

# EASTER

THE DAY OF RESURRECTION



*St Stephen's Episcopal Church*

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# Family Service with Holy Eucharist

Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017 at 10:00 AM

**Prelude**

*Two Chorals*

Jehan Alain

## Gathering of the Community

**Hymn of Praise**

*Jesus Christ is risen today*

Hymnal 207

*We are resurrecting our Alleluias, which have been put away and unused during Lent. Everyone, no matter their age, is invited to follow the procession to the front on the church, pick up an "Alleluia" card and a piece of tape, and then tape your "Alleluia" somewhere on the side wall of the church.*

*Presider*

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

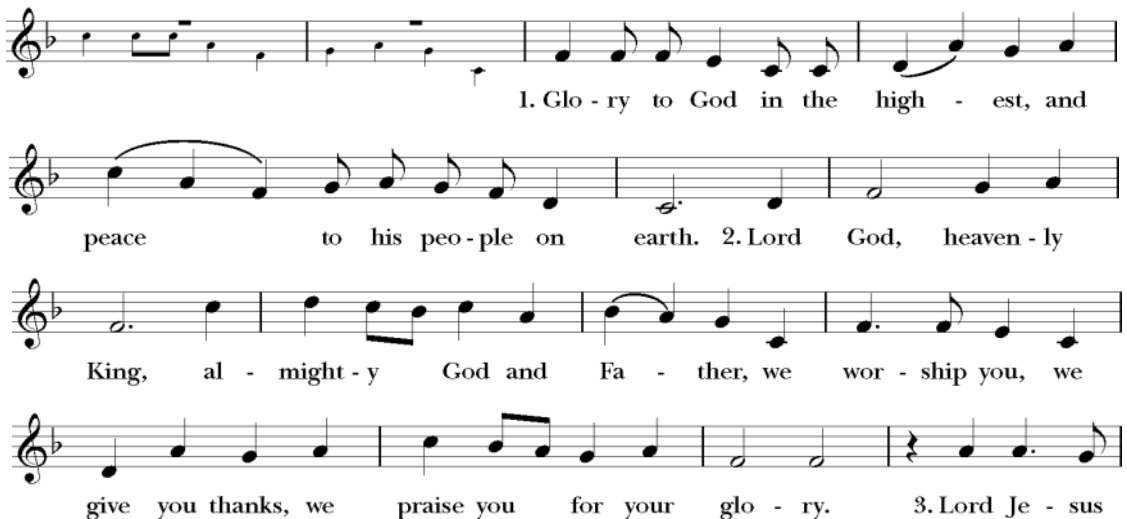
*People*

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

**Collect for Purity**

BCP 355

**Gloria**



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y 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.

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* 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.***

## Reading from the New Testament

**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."

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

## **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

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.

**This is the Lord’s doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

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

**Gospel Hymn**

*The strife is o’er (v.1,2,3)*

Hymnal 208

**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 28:1-10**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and

worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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

## **The Sermon**

the Reverend Al Johnson

*Silence*

## **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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**

*Leader* Filled with joy on this royal feast of feasts, let us offer prayers to God who leads his sons and daughters through the Red Sea waters.

For the holy churches of God, Michael our presiding bishop, Sean our bishop, the priests and deacons, our new brothers and sisters, this holy

gathering, and all the holy people of God.

***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

For those on our prayer list and our prayer cards. For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, the dying and the dead. ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

That our Savior may grant us triumph over our visible and invisible enemies. ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

That with Christ we may crush beneath our feet the prince of darkness and all evil powers. ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

That Christ may fill us with the joy and happiness of his holy resurrection. ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

That we may enter the chamber of the divine wedding feast and rejoice without limit with the angels and saints.

