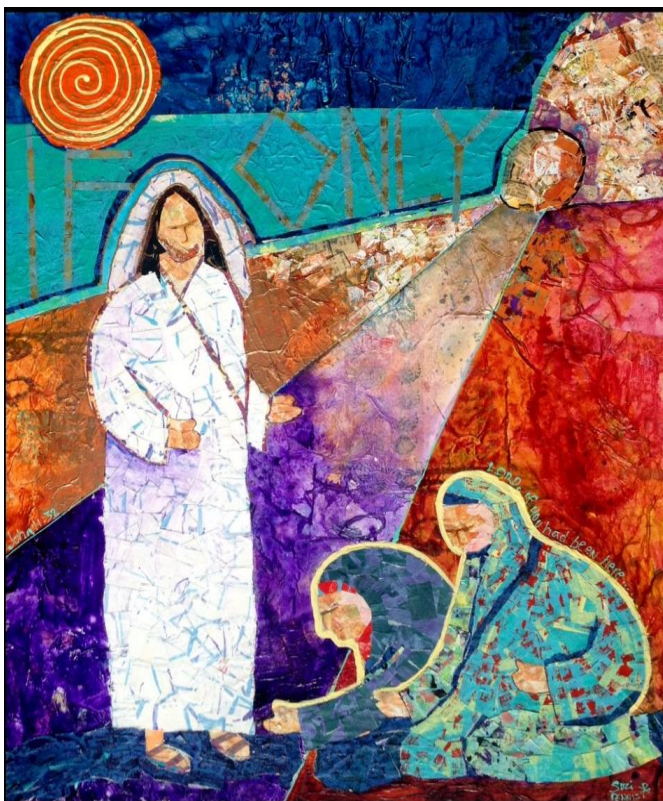


EASTER DAY

HOLY BAPTISM WITH HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II



APRIL 20, 2025 AT 11:00 A.M.

SPECIAL MUSIC BY BRAVURA BRASS
Gloria from the Nelson Mass by Franz Josef Haydn

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. Michael Lawrence

PROCESSIONAL *Hail thee, festival day!* **HYMNAL 225**

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*please remain standing*)

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People *There is one hope in God's call to us;*
Celebration One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People *One God and Father of all.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 222

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

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 LESSON: 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

- 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 LESSON: 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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

He is risen, he is risen!

HYMNAL 180

vs. 1&2 before the Gospel reading; vs. 3&4 after the Gospel reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 24:1-12 (*please remain standing*)

Celebrant

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

People

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.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

BCP 301

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Presenters *I present Kevinterry Wayne Louis to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present
is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Presenters *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow
into the full stature of Christ?
Presenters *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness
that rebel against God?
Answer *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and
destroy the creatures of God?
Answer *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer *I do.*

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer *I do.*

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer *I do.*

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People *We will.*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP 304

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.*

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

BCP 305

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BCP 306

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE BAPTISM

BCP 307

Wayne, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Wayne, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us welcome the newly baptized by saying together,

People *We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY *Alleluia! Christ Is Risen* André Kopolyff

THE DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;* **HYMNAL 380 (vs. 3)**
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D **BCP 372**

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 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,

THE SANCTUS *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.* **HYMNAL S-129**

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 rule 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.

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.

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

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 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMNAL S-149

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

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
 hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
 For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
 sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE 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.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The Episcopal Church invites all who seek God to our Lord's table. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. The wine is administered in two chalices: the common cup for drinking and the intinction cup for dipping your wafer into the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest when the wine passes. If you desire a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are also available. If you are unable to come to the altar, please let an usher know and we would be happy to bring communion to you!

COMMUNION MUSIC

A Hymn of Resurrection

Gwyneth Walker

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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.

POST COMMUNION MUSIC

Hallelujah Chorus

George Frederick Handel

THE 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 Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

HYMNAL 182

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

THANK YOU

Thank you to our choir, altar guild, worship leaders, and staff for all the behind-the-scenes work allowing us to celebrate Easter in such holy and joyous ways!

