prayers have been requested, especially:**



Bob Spencer, Wendy Dargay, Billie Jean Adams, Roxie Koerner, Eric Brunner, and Jacob Blake; those over 31 million of our fellow Americans who are infected with the COVID-19 virus; for those unemployed, or whose businesses are in distress because of this pandemic; those who face the terrifying choice of entering work environments that jeopardize their health; those imperiled by harsh weather, both in our country and elsewhere; for those grieving or menaced by violent acts of hate in our country and around the world, especially those whose lack of resources and whose suffering under the inequalities of our society cries out to us for justice, redress, and support; children and families separated or interned at our nation's borders; Wendy A, Ryan Aber, Thomas Adams, Gene Adamuski, Melanie Austin, Bruce, Kylie Benditt, Nancy Berkhiemer, Dolly Boyd, Fr. Barry Boyle. Arthur Brunner, Merry Buffington, Carol Cannon, Carmella Cichetti, Bruce Coffin, Will Currey, Bill and Lynn Davison, Irene Doniger, Annis Dunlap, Stephanie Eckenrode, David Evans, Bettie Fanelli, Lorraine Fenza, Jennifer Finley, Charlie Gaeto, Rebecca Grisaffe Paul Hagy, Maggie Hancock, Susan Harbison and Family, Dawn Hess, George Kolodi, Sophie McNerney; John Miller, Debbie Mazingo, Wayne Mazingo, The Osborn Family, Mike Pelegrino, George Rigby, Ruby, John Ryan, The Schiller Family, Bill Scott, Keith Scott, George Smith, Doug and Ruth Soule, Bob Spencer, Gale Spencer, Susan Stretch, Bernice Strohl, Glenda Tate, Marie Taylor, Dale Tibbetts, Paula Trudell, Candace Ward, Bruce Warren, Kevin Widrig, Hazel Will, and Lora Lee Wright.

**Those blessings for which we offer thanks, especially:**

Bridget Thomas, James Idun, and Jean Cavanaugh, as they celebrate their birthdays this week; for Ernestine Franz, as we commemorate her baptism; for Carole Sorokanych and Sarah Laxton, as we commemorate their confirmations; for the military, fire fighters, police and EMS workers; for the first responders and health care workers who strive to protect us from dangers to our health, including the COVID virus; for the essential workers who put their health at risk for us; for the hope and help given by vaccines to ease the COVID pandemic; this parish's fellowship and its ministry; for the mission you have given us to accomplish, and to which we have dedicated ourselves.

**Those who have died, especially:**

Joan Allen, Ed Hess, Sr., Carolyn Watson, Estherine Craig, Jean Latch, Ellie Evans, Heidi Osborn, Edward Kurt Rappold, Jr., Dorothy Laxton, Anthony Grisaffi, Matthew Aber, Cathy Pannabaker, Nik Rajagopal, Brian Sicknick, Walter Wallace, Jr., James Fennimore, Aaron Danielson, George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, Breonna Taylor, and Joe Ritchie-Bennett; those over 540,000 of our fellow Americans who have died in the Coronavirus pandemic, including John Davis; among these we give special thanks for those who gave their life for others by serving as health care workers, first responders, and essential workers; all those killed by unlawful violent acts, both by and against law enforcement officers.



## **The Mission and Goals of Resurrection Church**

The mission of Resurrection Episcopal Church is to nourish the spiritual lives of our diverse parish family and to follow the example of Jesus through service to our community.

The Internal goal for Resurrection Episcopal Church is to grow stronger in faith, care for those who cannot be present, and unify as a family sharing in faith based activities.

The Resurrection Episcopal Church outreach goal is to become more visible and listen to the needs of the community by doing God's work through service to others.



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## Racial Justice and Reconciliation in Our Country—How Do We Actively Help?

### A Statement by the Priest-in-Charge, Wardens, and Vestry of Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale

Our Church, our Diocese, indeed all of us are committed by our Baptism into the Christian faith to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” [BCP, p. 305] This means that we must actively oppose and seek to dismantle systems, structures, and beliefs which promote and sustain the privileges of one group or race over another.

Based in the resurrection, our work is not to blame, not to single out individuals or groups to pronounce guilty or sinful [most notably, because we know everyone has sinned, including us]. Jesus calls us not to judge and condemn *others*, but to bring the righteousness of the Reign of God into visible reality. This righteousness comes from right relationships among all people, among all structures of our society, and among us as human beings relating to God and all Creation.

This will be, in our society (and for our parish community), long and hard work. This did not start recently; its repair will not be done soon. We have many broken and distorted relationships in our society and its structures [The Bible calls this “sin.”]. We cannot stand by and refuse the work to transform that because of its difficulty or pain to us. The Cross will not allow that. The time to start is now.

Our parish will be examining the work to which we are called and the ways we can move forward. Your help in the discernment and in the work is essential. Please pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance and support for you, for our parish, and for our country as we seek to:

**“Let the whole world know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by [the One] through whom all things were made, ..Jesus Christ.” [BCP, p. 280]**



(From top left:) Janet Russello, Jill Graham, Fr. Wand, Phyllis Russell, Barbara Krisack  
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