

# Easter Day

## The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 20, 2025

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.



*We seek to be instruments of God's peace, bearing witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ for all people.*

## ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Ministers: Every member of the Congregation



**Welcome** in the name of the living Christ to St. Francis Church! May you find renewed grace and peace as we worship together today. St. Francis is an Episcopal Church, part of the wider ministry of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. If you are visiting with us today, please help us get to know you by introducing yourself at the door, and also by signing our guest book or filling out a pew card. *Please be sure to include an email address if you wish to be added to our mailing list.*

Please remember to take your cell phone or electronic device off silent mode at the end of worship.

You are invited to enter in reverence and awe of God's presence in this holy place. Before the liturgy begins we commend the keeping of silence as a time for prayer and reflection.

The fifty days of Easter provide us with an opportunity to renew ourselves to the Baptismal Covenant and awaken to the presence of God's Holy Spirit in our lives. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus we pray that Christ will be revealed to us "on the Way."

### **ABOUT OUR WORSHIP:**

The liturgy that we use for worship is from the red Book of Common Prayer (**BCP**). Beginning portions of the liturgy are printed in the bulletin. **Bold** print is to be spoken by the people of God.

At 10:00 a.m. our hymns and service music is from the blue Hymnal found in the book racks in the pews. Numbers that begin with an S- are in the front of the Hymnal.

We occasionally use supplemental hymn books called *Wonder, Love & Praise* and *Come Celebrate* which will be given to you with your bulletin. These will be listed as WLP or CC followed by the hymn number.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

*Jesus Christ is risen today!*

**Hymnal 207**

**EASTER ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**BCP 355**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, **all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:**

**Hymnal S-280**

**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.**

**SALUTATION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**COLLECT OF THE 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.**

**FIRST READING: *Isaiah 65:17-25***

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one

who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24** *(remaining seated)*

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| 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;<br>his mercy endures for ever.   | 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;<br>I will enter them;<br>I will offer thanks to the LORD. |
| 2 Let Israel now proclaim,<br>"His mercy endures for ever."   | 20 "This is the gate of the LORD;<br>he who is righteous may enter."                                 |
| 14 The LORD is my strength and my song,<br>and he has become my salvation.  | 21 I will give thanks to you, for you<br>answered me and have become my<br>salvation.                |
| 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory<br>in the tents of the righteous:   | 22 The same stone which the builders<br>rejected has become the chief<br>cornerstone.                |
| 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!<br>the right hand of the LORD is exalted!<br>the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!" | 23 This is the LORD'S doing,<br>and it is marvelous in our eyes.                                     |
| 17 I shall not die, but live,<br>and declare the works of the LORD.   | 24 On this day the LORD has acted;<br>we will rejoice and be glad in it.                             |
| 18 The LORD has punished me sorely,<br>but he did not hand me over to death.  |  |

**SECOND READING: 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."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN:**

*He is risen!*

**Hymnal 180**

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**SERMON:**

The Rev. Patrick Perkins

*The Celebrant invites the Renewal of Baptismal Vows:*

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

*Celebrant:* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People:* **I do.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People:* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People:* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People:* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creatures?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - FORM II**

**BCP 385**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;

...for Doug, our Bishop, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for the community of St. Francis; and for all ministers and people.

...for the Hong Kong Anglican Church; for the parish of St. Helena's, Lenox; for the mission of Interfaith Hospitality Network;

...for those in our Parish Cycle of Prayer: Al Van DeMark; Amanda, Jason, Nathan, Miles, Logan and Darren Vitko; Katherine-Ann Vogel; Kim, Al and Callie Vuona;

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well being of all people.

...for all Federal and State employees, for the men and women of the Armed Forces and their families, especially J. Pigsley, Gregory Smith, Jason Haynes, Mark Williams, Jacob Pezzini, Tyler Jeck, David Lane, Riley Smith, James Cimochofski;

...for Donald, our President; Maura, our Governor; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

...for the peace and well-being of all international students, studying abroad in the United States;

...for peace throughout the world; for the victims of war and terrorism, for the people of Ukraine and Afghanistan, for peace in Sudan, Yemen, and the region of the Middle East; and for those facing famine and drought in Somalia and the Horn of Africa;  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Rich, Eric Warner, Kathleen Lloyd Jones, Jack, Ann Murphy, John Dougherty, Paul Stanovich, Charles Delisle, Matteo Padilla, Tom, Joanne, Elizabeth Heath, Bev, Sheri Dumas, Judy Crosby, Brenda, Dave and Diane, Hilda Schinsing, Paul Hurley, Brad, Steve Henning, Josh McCrillis, Judy Capone, Alicia, Mary Lee Kraushaar, Sarah, Jen Gadowski; those suffering from homelessness and all types of addiction and mental illness; the residents and staff of Holden Nursing Home; and those who mourn;

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers of thanksgiving or petition, either silently or aloud.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially Francis and Clare; Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*Celebrant add a concluding collect.*

**THE PEACE**

**BCP 360**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN:

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord*

Hymnal 178

*The Easter Offering has been designated to The Mustard Seed Camp*

OFFERTORY PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY

Tune: Hymnal 380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: *Eucharistic Prayer A*

