



(Please silence all cell-phones & digital devices until after the Service! Thank you.)

SUNG LITURGY OF THE DAY

Missa Resurrectionis by Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

The Choir of St. Paul's Cathedral
Patricia Hills, Conductor
Tim Socha, Guest Organist

Hymns, in numerical order, are in the 1982 Hymnal; service music is listed on the service leaflet and may be found in the front of the 1982 Hymnal, with "S" before the number. "BCP" with a page number, refers to The Book of Common Prayer

PRELUDE – O filii et filiae, pt. 1

Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1738)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – #205 Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing

Gelobt sei Gott

All stand as the procession enters the nave.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

S78

Celebrant
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People
The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GLORIA

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

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

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.**

All sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

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 – *8am Read responsively; 10:15am chanted by the choir*

Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)

- 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.

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:3-9

Reader A reading from the First Letter of 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.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN – #212 Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice

Richmond

All standing, as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

All remain standing, as able.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Rebecca A. Barnes

THE NICENE CREED *All Stand, as able*

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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

Intercessor On this day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad as we pray to God
who has raised Jesus from the dead, saying: Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

For the Church: especially for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean our Presiding Bishop;
and Stephen our Bishop Provisional, that by our witness and love we may be signs of the
Risen Christ. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For this Cathedral community, that we may witness to Christ's resurrection with words
and by serving the needs of others. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For all those who live in fear and anxiety in this time of uncertainty, that the gift of Easter
may give them peace and hope. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For peace in the Middle East, that world leaders will put aside hatred, division and
destruction and turn to dialogue, diplomacy, justice and harmony.
Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

For all those who work in healthcare, public safety and other essential services, that God
will protect them and their families as they serve the common good.
Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

For those who have died, remembering especially those whose anniversaries of death we
mark this week, that they may be welcomed to the fullness of joy prepare for them.
Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Blessed Mary the God-bearer, Blessed Paul, and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **Alleluia! To you we give praise and glory.**

Celebrant

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who gives us the Easter word of peace through Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers which we offer in the hope of glory and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit. Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, now and always and unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM – Carol of St. Thomas

Anthony Greening (1940 – 1996)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of Heaven, the glorious King,
Over death today rose triumphing.
Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard,
How they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!

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 people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

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.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

S141

Celebrant and People



Celebrant *All*

... we praise you and we bless you. We
praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to
you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

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The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Stephen, our Bishop Provisional and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed Paul and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We welcome all baptized persons, regardless of age or denomination to receive communion at Saint Paul's. Communion will be distributed at the High Altar and at the Crossing. The people will be invited by row to come forward; you may return to your pew by the side aisles. Anyone needing assistance may indicate so to an usher and communion will be brought to you at the end.

The Holy Communion is distributed under the forms of both Bread and Wine. In the interest of public health, the Cathedral does not practice intinction, that is, the dipping of the Bread into the Wine. It is the faith of the Church that Jesus gives himself in the Sacrament whether it is received in only one kind or both. Gluten-free Wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

It is our custom to receive the bread in the upturned palms of our hands, and eat it immediately. Those who wish to receive wine should partake by sipping directly from the chalice. Please use your hands, holding the base of the chalice, to gently assist the server in guiding the chalice to your lips.

If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. To show that you wish to receive a blessing, instead of the bread/wine, signal your desire by crossing your arms over your chest.

AT THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION – Come Ye Faithful

R. S. Thatcher (1888-1957)

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought His Israel Into joy from sadness;
'Tis the Spring of Souls today, Christ hath burst His prison, And from three days sleep in death
As a Sun hath risen
Queen of seasons, bright With the day of splendour,--Alleluia!
With the royal feast of feasts, Comes its joy to render;--Alleluia!
Comes to glad Jerusalem, Who with true affection--Alleluia--Welcomes in unwearied
strains Jesus' Resurrection.--Alleluia!
Neither might the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark portal, Nor the watchers, nor the
seal, Hold Thee as a mortal; But today amidst the twelve Thou didst stand, bestowing That
Thy peace which evermore Passeth human knowing

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 FINAL HYMN – #193 That Easter day with joy was bright

Puer nobis

THE EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE EASTER DISMISSAL

S175

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia.

