

**Alleluia! He is Risen!**



**Easter Sunday**

March 31, 2024

The Rev. John Henry+  
Celebrant

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Alton, Illinois

**Prelude**

*Easter Hymn*

arr. P. Lehenbauer

**Hymn # 207**

*Jesus Christ is risen today*

*Hymnal 1982*

Celebrant: Alleluia!! Christ is risen!!

**People:** *The Lord is risen indeed!! Alleluia!!*

Celebrant:

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 *The Hymnal 1982*

**The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Word of God**

**The Lessons** *Please be seated.*

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*10:34-43*

Peter began to speak to them: "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.

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

**The Psalm**     *Confitemini Domino*

*118:1-2, 14-24 BCP 760*

***The people respond with the verses in bold italics***

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

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

The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation

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

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

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

The LORD has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.

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

"This is the gate of the LORD; he who is righteous may enter."

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

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

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

**A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians**

*3:1-4*

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn # 179**

*Welcome, happy morning!*

*The Hymnal 1982*

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so*

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

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

**The Gospel**

*Mark 16:1-8*

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. John Henry+

**The Nicene Creed**

*BCP p. 358*

***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 People respond with the lines in bold italics*

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*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People: And also with you.*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory** (bell choir) 'Rex Glorioso' (Glorious King) / French Church tune  
arr. G. Anderson

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

### *Eucharistic Prayer D*

**Lift up your hearts:** *Sursum corda*

S120 *The Hymnal 1982*

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

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you

created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus**

S128 *The Hymnal 1982*

*The people stand or kneel if they are comfortable doing so.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might care for and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*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.*

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

***We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. ***Amen.***

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

**The Lord's Prayer**     *(sung)*

S119 *The Hymnal* 1982

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

***Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei***

S164 *The Hymnal* 1982



*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*  
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

***All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive Communion, and everyone is welcome to come to the rail for a blessing.***

***If you do not wish to receive either the bread or the wine, please cross your arms across your chest as a silent request for a blessing from the priest.***

**Communion Music**      *Lento* (from ‘*Downland Suite*’)      J. Ireland

**Post-Communion Prayer**

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.***

**Blessing**

**Hymn #182**      *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*      *The Hymnal 1982*

**Dismissal**

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

**People:**    ***Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**Postlude:**      *Fanfare*      W. Mathias

## **SERVING TODAY**

Celebrant: The Rev. John Henry+  
Organist: Gay Anderson  
Crucifer: Tom Wrausmann  
Altar Acolyte: Elias Silkwood  
Acolyte: Meg Dorris  
BB/CB: Susan Lukasik  
Lector/Intercessor: Chuck Drennan  
Altar Guild: E. Bumbacher, C. Terry

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

Celebrant: The Rev. Gene Stormer+  
Organist: Gay Anderson  
Crucifer: Chuck Drennan  
Altar Acolyte: Destiny Drennan  
Acolyte: Elias Silkwood  
BB/CB: Marti LoRusso  
Lector/Intercessor: Tom Harris  
Altar Guild: D. Cook, J. Cook

**Our sincere condolences** to our parish family members and friends on the death of their loved one, Mary Woodcock, who passed away on Sunday, March 24th.

### **Calendar for the Week of March 31, 2024**

**Tuesday, April 2** Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m.; Bible study 10:15 a.m.

**Wednesday, April 3** 10:00 a.m. – ECW – St. Paul’s conference room

**Thursday, April 4**            6:00 p.m. – Guild of Grace – St. Paul’s

**Saturday, April 6**            8:00 a.m. – Spring cleanup and repairs at Trinity Chapel

**Sunday, April 7**            8:15 a.m. Mass--Trinity Chapel  
10:30 a.m. Mass – St. Paul’s  
12:30-1:30 p.m. 4 Paws Pet Food Pantry – St. Paul’s

**Bible Study will be held Tuesday, April 2nd** following Morning Prayer in St. Elizabeth’s Chapel at 9:30 a.m. Bible study begins at 10:15 a.m. and lasts approximately an hour. All are welcome to join – be sure to bring your Bible!

**The ECW Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 3rd at 10:00 a.m.** in Heneghan Hall. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

**The Guild of Grace will meet Thursday, April 4th at 6:00 p.m. at Heneghan Hall.** All women of the parish are welcome!

**Save the dates – it’s time to spruce up for Spring! Cleaning and repairs, both interior and exterior, are scheduled for Saturday, April 6th at Trinity Chapel and Saturday, April 13th at St. Paul’s.** Every gift of time and effort are greatly appreciated by the Property and Maintenance commission. A future date will be determined if additional time is needed.

**Mark Your Calendars!! The Guild of Grace and ECW will be holding a Puzzle Palooza, Thursday, June 13, 6:00- 8:00 p.m..** Get your bunko group, card club, coffee group, pickle ball group, golf buddies, what have you, to join us for a fun evening of puzzle palooza!!! Reservations should be made with payment of \$25 to The Guild of Grace by June 7th in the office of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. See further details in the next *Angelus* newsletter.

**Please remember in your prayers this week:**



Ron, Pete, Sarah and the Dobson family, Rebecca, Jeanne, Verla, Judy, Tori, John, Jeanie, K-Lou, Fr. Kip, Claudette, Marie, Charles, Robin, Bianca, Albert, Audrey, Linda, Mother Jane, Terry, Kay, Barb, John, Don, Tony, Dan, Nolan, Helen, Greg, Don, Irene, Katie, Judy and those known only to us.