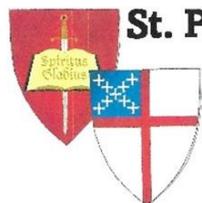




CHRIST IS RISEN!
The Festal Celebration for
Easter Morning
Holy Eucharist Rite II
March 31, 2024 @ 10:00 A.M



**St. Paul's Episcopal Church,
Richmond, Indiana:**

*A welcoming inclusive community
seeking to serve God
and all God's creation.*

The Liturgy Of The Word

NOTE: COVID is still very much with us. If you are coughing or showing signs of a cold, we request that you wear a mask for your safety as well as the safety of others. Masks are available at both entrances.

Prelude Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus Arr. K.D.Varner

Gathering Hymn Jesus Christ Is Risen Today Hymnal #207

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Presider: Alleluia, Christ is Risen

People: **The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia**

RINGING OF THE BELLS...Alleluia...Alleluia!!

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.**

Gloria

Hymnal #280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

— 3 —

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Section: Canticles Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis* Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Used with permission: Hymnal 1982: Copyright 1985 by The Church Pension Fund.

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.**

The First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with
marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all
peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up
death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,
so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Please read responsively by whole verse

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, *"His mercy endures for ever."

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *and he has become my
salvation.

**15 There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the
righteous:**

16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *the right hand of the
Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, *and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *but he did not hand me over to death.

**19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *he who is righteous may enter."

**21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *and have become
my salvation.**

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *has become the chief
cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, *and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Lord has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Second Reading Acts 10: 34 - 43

Reader: A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

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: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

God Sent His Son

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Gospel Mark 16: 1 - 8

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

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 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. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Easter Message

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Anne Fisher

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.

Prayers of the People

We, O Christ, live in the wake of your risen glory, still trembling with fear and uncertainty, even as we trust in your promises. Hear us now as we call to you; show us again your steadfast kindness.

Give grace, O God, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jennifer, our Bishop; Barbara Anne, our Rector and all the clergy in the Diocese of Indianapolis.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the work of the Commission on Ministry in the Diocese. We also pray for Good Samaritan, Brownsburg, and The Rev. James Said, Vicar in Charge.

We pray for our companion diocese of Brasilia (Brazil) and their Bishop, Mauricio.

We pray for the Standing Committee of Haiti, and for St. Andre's Parish and School in Mithon.

Lord, have mercy and hear our petitions

We thank you for all who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary this week, and we invite anyone with a birthday or anniversary this week, to come forward to receive a blessing.

O Lord, may blessings be abundantly with them on their special day.

Let us also continue to offer prayers for all the people fighting for freedom and justice, for all women around the world fighting for equality, and for the safety of the LGBTQIA+ community. Give us courage to stand in solidarity with them, and bring our prayers into unity for their peace and safety. Give them protection by holding them in the palm of your hand, surrounding them with your love and mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

We continue to lift before you, O God, those lost and injured by the gun violence that is tearing at the heart of our nation. May all who have been touched by the loss of these precious lives feel your Presence surrounding them. Creator God may your love be made known to those in such pain to have done such things, and may your love reach through the darkness of anyone contemplating any act of violence against another of your Creation. O God, move mightily that all might live without fear.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

O compassionate one, we pray for those who seek you grace in the wilderness, who live without a home, who cry for refuge while in exile, whose habitats have been destroyed. Make us into a home for them, even as you empower us to address the root causes of homelessness.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Hear our prayers for those places in the world beset by violence, disaster, heartbreak, and loss. We pray for the people of Selma, Winchester, and all suffering from weather disasters here at home. Bring them healing and comfort in their losses. Speak, again and again, your voice of love to the lonely, your voice of hope to the despairing, and your voice of comfort to the grieving. Speak your voice of justice to the unjust, and show us mercy that leads to redemption. God's light goes before us.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

O compassionate one, we pray for those who long for rest. Rest from grief, from unjust labor, from chronic illness, from anxiety, depression, loneliness, and stress, from oppression and fear. Bring them out of the muck and mire into a broad, still place, even as you instruct us in the practice of sabbath.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Jennifer, Chuck, Suzi, Tammy, Grey, Joan, Marta, and Trey. If there are any names you would like to add, please say them now.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. If there are any names you would like to add, please say them now.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

O compassionate one, we pray for those who only know you from far away, who have been hurt by the actions of those who say they love you, who suffer the kind of doubt that burdens their spirits, who long to experience your love. Draw close to them, even as you shape us into a living embodiment of your radical welcome.