People

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POSTLUDE – O filii et filiae, pt. 2

Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1738)



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS 2026

In Memory of

Melvin and Marion Elliott, Richard Elliott, Barbara King, Bernie King, Marion Esther Elliott, Fr. Ronald Forsyth, Dr. Carl Day, Spencer, Mollie and Cinnabun Elliott – Given by Judy Elliott

Donald C. Sahr, George F. Rand IV- Given by Howard and Lillian Gondree

The Dovesmith Family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Minervino – Given by William and Estelle Siener

Juanita Hayes – Given by David Jemmott

Our Parents – Given by Dr. and Mrs. Reid R. Heffner, Jr.

Joseph and Eleanor Master – Given by Larry Master

Deacon Michael Szymanski, Lisa Latempa–Dubenion, Florence and Michael Walsh, Stanley and Irene Szymanski, James and Mary Wall – Given by Andrea Szymanski-Larracuenta

Evelyn Rundle, Joann Benedict, Lori Smigelsky, Kate Smigelsky, Paul Zimmer – Given by Elizabeth Rundle

John and Mary O'Neil, Martha and Thomas Harkin, Maureen Jendresky, Joseph Candida, Michael Candida, Carolyn Yuworski – Given by Sean Harkin and Kevin O'Neil

Geoffrey and Eileen Holman – Given by Su Hadden

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Tabatha Clark – Given by Kathy Reiss, Wyatt and Jonathan

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Robert and Josephine Ryan, Robert L. Turchiarelli – Given by Carol Turchiarelli

Donald Paul Simet - Given by Anne S. Simet

John Goodman, Carol Goodman – Given by The Goodman Family

Chaloner Family, Castellini Family, John MacLean – Given by The Corwin Family

Mignon R. and Telio Saviola – Given by Adair Saviola

In Thanksgiving For

Andrew and Christopher – Given by The Rev. Earle and Mrs. Paula King

Our Parents and Family – Given by Thomas and Susan Heyer

Patricia Hills – Given by David and Vera Kozak

To the Glory of God

....and In Thanksgiving for those we love and see no more – Given by The Very Rev. Rebecca Barnes and the Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

EASTER BRASS DONATIONS 2026

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Larry Master

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Earle and Paula King – In thanksgiving for
our many blessings.

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Carol M. Turchiarelli

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The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

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TODAY

- Bible Study – 9 a.m. lower level/Walker – coffee and discussion of scripture lessons for the week
- Coffee/Refreshments – after the 10:15 service, lower level/Walker

Erratum

When producing the vast number of service leaflets for Holy Week and the various Diocesan services last week, Patricia Hills name was inadvertently omitted under the musicians as Choir Director. Patricia has been conducting the St. Paul's Choir since the departure of Kevin Durkin last spring. We are very grateful for all that Patricia does, which is far more than just conduct the choir. In addition to chairing the Music Committee, she serves on the Organ Committee, does choir payroll, choir recruiting, organizing of the music library, administrative oversight of the choir and scheduling, and works closely with the Dean on all aspects of liturgical music at the Cathedral.

I sincerely regret this oversight and apologize for this omission in the service leaflets and eNews.

– Dean Rebecca

From the Dean's Desk

I would like to thank all of those who served during Holy Week and Easter, from those who ushered, decorated, read, served on the altar and with the Altar Guild - to all the musicians, from our choir, organists, and special guest instrumentalists - to the many people who did things behind the scenes, such as clean, make service leaflets, and provide refreshments at coffee hour, and more. To make our of services at St. Paul's the beautiful experiences of worship that they are, it takes many helping hands and dedicated spirits. Thank you all for making our observance of this most holy season possible and so deeply meaningful.

