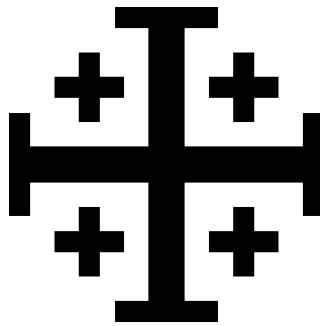


Welcome to
Grace Church Brooklyn Heights

EASTER DAY

The Feast of the Resurrection



April 4, 2021

Welcome to our Easter Celebration at Grace Church! If you are a newcomer or visitor, we want you to know that we are honored by your presence. You can follow the service in this bulletin or, if you prefer, in **The Book of Common Prayer**, beginning on page 355. Congregational responses are printed in **bold**. Hymn numbers refer to **The Hymnal 1982**, or **Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS)**. May God bless you.

PRELUDE

Death and Resurrection

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

HYMN 179 IN PROCESSION

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Gloria in Excelsis*

Jeffrey Smith (1960-)

Sung by the Choir.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT FOR EASTER DAY

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People may be seated for the Lessons.

THE FIRST LESSON *Acts 10:34-43*

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118 *Sung to* **FESTAL SONG.**

*God is my strength and song,
The Saviour I have found;
Now from the tents of all the just
Comes the triumphant sound:*

*The right hand of the Lord
Has gained the victory!
The right hand of the Lord has won,
Has triumphed gloriously!*

*I shall not die, but live,
And make the Lord's works known;
The stone the builders cast aside
Is now the corner stone.*

*This is the Lord's own work
And marvelous to see;
The Lord has acted on this day,
We praise his victory.*

THE SECOND LESSON *Corinthians 15:1-11*

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 210

THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 20:1-18*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

THE SERMON The Reverend Dr. Allen F. Robinson

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People

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,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who 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

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

For the Church, especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Lawrence our Bishop: that we may be signs of Christ's light for all who have lived in darkness, of hope for all who know pain and suffering, and of love for all who have been rejected; Risen Lord, **Allelujah! Hear our prayer.**

For the clergy, staff and people of Grace Church: that we may be strong in faith, confident in hope, and abounding in love for God and neighbor; Risen Lord, **Allelujah! Hear our prayer.**

For all the human family: that God will keep safe those who are still vulnerable to the coronavirus, restore to health those who are ill, energize those who serve and treat them, and grant all weary people the patience and resolve to maintain the practices that protect one another; Risen Lord, **Allelujah! Hear our prayer.**

For those in positions of public trust and leadership, those who protect and serve our communities, and all who administer the coronavirus vaccines: that God will strengthen them with wisdom and compassion; Risen Lord, **Allelujah! Hear our prayer.**

For those in our parish family who cannot be with us today, for all who are confined to their homes, and for those who cannot be with family and loved ones: that, as they hear the Good News of the Resurrection, they may be bound together in love; Risen Lord, **Allelujah! Hear our prayer.**

For all who are in need of our prayers, whether because of illness, injury, poverty, loss, persecution or uncertainty: that God will grant them relief, healing and hope; Risen Lord, **Allelujah! Hear our prayer.**

At this time, you may offer to God any petitions, or any thanksgivings for his many blessings ... Risen Lord, **Allelujah! Hear our prayer.**

For all who have died: that they may live forever with Christ in the glory of the resurrection. We also pray for God's loving presence with all who mourn; Risen Lord, **Allelujah! Hear our prayer.**

For all who are present, and for all who worship with us from their homes on this Easter Day: that God may so stir up his Spirit within us that we—rejoicing in the resurrection—may be renewed in body and mind, and go forth in thankfulness and hope to bring God's powerful love to the world; Risen Lord, **Allelujah! Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AT THE OFFERTORY, AN ANTHEM

Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

*Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn, in strains of holy joy!
For Judah's Lion bursts his chains, crushing the serpent's head;
And cries aloud through death's domains to wake the imprisoned dead.
Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn, in strains of holy joy!*

*Devouring depths of hell their prey at his command restore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way where Jesus goes before.
Triumphant in his glory now to him all power is given.
To him in communion bow all saints in earth and heaven.
While we, his soldiers, praise our king, his mercy we implore,
Within his palace bright to bring and keep us evermore.*

*Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn, in strains of holy joy!
All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
While endless ages run. Alleluia!*

Text: Latin hymn translated by Robert Campbell (1814-1868)

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

We are grateful for your offering to Grace Church. For your safety, we will not be passing the collection plate during worship services. An offering plate is located in the center aisle at the back of the Church.

To pledge by text, send a message to 73256 with the message "GraceBrooklyn." You may always give on-line by going to <https://onrealm.org/gracebrooklyn/-/give/now>.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS Hymnal S-125

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and People

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.**

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

AT THE COMMUNION, AN ANTHEM *Easter Anthem*

The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Now is Christ risen from the dead,

And become the first fruits of them that slept.

Hallelujah. And did He rise?

Hear it, ye nations! Hear it, O ye dead!

He rose, he burst the bars of death and triumphed o'er the grave.

Then I rose, then first humanity triumphant passed the crystal ports of light,

And seized Eternal Youth.

Man all immortal hail, heaven all lavish of strange gifts to man,

Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.

*Then I rose, then first humanity triumphant passed the crystal ports of light,
And seized Eternal Youth.
Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.*

Text: from the New Testament and Young's *Night Thoughts* (1742-1746)
Music: William Billings (1746-1800)

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION Hymn 192

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant 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 EASTER BLESSING

Celebrant

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 207 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*
EASTER HYMN

POSTLUDE *Symphonie V: Toccata* Charles Marie-Widor (1844-1937)

*We thank the following singers for leading us in worship this morning:
Heidi Engstrom, Patricia Magnuson, Mary Bowen, Val Vollmer, Paul Batsel, Edward Trerise,
Nick Connolly, and John Colón.*

*Visitors and guests are invited to sign the Guest Book on the Welcome Table,
where you will find additional information about this parish's mission and ministry.*

We wish you and those you love a joyful Easter!

***The Easter Flowers are given to the Glory of God
And in loving memory of***

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Serving with Compassion * Working for Social Justice*

Welcome to Grace Church! If you are new to Grace, we are thrilled that you have joined us, and would love to get to know you better. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the clergy.

The Rector's Bible Study is on hiatus and will return on Tuesday mornings from 10:30-12 noon beginning April 27th. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7186241850>.

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