Love, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Presider: O Christ of great compassion, you have loved us with an everlasting love. Along with all for whom we have already prayed, we bring before you those prayers left unsaid. Continue your faithfulness to us, even as we become more faithful to you; through the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Concluding collect

Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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

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

Absolution

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

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements – Vestry Member – Dwight Cass

Invitation to the Table

Peter declared God's impartial invitation, that "in every nation anyone who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God." Jesus ate and drank with people from all walks of life, especially those who were considered "sinners" and "outcasts." This table is open to all who long for God's wide and grace-filled welcome. Come, all is prepared.

Offertory

He's Alive
Soloist – Jonathan Hampton

By: Don Francisco

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his 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:

Sanctus

Hymnal #S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Section: The Holy Eucharist Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus* Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932) Used with Permission: The Hymnal 1982; Copyright 1985 by The Church Pension Fund.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,
Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from this time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Presider: The Gifts of God, for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Receiving of Communion

Communion Hymn I Am The Bread of Life Hymnal #335

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Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for your presence in the homes of those joining us by Facebook Live. Those of us present here thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and we all thank you 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 for ever. Amen.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you and remain with you always.

Sending Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia

Hymnal #178

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system begins with a 'Descant' section. The second system is the 'Refrain'. The third system includes a '1-4' section and a 'Final Ending'. The fourth system is a 'Repeat Refrain' with lyrics. The piano accompaniment features various textures, including chords and moving lines.

Descant
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*
Praise to his Name. Name.
Praise to his Name. Name.

Repeat Refrain
He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

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Dismissal

Presider: God has sent us with a message: preach peace, do good, heal the oppressed, and testify to forgiveness, through Jesus' steadfast love.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Postlude

Because He Lives

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Service Ministers for Easter Sunday:

Presider: The Rev. Dr. Barbara Anne Fisher
Altar Guild: The Altar Guild
Crucifer: Dwight Cass
Acolyte: Katherine Cass
Eucharistic Minister: Dwight Cass
Lector: George Eastman
Chris Huber
Greeters: Lisa Rosenberger and Sandy Poole
Coffee Hour: Vestry Sponsored Breakfast

Service Ministers for April 7th:

Presider: The Rev. Dr. Barbara Anne Fisher
Altar Guild: Jean Weigle
Crucifer: Kelly McDermott
Acolyte: Charleyann Russell
Eucharistic Minister: Kelly McDermott
Lector: Jean Weigle
Dwight Cass
Greeters: Jane and Emily Parks
Coffee Hour: St. Paul's Episcopal Richmond

Easter Flowers

Given By:

Lisa Felsman

Barbara Anne+ and Sandy

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Barbara Hameetman

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Deb Johns

Jane Moss

The Parks Family

The Parks Family

The Parks Family

Heather Proctor

Connie Otto

Lisa Rosenberger and
And Tammy Moore

Dana and Jean Weigle

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Dedication:

In memory of mother, Bettie Erikson

The Coordinators and volunteers of the
Missional Ministries of St. Paul's

St. Paul's Vestry for their vision

In memory of Vie and Neil Hameetman

In memory of Bill Hameetman

Memorial to Kathleen Johns - Mother

Thanksgiving for family and friends

Thanksgiving for friends

Thanksgiving for family

In memory of Audrey, Judy, and Shirley

Thanksgiving for my family

Memorial – Herman Engelhart

Our Parents

Dwight and Peggy Lowery

George and Charlotte Weigle

Memorial to Lee Power - Sister



APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

**15th Lucas Cameron 26th – Susan Huber
26th – Jennifer Swafford**

NO APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

**APRIL 7th: BISHOP JENNIFER'S VISITATION
Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday Service @ 10:00 am**

**April 14th: Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday Service @ 10:00 am
Vestry Retreat Part 2 = Lunch @ 12:00; Retreat @ 12:45 – 4:45**

April 15th : Tax Day

**April 21st: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday Service @ 10:00 am**

**April 25th – 27th: Provencial V Gathering
South Bend, Indiana**

**April 28th: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday Service @ 10:00 am**

**April 29th:
Gleaners Food Give Away – First Christian Church
100 S. A St – 9:30 – 11:00 am**

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