– Dean Rebecca

Children's Christian Education: "Godly Play"

St. Paul's offers "Godly Play: is a Montessori-based program on Sundays at 10am in the Bishop Scaife Room on the lower level of the Cathedral. Making meaning through story, wonder, and play, the program nurtures spiritual lives by honoring the centrality, competency, and capacity of children.

Pastoral Care Ministry at St. Paul's

Two weeks ago, the Pastoral Care team met to pray and reflect on our shared ministry. It was also an opportunity to meet with Mother Liz Grohowski, who has recently been called to the Cathedral to serve in a limited capacity as Associate for Pastoral Care. Mother Liz will be taking care of the responsibilities previously covered by Mo. Barbara Price.

At our meeting, we made a decision to modify the Cathedral Prayer lists. Going forward, there will be a change in the intercessions that are offered during the Prayers of the People. Names may be submitted for those who are in acute or critical need. Names will remain on the list for six weeks. Should you wish to have them remain on the list longer, that request may be made to the Dean. We will maintain a separate Pastoral Care prayer list for those who are homebound and in nursing homes, or may request ongoing prayer. This list will remain in the announcements and on the eNews, but individual names will not be included in the intercessions. We do ask that the entire congregation remember these beloved of our community in your prayers and join with us in praying for them. We hope that this will shorten the prayers while holding in our hearts and prayers, all those in need and absent from us.

In a Pastoral Emergency, please contact—The Very Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Dean at [646-533-1836](tel:646-533-1836)/e-mail at deanrebecca@spcbuffalo.org; or The Reverend Elizabeth Grohowski, [212-222-8109](tel:212-222-8109). If you, or a family member, are in the hospital, a healthcare facility, or are homebound and would like to have a visit from one of the clergy or a member of our Pastoral Care Committee, please contact the cathedral office at [716-855-0900](tel:716-855-0900) or at office@spcbuffalo.org. Due to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, commonly known as HIPAA, hospitals no longer automatically provide churches with names of admitted parishioners. If you or a family member are hospitalized or in a healthcare facility, you or someone acting on your behalf will need to notify the church to assure that proper pastoral care may be offered. St. Paul's complies with all HIPAA requirements and cannot provide personal information for sick or injured members without permission of the member or his or her close family member. Additionally, if you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound and desire regular Eucharistic visitation, please notify the parish office. Eucharistic Visitations are customarily made once per month; weekly visits may be scheduled upon request.

– Dean Rebecca

SJAT Note

From Bill Siener for the Social Justice Action Team

This spring the SJAT is offering a variety of opportunities to participate in caring for our environment through learning and action.

On April 11, Dean Rebecca will lead the first of this year's Holy Hikes at Reinstein Woods at 2pm. A carpool will leave from the cathedral for those who need a ride. Join in the Eucharist with fellow hikers while enjoying spring wildlife and flora in a local natural area. A second opportunity to join a Holy Hike will be on May 2.

On April 25, St. Paul's will again participate in Buffalo-Niagara Waterkeeper's Clean Sweep. We'll pick up litter that has accumulated in one of several public spaces over the winter. In addition to removing tons of trash, Waterkeeper analyses the kinds of litter collected in order to develop strategies to reduce the problem in the long-term. This Earth Week event will be followed on April 26 by a special coffee hour after worship. Sponsored by SJAT, the coffee hour will aim to raise awareness of simple ways that we can all care for God's creation. Then, on May 9 OR 21, Waterkeeper is holding a Nurdle Patrol training session. Nurdles are small plastic pellets, about the size of a lentil, used in plastics manufacturing. This plastic pollution has been found on the shorelines of several waterways within the Niagara River Watershed. In the traing sessions at Gratwick Park in North Tonawanda, you'll learn more about nurdles and how to collect them. Sessions are on Saturday, May 9 from 10-11 a.m. or Thursday, May 21. from 5:30-6:30 p.m. You can register at the Buffalo-Niagara Waterkeeper website <https://bn-waterkeeper.org/nurdle-patrol/>

Finally, on May 3 and 10, join a discussion of Matt Simon's A Poison Like No Other to learn more about the growing problem of plastics pollution, specifically in our water, and generally in the environment. Estelle and Bill Siener will lead the discussion. More details about individual programs will follow.

