

# EASTER

THE DAY OF RESURRECTION



*St Stephen's Episcopal Church*

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**Holy Eucharist Rite I**  
**Easter Sunday**  
April 16, 2017 at 8:00 AM

**Prelude**

*Two Chorals*

Jehan Alain

**Gathering of the Community**

**Hymn of Praise**

*Jesus Christ is risen today (v. 1 & 2)*

Hymnal 207

*Celebrant*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People*

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

**Collect for Purity**

BCP 323

**Gloria**

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

***And also with you.***

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto 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 thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. ***Amen.***

**The Word of God**

**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.

## **Epistle Reading**

**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. **Thanks be to God.***

## **Gospel Hymn**

*The strife is o’er (v.1,2,4)*

Hymnal 208

## **The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 28:1-10**

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

***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

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 be to thee, O Christ.*

**Sermon**

the Reverend Al Johnson

*Silence*

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP 326

**Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant*

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.

*Leader*

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 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**

## **The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory**

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

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

***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.***

**The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer II)** BCP 340

**The Lord's Prayer** BCP 336

**Prayer of Humble Access / Breaking of the Bread** BCP 337

**Invitation to Communion** BCP 338

*The communion table is God's table, a table where Jesus dined with sinners and welcomed all. If you wish to receive the bread, extend your hands, palms up, one on top of the other. If you wish to receive the wine, help guide the chalice to your lips. **Gluten free bread** is available by asking the priest. **If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms over your chest.***

**Postcommunion Prayer** BCP 339

## **Announcements**

## **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.*

**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**

**Eucharistic Minister:** Dave Danowski

**Lectors:** Dave Danowski, Gretchen Tome, Missy Greene

**Usher:** Vivian Hutchison

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

**Musicians:** Allan Slovenkay, Sunny Saunders

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

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

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

**Eucharistic Minister:** John Rushe

**Lectors:** John Rushe, Dave Danowski, Kevin Tome

**Usher:** Dave Danowski

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

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

## **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

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## Announcements

### 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).

We are adding an incentive to the murder mystery ticket sales. Everyone who brings a guest from outside of the parish will receive a \$5 Wegman's gift card. The person who brings the largest number of guests from outside the parish will receive a \$20 Wegman's gift card. So get busy inviting your friends and neighbors. Let's fill the parish hall to overflowing!!

### 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.



## *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

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**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. Hodgin** 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.

# *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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