A special thank you to the Bravura Brass Quintet for the inspiring music in today's service. Bravura Brass Quintet was founded in 1992 in the central Pennsylvania area. Over the years, Bravura has played throughout the region at numerous churches, community events and concert series. Bravura has played for groups such as the National Christian Choir, Table Singers, Cloister Choir and the Lancaster Summer Arts Festival. Current group members include trumpet players, Curtis Palmer and Jason Blome; French hornist Jill Graybill; trombonist Tony Deininger; and tubist Steve Holgate.

THE EASTER FLOWERS DECORATING THE CHURCH WERE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY:

Molly Moyer & Family

In memory of Bill, George, & Helen Moyer; Helen & Cliff Everts, Walter Hawes

Tim & Mary Huber

In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren

Rosemary Coverly

In memory of Kent Strickler

Nick & Karen Di Pace

In memory of Richard Muhn and Rosaria Rocca Di Pace

John Meyer

In memory of family & friends

Steve & Karen Latshaw

In memory of William & Sally Kamp, Ward & Jane Latshaw, Stefan Latshaw Jr

Barbara Graeter

In memory of John Graeter and Chris Graeter

Dave & Sue Martin

In memory of Carol Greenfield

Susan E.H. Tobie

In memory of Alan F. Tobie, Clara & Nelson Hardie, and John Hardie

Nancy Mannion & Fred Cluck

In memory of departed members of the Mannion & Cluck family

Jeffery Koller

In memory of John Lionetti

Carolyn Maxey

*In memory of Goerge & Johnnie Wheeler, John & Katherine Heard,
Ples & Susie Elsberry, Katherine Wheeler, Janie Wheeler
In thanksgiving for Gabriella Suliveras on her 20th birthday*

The Modene Family

*In memory of Robert Modene
In thanksgiving for Judy Modene*

Kluane & Philip Snyder

In memory of John C Baier, M.D., Margaret H. & Willis E. Snyder

Karen Ramella

In memory of Walter & Barbara Ramella, Ruth E. Hess

Toni Ehrhart

In memory of Edward Ehrhart, Edward Ehrhart Jr., the Ault & Ehrhart family

Brad & Maria Weaver-Hollowniczky

In memory of our parents; Anne, Gene, Judy, and Bob

Mark & Susan Herr

In memory of Paul & Kitty Whiteman, Veryl & Linda Herr

Kerry Bartone

In memory of Marjorie Bartone

Meg & Tim Argo

In memory of Pete & Carol Greenfield

Robbin & Tom Hobbins

In memory of Dr. Betty Finney

Sherry & Scott Qualls

*In memory of Grant Hansel Jr and Kingston Qualls
In thanksgiving for our grandchildren: Alden Doyle, Grant & Naty Qualls;
and our St. John's family*



WELCOME

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! We are glad you are here. Please tell us a little bit about yourself by filling out a pew card and placing it in the offertory plate.

OUR MINISTERS

All Baptized Members

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey C. Scanlan, Diocesan Bishop

The Rev. Amanda Knouse, Rector
amanda@stjohns-lancaster.org

Dr. Joe Pritchett, Assistant Rector
joe@stjohns-lancaster.org

VESTRY

Drew Dorgan (*Sr. Warden*), Charles Wear (*Treasurer*), Ted Loose (*Jr. Warden*),
Molly Moyer (*Secretary*), Liz West, Kathy Kyper, Gretchen Walden,
Penn Glazier, Mary Huber, Bruce Waskowicz, Sarah Jones

DELEGATES REPRESENTING ST. JOHN'S AT DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Pam Loose, Br. David Rutledge, Joe Way, Drew Dorgan

STAFF

Mark Herr, Minister of Music (*music@stjohns-lancaster.org*)
Dana Sanborn, Bookkeeper (*finance@stjohns-lancaster.org*)
John Knouse, Property Manager (*property@stjohns-lancaster.org*)
Stephanie Cabrera, Custodian
Danielle Hill, Nursery Attendant

GROW IN GOD, ACT IN SERVICE, WITNESS IN LOVE
WWW.STJOHNS-LANCASTER.ORG / 717.299.1188