An SJAT Note for Spring Sweep cleanup in Peter Park

From Kim Goodman and Bob Ludwig for the Social Justice Action Team

A call for SPCers to be Team members, Saturday, April 25 from 10am to noon! It's Spring Sweep time. The Social Justice Action Team has again chosen to help clean up Peter Park. This is an act of defiance against the throw-away forces that surround us. Last year we filled our bags in the rain. We can hope for better weather, but SJAT wants to demonstrate the grit of willingness to work on the same ground. We'll see how much we get. Buffalo-Niagara Waterkeeper trucks the trash away and reports what was identified to Letitia James, NYS Attorney General. At 12:15 pm on the 25 th enjoy the fellowship of lunch together at Nine and Night, a Thai restaurant, a block west of Peter St. on Amherst St. Sign up with Kim or Bob or any member of SJAT.

Parking at St. Paul's

Street parking is free on Saturdays and Sundays. There are also several nearby parking garages. We recommend:

- **Main Place Mall Parking** (221 Pearl St., Buffalo, NY 14202, <https://www.mainliberty.com/parking>) - This is our preferred garage for those coming to St. Paul's. We suggest that you use the entrance directly across from the Rath County Office Building, 166 Pearl, (you will notice the skywalk above) which is only a 1/2 block north of the Cathedral. Weekend parking is \$6 all day. Weekday rate: \$5 for 1 hr or less; \$7 for 3hr or less; \$12 full day. Accessibility: ADA-compliant spaces and elevator access available and 24/7 surveillance, well-lit areas, and patrolled security. EV Charging: Electric vehicle charging stations available.

Need help covering parking fees? We've got you covered! Bring your ticket from the Main Place Mall Parking with you. At the end of the service just see an usher for a voucher for your card. (If you can afford to pay, we kindly ask that you please leave this limited fund for those who can't, thank you!)

Additional ramps we suggest are:

- **Adam Ramp** (343 Washington St., Buffalo, NY 14202) - 1 1/2 blocks behind the Cathedral. Weekend parking is \$6 all day. Weekday rate: \$2.50 hr/ \$10 max.
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There are also several open/uncovered Premier Parking parking lots near the Cathedral. These require payment at a kiosk; fees are higher. Please note, when there are special events at Sahlen Field and the KeyBank Center, area lots charge Event Rates which are significantly more than daily rates.

Prayer and Pastoral Care

We lift up the following in prayer especially John, Mariann & Tom, Elle & Reid, Alex, Clark, Lisa and family, Andrea, Byron, Chris, Joe, Lori, Larry, Carol, Renee, Sharon, Elaine, Anne, Jim, Judy, and Shirley. We also remember all those who have died, especially James, Nurul, and those whose anniversaries of death we mark this week. We pray for them and their loved ones who remember them.

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 HOLY TRINITY
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From Bishop Stephen Lane

Dear Friends in Christ,

For many of us Easter arrives with a certain sense of relief. The challenges of Lent – study, devotional reading, self-denial – are ended. Ah, chocolate! The school Spring Break is over, too. It's back to school and work. For clergy, the heavy schedule of Holy Week has ended. Time for a lighter schedule, maybe even a few days off. Time now to enjoy the warming days of Spring and the return to a normal pace.

That's the reality for those of us who've spent the last six weeks in the Church. We have labored to prepare for the Resurrection of Christ, and Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

The reality in the world beyond the Church is quite different. Yesterday (Tuesday), the war drums were pounding in the Middle East, and there was a too familiar sense of dread that a holocaust was about to be unleashed on Iran by Israel and the United States. Some in our government called it a matter of divine right. The Pope responded that war is not an act of God. Then a last minute ceasefire and a shaky truce. And the nation cautiously exhaled. (My thanks to Dean Barnes and others who organized a prayer vigil at the Cathedral Tuesday night.) Gas and other prices are rising here at home. The dramatic rescue of an American pilot only highlights the risks to our servicemen and women. Citizens of the US and the citizens of many nations are anxious and fearful and yearning for peace. The contrast between Easter joy and the world at large could not be more stark.

