

# Prince of Peace Episcopal Church

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The Second Sunday of Easter

March 30, 2008

8:00 am & 10:00 am

Note: There is no service music at the 8:00 am service

# The Holy Eucharist

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Prelude: "Ye Sons and Daughters of the King" Francois Dandrieu On the 15th-century French Melody "O Filii et Filiae"

Choral Introit: "Love's redeeming work is done" Savannah, from Harmonia Sacra, c. 1760

## The Word of God

Opening Hymn: "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!" Gelobt sei Gott Hymnal 205

### The Opening Acclamation

*The people standing, the Celebrant says:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant may say*

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 - Hymnal S280

*The following hymn is said or sung, all standing*

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

*The Celebrant says to the people* 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.

### The Lessons (*The people sit.*)

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the multitude, "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 *Conserva me, Domine*

- 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.

1 Peter 1:3-9

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.

Gradual Hymn: "We walk by faith, and not by sight" St. Botolph Hymnal 209

THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-31 (*The People Stand*)

*Deacon* 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.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon — The Reverend Mary Lou Divis

The Nicene Creed (*All Standing*)

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 (*Form III*) *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
*Silence*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For the departed, especially Uncle Fritz and Bill. For those who suffer in body, mind or spirit including Bill, Ed, Dana, Carole, Taylor, Ben, Therese, Carol, Peggy, Debbie, Angie, Maribeth, Jane, George, and Mark. For all of those celebrating anniversaries of special times, especially Amy, Beverly, Samantha and Andrew as they celebrate their birthdays.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Confession of Sin *(people remain kneeling)*  
*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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.

*The Priest, stands and says* Almighty God have mercy on 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 *(All stand.)*

*The Celebrant says to the people* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

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

Welcome & Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries

## The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Senior Choir Anthem: "Awake, thou wintry earth" T. Blackburn/Dutch Carol, 17th century

Presentation Of Offerings: Doxology Hymnal 380 verse 3

The Great Thanksgiving—*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*The people remain standing.*

*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 him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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 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: *Holy, holy, holy Lord* Hymnal S 130

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*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.*

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.

*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. *AMEN.*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia.*

#### The Fraction Anthem—LEV 155

This is my body given up for you, this is my blood poured out for you.

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Body of Christ, Amen, Blood of Christ, Amen

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#### The Invitation to Communion

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation* 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.

All baptized Christians of any age or denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: "*This joyful Eastertide*" Vreuchten, melody from Psalmen, 1685

Post Communion Hymn: "*Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace*" verses 1,4

#### The Post Communion Prayer

*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 Blessing

#### The Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Closing Hymn: "*Awake, arise, lift up your voice*" Richmond Hymnal 212

Postlude: Last Variation "*Ye Sons and Daughters of the King*" Arr. E. Power Biggs

*The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of Almighty God in celebration of Dan Plashinski's Birthday.*

*The Sanctuary Candle is dedicated to the Glory of God in memory of Uncle Fritz Anstett by the Sheehan families.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 30, 2008 W The Second Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, we are glad you have chosen to worship with us. Here are a few items to assist you with the service.

- You will find most of our service printed in this *Service Leaflet* provided to you by the ushers.
  - The *Red Book of Common Prayer* and *Blue Hymnal* can be found in the pew rack.
- Our supplemental Hymnal, *Lift Every Voice & Sing* (LEVAS or LEV) is at both ends of your pew.
- The PostCommunion Hymn ("*Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace*") is also located in the pew rack.
  - All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Prince of Peace.

Please feel free to speak to an usher if have any further questions or need assistance.

EASTER EGG HUNT A great big THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with last Sunday's Easter Egg Hunt. A wonderful time was had by all!!!

"WOOD" YOU LIKE TO HELP OUT? The Vestry has approved the construction of a closet in the Parish Office. We are asking for people to purchase, through the church, the materials needed (example 1 piece of drywall for \$6.00, 2 are needed). All of the labor is being donated. More information is posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen.

## SPRING CLEAN-UP

The Property Commission has scheduled the Annual Spring Clean-up for Saturday April 26 (rain-date May 3). Helpers of all ages are needed!! For more information please see George Yatsko.



