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in the Diocese of Bethlehem

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EASTER SUNDAY
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EASTER SUNDAY HOLY EUCHARIST

ORGAN PRELUDE: INTERMEZZO FROM “CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA” PIETRO MASCAGNI

OPENING HYMN: JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY #207

Please Stand

OPENING ACCLAMATION *Remain Standing*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: ***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.***

GLORY TO GOD: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (S280)



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
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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray. (*Silence*) 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**

Please be seated

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 CONFITEMINI DOMINO

- 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

Peter began to speak to the 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.

GRADUAL HYMN: THE DAY OF RESURRECTION #210

Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 20:1-18

Please Remain Standing and face the Gospel Book.

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

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

A period of silence follows the sermon.

THE RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

All stand with the ministers.

The font is filled with water. The presider and other ministers lead the Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

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

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people greet one another saying, "The peace of the Lord be with you," or similar words.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

The Assembly may be seated

The ushers now come forward with the gifts of Bread & Wine and then collect the people's gifts of treasures.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY: PRAISE THE GOD

Please stand and sing Hymn #380, verse 3 only, as the people's treasure is presented.

GREAT THANKSGIVING—Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*Here a Proper Preface is said.*)

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: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD (S125)

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

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.***

The Celebrant continues

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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

***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.*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM: CHRIST OUR PASSOVER (S154)

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A period of silence is kept.

The priest invites the assembly to Communion saying:: 'The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Every member of the assembly is welcomed and encouraged to approach the Lord's Table. Baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those among us who are not baptized are welcome to receive a blessing.

After you have received the Sacrament or a blessing, please return to the congregational seating area.

COMMUNION HYMN: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE #335

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

This song is located in the pew rack. Please join in sing verses 1, 2, refrain and 3.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ to love and serve. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

CLOSING HYMN: WELCOME HAPPY MORNING #179

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

*Following the hymn and as the candles are extinguished all are invited to kneel
for a moment of silence and prayer and reflection.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE: FINALE FROM ORGAN SYMPHONY NO. 1 LOUIS VIERNE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME AND THANK YOU for worshipping at prince of peace this morning. You will find most of the service printed in this leaflet. All hymns are located in the Blue Hymnal in the pew rack. If you have any questions or need assistance please do not hesitate to ask an Usher or someone seated around you.

EASTER EGG HUNT A Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held immediately following the service. Please gather in the lobby.

ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP will be held on Saturday, April 25. Please see or contact George Gwilliam for more information.

PRINCE OF PEACE ENEWS If you have email and would like to receive an occasional e-newsletter from Prince of Peace, please contact Jennifer in the Parish Office (princeofpeace@epix.net or 570.675.1723)

RESTORE THE GLORY A capital campaign is currently underway to repair and restore the main Chancel Windows (the three behind the Altar). We ask that you prayerfully consider giving as you are able to this campaign. Feel free to speak to any of the Restore the Glory committee members for more information (Father Major, Dan Monk, Dan Plashinski, Dave Dillon, Carl Goeringer, Jennifer Martin). Donation forms are available on our website and in the brochure rack, near the steps, in the Parish Hall.

GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NEPA A new grassroots advertising campaign for the Episcopal Church in Northeastern Pennsylvania kicked off recently. A series of 3 spots is running in conjunction with WNEP Channel 16's "Good Things are Happening". (A few of our parishioners can be seen in the first ad). You can find a video of the spots on our website, on the new site www.nepaepiscopalchurch.org, or on the NEPA Episcopal Church Facebook Group.

THEME TEA & RE-GIFT AUCTION The annual Prince Of Peace Tea and Re-gift Auction will be held Saturday, May 16, 2009. We are still in need of volunteers to host a table and help in the kitchen. We are also in need of donations to the re-gift auction. If you have any items that are in new or like new condition and would like to contribute, please see Linda Shrader or Bev Cushner.

THE EASTER FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE
GLORY OF ALMIGHTY GOD

IN MEMORY OF

JEAN MONK by the Monk Family

CARL GOERINGER, SR. by Grace Goeringer

JOHN D. AND EMILY W. JILLSON by Mary Jillson-Stout

LEEANN TONOLI AND MARY PLASHINSKI by Liz & Dan Plashinski

DALE RALPH JONES by Carol Jones

ROBERT AND ETHEL RIEMENSNYDER by Carol Jones

LOUIS AND RUTH BECKER & GEORGE E. GWILLIAM by the Gwilliam Family

THE EPPLEY & ARCH FAMILIES

EDWIN ROTH by Pauline and Jim Roth

GRANDMOTHER, MARY BROODY by Paulette Broody-Alexander

GREAT-AUNT, SOPHIE KANCHER by Paulette Broody-Alexander

DEATRA AND JUSTINE MARTIN by the Martin Family

CORNELIA AND EMERY HAVRILLA & WILLARD SUTTON by the Sutton Family

ROSE MENELEY, FRANCES SHARP, WILLIAM CUSHNER AND GLORIA HILL by Beverly A. Cushner

AUGUST AND ANNA STRAZDUS by the Lynn Sheehan Family & Karen Spudis

JOHN F SHEEHAN, JR. & JOHN AND VERNA SHEEHAN by the Sheehan Family

GRANDSON, BRAD by Barbara & Bill Wentz

JOSEPH B. HUNT by Sandra Hunt

HENRY AND BERNICE TODD by the Todd Family

LORIMER AND MIRIAM WRIGLESWORTH by the Todd Family

IN HONOR OF

SANDRA ERCOLANI AND JENNIFER BUTOW by Sandra Hunt

OUR CHILDREN by Barbara & Bill Wentz

MY HUSBAND GEORGE, DAUGHTERS CORI AND TARA, MINDA AND RYAN by Therese Gwilliam

BY

George and Edna Yatsko