Jesus' resurrection was entirely unexpected by those closest to him. No one expected it. It was good news beyond comprehension, and it instilled both joy and fear. What had happened? How could it be? What did it mean for the disciples? For the world? And the disciples, once they had recovered a bit, were compelled to share the news. Mary was sent to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord." And the disciples emerged from their upper room to tell the world.

That's our post-Easter charge: to tell the world the Good News that God is love and that Love will conquer death. We are invited to be voices of hope, encouragement and love for the people around us. We are invited to be agents of kindness and compassion, reaching out to support those in need. As members of Christ's body, we are compelled to share our hope with the world and to stand against the currents of despair.

For the disciples, it must have seemed impossible, a impotent movement against the power of Rome. But love compelled them on. May we be inspired by their example and share, in our small ways, the love of God.

Let us pray:

God of Love, give us courage and hope as we share with our families, friends and neighbors, the power of love. Make us sources of kind words and loving actions. Help us to seek peace and reconciliation with those who differ from us. May we be signs of your presence and your

love to all the world. In the name of Jesus. Amen

Blessings in this Easter season.
Bishop Steve

Invitation to Dignity Book Study

Dear Colleagues:

One of the most potent ways to combat the spirit of division, which seems to characterize our time, is to learn some deeper ways to respect the dignity of every human being – to learn how to appreciate and honor the experiences of those with whom we differ. I'd like to invite you to invest some time deepening your appreciation of the dignity of every human being.

Donna Hicks, PhD, was a faculty member at Harvard University, and gained a certain fame when she assisted The Most Rev Desmond Tutu, Archbishop of Capetown, South Africa, with the Peace and Reconciliation process in Northern Ireland. The purpose of that process was to create an environment where all the participants in that terrible conflict could face one another and tell one another their truth. The purpose was not to shame or justify, but to hear and to develop an understanding of what caused people to act as they did. In hearing one another, the people of Northern Ireland came to a greater respect for one another and began the process of healing and forgiveness.

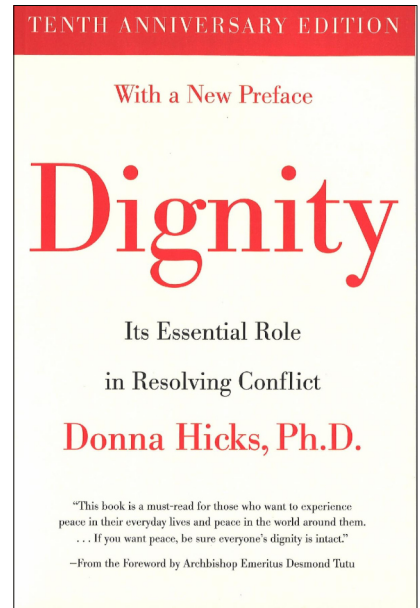
Out of her experiences, Dr Hicks has written a book entitled *Dignity: Its Essential Role In Resolving Conflict*. As Bishop in Maine, I read the book with the clergy, and Dr Hicks came and spoke with us.

I invite you to read the book with me during the Season of Easter. You may read alone or with a small group in your parish. We'll have a couple of Zoom sessions for everyone while we read. I've purchased a number of books, and I will share them with you at \$5 per book, while they last. I think you might find what Dr Hicks has to say of great help in wrestling with the dilemmas we face in our congregations and in our communities.

If you'd like to be part of this book study, please be in touch with Shawn Slother by April 20 and let him know how many books you will need. If we run out, you can purchase additional copies from Amazon. Once we know who is interested, I'll share a schedule for our conversations.

Thanks in advance for your interest.