U2CHARIST We are pleased to announce that our second U2 Eucharist will be held on Saturday, May 10 at 7:00 pm. What is a U2charist?? It is an Episcopal Eucharist which incorporates the music of the rock band U2 to bring awareness to the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals and ways in which we can support them. Much more information will follow, but please mark your calendars now and spread the word!!

PRINCE OF PEACE E-NEWS In effort to improve communications, we are trying something new. The office will be sending an electronic newsletter about once a week (more or less often as necessary). If you were already on our email list then you were automatically subscribed to this newsletter and should have received the first issue on Friday. If you would like to sign up to receive this newsletter you can either contact Jennifer Martin in the Parish Office OR visit our website, a subscription box is located near the bottom of the Home page. (Please note: feedback on this project would be greatly appreciated—Jennifer)

OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 7–11 The Church Office will be closed from Monday, April 7 through Friday April 11. Jennifer will be attending a Communications Conference in Seattle Washington with the Episcopal Communicators.

"THE LAYING-ON-OF-HANDS FOR HEALING" Beginning this morning, "The Laying-On-Of-Hands for Healing" will be offered at the 10:00 AM service during communion.



"Healing Hands" by Silvia Hartman,  
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The Gospels tell us that in most of the "healing miracles" He performed, Jesus touched those whom He healed. Yes, there were cases where healed people "from a distance", without touching them. But in most cases he touched them. Our Christian faith teaches us we His followers are to continue His healing ministry. We are to "hold the sick up before Him by names in our prayers" and we are to touch them.

We know from experience that there is healing power in the human touch. No doubt, we can all think of times in our lives when we have been healed, in part at least, by the touch of another person, and of other times when we have helped heal others by touching.

So, during communion, Chris Sutton will be at the rear of the church, near the Baptismal Font to offer the Laying-On-Of Hands for Healing. You are invited to go to her, either before or after you have received communion. Tell her what kind of healing you want. She will then lay her hands on your head and offer a prayer to our Lord for you. When she has concluded her prayer for you, simply return to your seat.

Please note four things. First, this is something you are "invited" not "required" to do. Second, even if you do not need to be healed, you are invited "to bring a friend or loved one" to Chris, simply by telling her the person's name. Third, understand that the healing the Lord gives you may be either instantaneous or gradual. Finally, understand that the Lord, out of his loves for you will give you the kind of healing He thinks you need most, which may or may not be the kind of healing you think you most want. But the Lord will make His healing presence know to your in your life in some way. - Fr. Jim

## This Morning's Ministers

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Celebrant	The Reverend James P Stevenson
Deacon / Preacher	The Reverend Mary Lou Divis
Organist	Jacqueline Sheehan
Acolytes	Chris Sutton, Kelly Jacobs
Lector	TBA
Intercessor	TBA
Eucharistic Minister	TBA
Ushers / Oblationers	Carl Goeringer, Kim Jacobs
Altar Guild	Beverly Cushner, Barbara Wentz
Vestry Counter	Dan Plashinski

**THE NEXT...**

- ...Holy Eucharist**, this morning 8:00 am & 10:00 am.
- ...Adult Christian Education**, this morning 9:00 am.
- ...Church School**, this morning 10:00 am service
- ...Education Commission Mtg**, this morning, following the 10 am service.
- ...The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy**, today, 3:00 pm.
- ...Alanon Mtg**, today, 7:00 pm
- ...AA Small Group**, Monday, March 31, 7:00 pm.
- ...Church Office Open**, April 1, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ...Church Cleaning**, Tuesday, April 1.
- ...Finance Commission Meeting**, Tuesday, April 1, 6:00 pm (note time!)
- ...Church Office Open**, Thursday, April 3, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ...Choir Practices**, Thursday, April 3.
- ...Church Office Open**, Friday, April 4, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ...Church Office Closed**, Monday, April 7—Friday, April 11.
- ...Vestry Meeting (undercroft)**, Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 pm.
- ...ECW Meeting**, Wednesday, April 16.
- ...Spring Clean-Up**, Saturday, April 26.
- ...St Vincent D’Paul Soup Kitchen**, Saturday, April 26.
- ...U2charist**, Saturday, May 10, 7:00 pm
- ...Theme Luncheon**, Saturday May 17.
- ...Parish Picnic**, Sunday June 1, 10:00 am.

**If your event is missing from this list, please contact the Church Office with the details!**

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:  
8am Holy Eucharist  
9am Adult Education  
10am Holy Eucharist (with Music)  
10am Sunday School