BCP 361

*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 every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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

Hymnal S-130

***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:

***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**

**BCP 364**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**FRACTION ANTHEM:**

**Agnus Dei**

**Hymnal S-164**

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

*My Lord, what a morning  
The Easter Day with joy was bright!*

(Nancy Rogers, Soloist)  
**Hymnal 193**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**BCP 366**

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

**THE EASTER BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

*Christ is alive!*

**Hymnal 182**

Erik Gladwin, Trumpet  
Joel Wesson, French Horn

**THE DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**SERVERS THIS MORNING:**

Altar Guild: Bev Giarusso, Lucy Nowak, Kim Whamond  
Nursing Home: Karen Kappes

8:00 a.m.

Reader/LEM: Rich Farrell, Chris Berglund

10:00 a.m.

Usher: Craig Stanovich

Reader: Joel Wesson

LEMs: Susan Dresley, Tina Chen

## **EASTER MEMORIALS**

### **In Loving Memory of.....**

David Dill and David Whamond given by Kimberley Whamond

Ted Harris given by Deborah Harris

Barbara Baird given by Ginny Powell-Brasier

Samuel Chase Davenport given by The Davenport Family

Michael S. Foust given by his wife, Sharon Foust

Bill Styffe given by Phil and Nancy Styffe

Betty Clark given by Wendy, Jenn and Ethan Christainsen

Iver and Gladys Erikson, Bill and Charlene Stewart, Gordon and Dottie Erikson  
given by Mark W. and Beverly Erikson Stewart

My father and grandparents given by Laura Caswell

Our son Mark, and my husband, Stephen, my lifetime partner given by Clare White

Irm Perkins given by Ann Tripp and Dale Perkins

Janice, Madeleine, Matthew, Anthony, Cowley, Buffy and Joey given by Bill Schuyler

Anson and Madelyn Betts, Marcel and Elvina Delorme, Tyke Crowley  
given by Sue and Dick Delorme

Allen and Barbara Beck, Christopher Pope given by Peter and Nancy Pope

Martha and Warren Taylor given by their son, David Taylor

Linda E. (Johnson) Taylor given by her husband, David Taylor

Don Webb given by his family

Amy Ann Glanville given by Roz and Pete Glanville

James and Anna Giarusso, Richard H. and Edith L. Jones, Helen Gould Jones, Scott Zenaro,  
Paul Zenaro given by Vincent and Beverly Giarusso

Richard H. and Edith L. Jones, Helen Jones, Oscar and Madeline Schmidt, Lucille Trueblood  
given by Randy and Carolyn Schmidt

William and Jean Andrews, Charles and Ruth Nowak and Richard Falcon  
given by John and Lucy Nowak

### **In Loving Memory of.....**

My mother, Barbara Van Schermbeek given by her daughter, Elizabeth Adams

Don Engstrom given by Jane Griesbach

Dr. Michael Suchenski given by The Suchenski Loustaunau Family

Betsy Perkins and Donald Cone given by The Perkins Family

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Plante, Mrs. Lisa St. Martin  
given by Jeffery and Nancy Plante

Diana Carroll given by Liz Carroll and Nancy Carroll

Sandra Charbonneau given by Liz Carroll and Nancy Carroll

William Carroll given by Liz Carroll and Nancy Carroll

Ted and Sylvia Cleveland, Jim and Gertrude Warbasse, Don Boothman given by Mary and Phillip

Frances Lonardo, Joan, Jerry and David Couture given by The Lonardo Family

David Dill given by Jeanette Dill

### **In Thanksgiving for the Blessing of.....**

Aly Coda; Exercise 4 All Job Coach given by Naomi Kremer

Christopher, Callan and Margaret given by Kimberley Whamond

Our family and friends given by Kathleen O'Connor and Thomas Ritacco

Elizabeth, Matthew, Sam and Nicole given by Ann Tripp and Dale Perkins

Leah, Patrick and William given by Ann Tripp and Dale Perkins

Jennifer Crowley, Jeff Bastien, Michael Delorme given by Sue and Dick Delorme

Our grandchildren, Rosie and Henry given by Peter and Nancy Pope

Our family and dear friends given by Randy and Carolyn Schmidt

My Great Grandchildren Rogan, Charlie, Logan, Griffin, Nellie and Tessa  
given by Nancy Rogan (Memee)

Ohana given by Beth Ann Carrigan

For good deeds and good family and friends now and in the future given by Helen and Jon

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS**

### **Sunday, April 20**

#### **Easter Sunday**

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

### **Monday, April 21**

#### **Easter Monday – Offices Closed**

10:00 a.m. – Prayer Shawl Knitters

### **Wednesday, April 23**

5:00 p.m. – Dismas Dinner

5:45 p.m. – Al-Anon Workshop

6:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, April 24**

6:30 p.m. – CMARA Meeting

### **Sunday, April 27**

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. – Sunday Scripture Reflections

9:45 a.m. – Church School

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

3:00 p.m. – Girl Scouts

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