***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, Stephen, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord.***

***ALL Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for the victory over death of your Son Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers we offer this holy day, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live for ever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## **The Peace**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* ***And also with you.***

*Greet one another with a sign of peace, like a handshake.*

# The Holy Communion

## The Offertory

*Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.*

*God gives us more than we can ask or imagine. In our gratitude we give back to God, generously and without expectation. Our offerings today help support the ministries of St. Stephen's.*

**Offertory Music**      *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright*      Dale Wood

**Doxology** (*please stand*)      Hymnal 380, v. 3

*During the Doxology, the symbols of our lives (bread and wine, money and other gifts) are brought to the altar. As you are comfortable and able, please follow the offering bearers, bringing your whole self to the altar. Form a semi-circle around and behind the altar, open to the seating area.*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

## Eucharist Prayer A

*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 thanks and praise.***

*Presider*      It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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:

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. \_\_\_\_\_

The musical score is written on four staves in G-clef, 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) over the words 'heaven and earth', 'san - na', and 'san - na'. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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.***

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.***

## **Lord's Prayer**

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

***All 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**

*At the Invitation to Communion, please gather to receive communion at the outer steps of the altar platform or in the center aisle.*

## **Invitation to Communion**

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The communion table is God's table, a table where Jesus dined with sinners and*

welcomed all. **Gluten-free bread** is available upon request. To receive the **bread**, extend your hands, one on top of the other. To receive the **wine**, help guide the cup to your lips to ensure you receive a small sip. To receive a **blessing**, cross your arms over your chest as you approach the priest.

*After receiving Communion or a blessing, please return to your seat.*

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*All            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.*

## **Easter Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## **Announcements**

### **Closing Hymn**

*He is risen*

Hymnal 180

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to proclaim the risen Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### **Postlude**

*Trumpet Tune*

Craig Phillips

## Thank You to Today's Ministers

**Crucifer:** Cindy Willis

**Torch Bearer:** Gabe Farkas, Annika Biggs

**Reader POP:** Brian Biggs

**Reader Psalm:** Tim Wachter

**Reader Old Testament:** Jack Gregory

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Brian Biggs, Nancy Gorman

**Musicians:** Allan Slovenkay, Sunny Saunders

**Ushers:** Eric Schuette, George Willis

**Greeter:** Susan Schuette

**Oblation Bearers:** Felmlee Family

**Vision Person of the Week:** MJ Radock

**Coffee Hour:** Kathy Steele and Ellen Masteller

**Altar Guild Team:** Vivian H., Lynda B., Dana W., Reilly Family

## Server Schedule for Next Sunday (4/23)

**Crucifer:** Emma Schuette

**Torch Bearer:** Emma Bane, Nathan Scholtz

**Reader POP:** Kathie Gregory

**Reader Psalm:** Don Inderlied

**Reader Old Testament:** Eric Schuette

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathie Gregory, Don Inderlied

**Musicians:** Sunny Saunders

**Ushers:** Jake Scholtz, Jim Reilly

**Greeter:** Steve Ropski

**Oblation Bearers:** Miller Family

**Vision Person of the Week:** Dave Vogt

**Altar Guild Team:** Bonnie M., Betsy D., Carlota S., Jane O., Miller Family

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## *Easter Lily Dedications*



**Jack & Kathie Gregory** in memory of Gus & Elsie Gregory and Bob,  
Bertie & David Gadd

**Danielle Bane** in memory of Spike Bane, Emogene Jones, Harry Bane  
and Joe Malnick and in thanksgiving for Grand Jill Dolin, Hazel Billups,  
Mimi Bane, Granny Bane, Poppy and Nana Dolin

**Missy Scholtz** in memory of Richard Shade

**Judy Jones** in memory of Richard & Audrey Scheffner, Warren &  
Virginia Jones, Jess Thompson and in honor of Henry, Mitchell &  
Gwendolyn Zone

**The Gustafson-Ropski Family** in memory of Dr & Mrs. Joseph Ropski  
and in honor of Francis & Margaret Gustafson

**Carlota & Cindy Slick** in thanksgiving for blessings received

**Dorothy Kelly** in memory of Holly Kelly Hedstrom

**Karen Pettit** in memory of R.J. Pettit

**Sannie Potter** in memory of Leslie Ann Potter

**John & Pat Rushe** for blessings received

**Bill & Anna May Rose** in memory of sons: Bill & Peter Rose; parents:  
William & Margaret Rose, Peter & Mary Licsko; grandparents: John &  
MaryAnn Rose & sister Alice Felege