Peace,
Bishop Steve



Easter message 2026 from Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe

April 4, 2026
Office of Public Affairs

Dear friends in Christ:

One of the paradoxical truths of our faith is that Easter morning begins with sorrow. In [John's telling of the Easter story](#), we can almost feel the panic and confusion of the disciples in the predawn hours when Mary Magdalene discovers that the tomb is empty.

Jesus had told them that he would rise from the dead, but how could they trust that promise after they had witnessed the brutality of his death on the cross? They were afraid, maybe even in hiding. As we know from the [story of Cleopas and his companion](#) on the road to Emmaus, some of them were heading out of town as fast as they could go.

But Mary Magdalene did not hide or flee. She stayed at the foot of the cross until the end, and she arrived to anoint Jesus' body before the sun was up on the first day of the week. Because of her devotion, she became the first witness to the resurrection and the first to proclaim the Good News.

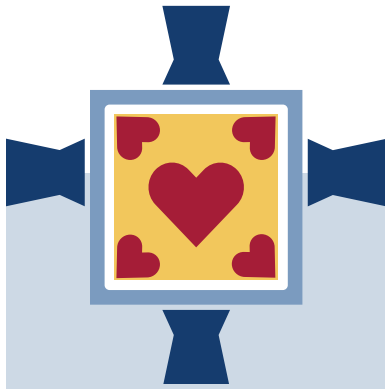
Like Mary Magdalene, we are called to be faithful in the face of grief, injustice, and anguish—even when the world is groaning with despair, and even when we cannot recognize Jesus standing right before our eyes. We believe, against all odds, that God has the power to turn death into life and despair into hope.

This Easter, our world badly needs to hear this message. As we embrace our vocation to proclaim the resurrection, I pray that God gives us the courage to withstand the sin and violence in our midst and the grace to watch for Jesus in the most unlikely places.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!



The Most. Rev. Sean Rowe
Presiding Bishop
The Episcopal Church



Plenty Good Room

An Easter Reflection

Questions for Reflection:

For you, what is an abundant life?

Easter morning begins with an empty tomb and the proclamation that death has been defeated. Christ is risen, and with him rises a hope that cannot be contained, a joy that spills over every boundary, a love that fills every corner of creation.

The resurrection reveals God's ultimate declaration of abundance: not even death can limit the life God offers. When the women come to the tomb, when the disciples run to see, when Thomas doubts and then believes, each encounter widens the circle. No one is left out of the invitation to new life. Easter shouts what the spiritual Plenty Good Room sings: there is space for all at God's table; choose your seat and sit down.

Scarcity says death has the final word, but Easter proclaims life abundant. Scarcity says we must cling tightly to what we have, but resurrection invites us to share freely, knowing that love multiplies. Easter is not only a promise for what comes after death, but also a call to live generously now – in our communities, in our relationships, in our stewardship.

Every gift we offer, every pledge we make, every act of generosity becomes a witness to resurrection hope. We become bearers of life when we invest in the mission of the Church, feeding the hungry, sheltering the lost, welcoming the stranger, proclaiming the Good News. The resurrection does not shrink the table – it expands it beyond imagination. There is plenty good room in the Kingdom of God, and the risen Christ is the host.

This Easter, may we live as resurrection people: fearless in hope, generous in love, steadfast in proclaiming that God's abundance is for all. For Christ is risen indeed, and in him we are raised to a new life of generosity and joy.

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." – John 10:10 TENS.org



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inclusive invitation to find Love when we are gathered together. He lives, works, and worships in San Francisco, California.

New or visiting today? Everything you need to participate in worship is in this bulletin and the Hymnal in the pew (red or blue). We invite you to join in praying, singing, and responding, as you are comfortable.

Restrooms are located on the lower level. From the elevator, proceed through the double glass doors and look to your right for an accessible restroom. Additional restrooms are on the same level, to the left, near the kitchen.

Children are always welcome in worship and are invited to explore! Greeters can provide activity kits, available in the back of the church. Godly Play is also offered. For details: cathedral@spcbuffalo.org.

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