**Alvin Johnson** in memory of Tix, Jimmy, Steve, Eileen, Alvin, Nicholas,  
Bonnie, Terry

**Slomski Family** in thanksgiving for new family member Baby Nelson

**Bob & Kate Pazder** in memory of Marie Pazder, Gladys Wahlers

**The Inderlieds** in honor of our children and in thanksgiving for our  
children

## *Easter Lily Dedications continued*

**Cheri Farkas** in memory of Dolores Farkas

**Kim Whitman** in memory of Pauline Whitman, Louis Whitman

**Sue Burrows** in memory of William R. Burrows, III

**MJ & Rich Radock** in honor of Edythe M. Schirra

**Isabel A. Hodgins** in memory of Ellen & Olive

**Stephen & Dorene Sommers** in memory of William Duncan, Mr. &  
Mrs. James Malia, Frances Hil Kirk

**Bill & Sharon Ulrich** in memory of Tom Kimberlin

**Jane OLexa** in memory of Dan OLexa presented by his family

**Judy Bliley** in memory of Richard D. Bliley



**The Altar flowers this Sunday** are given in loving memory of the Davis, Polecki, and Filmanski families by Jo Davis.

**The Flowers on the Wooden Cross (at the back of the church)** are given in memory of Mary Lou Burlingham and all other parishioners from St. Stephen's church that had or are survivors of cancer by Ray and Gail Burlingham.

## Announcements

### Celebrations This Week

**Birthdays:** Gretchen Tome, Caitlin Reilly, Jack Thompson, Jr.

**Anniversaries:** Bill & Lynda Burrows

**This Week We Pray For:** Angela, Judy, Bill, Sally, Daniel, Mary, Jolene, Cindy, Stephany and family, Jill, Hazel, Charlene, Peter and family, Michelle, Dave and Melinda, Jerry and Ann, Michelle

### Murder Mystery Dinner on April 22

Murder and Mayhem will once more descend upon St. Stephen's! On **April 22** we will host the In All Seriousness troupe as they perform "Dead and Breakfast"- Motel Murder Mayhem. **Doors will open at 6:00 PM and the show starts at 6:30.** Catering will be by Theresa's Deli, and we will provide dessert and drinks (BYOB). Childcare is available. Cost is **\$35 per person or \$70 for a couple.** There will be raffle baskets, 50/50, and prizes for solving the murder. Contact Steve Ropski at [ropski001@gannon.edu](mailto:ropski001@gannon.edu) or 882-7559 with questions or to purchase tickets, or order online at [www.ststephens-fairview.org](http://www.ststephens-fairview.org).

### Episcopal Q&A with Fr. Al

Do you ever wonder why we do some of the things we do on Sunday morning? Here is your chance to ask your questions about the Episcopal Church! Join us on **April 23** for brunch after the 10 AM service, followed by the Q&A session. Explore with us!

### Episcopal 101 Sundays: April 30, May 7, and May 21

Get to know the Episcopal Church a little better with this three week series each Sunday from 11:30 AM—1:00 PM. We will explore areas of history, worship, the prayer book, scripture, and more. Whether this is your first time with us or you've been with us for the last 50 years, you are welcome to join in this series and, maybe, learn something new! A light lunch and child care will be provided. Please sign up in the Parish Hall. Individuals or groups interested in volunteering to provide a light lunch for Episcopal 101 participants, please contact Missy.

# *St. Stephen's Episcopal Church*

***“Stephen, full of faith and power,  
did great wonders and miracles among the people.”***

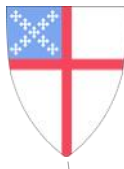
*Acts of the Apostles 6:8*

We are glad that you joined us today. As an Episcopal Church, we use the *Book of Common Prayer* (red) and *The Hymnal 1982* (blue), and other authorized supplements, as our primary resources for worship. In the Episcopal Church, we usually sit to listen, stand or kneel to pray, and stand to sing. You are welcome to stand, sit or kneel during worship, as is your preference.

**Families with young children** (3 and under) are welcome to worship with their children in our Soft Space at the back of the sanctuary. *Nursery care* is available for children under 5.

**All baptized Christians, without regard to age or denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion at God's table.** You may receive the bread and wine separately, or you may carefully dip the bread into the wine when the Eucharistic Minister offers the Cup. The Sacrament is complete whether you receive any part of the bread and/or wine. If you wish, you may receive a blessing. **Gluten-free communion wafers** are available upon request at the altar rail. Should you need to receive Communion where you sit, please let an usher know.

***Please turn off or silence cell phones. Thank you.***



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