



# The Sunday of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

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WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S!  
EASTER SUNDAY  
April 5th, 2026 -11:00 AM

*Processional Hymn: Welcome Happy Morning*

Hymnal 179

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! (3 times)**

*Pascha Nostrum (sung to the tune of "For all the Saints)*

*Hymnal 287*

God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us; therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast; forsaking sin we share the bread of truth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Now Christ is raised and will not die again; death has no more dominion over him;

Through him we die to sin and live to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead; though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in Christ's new life shall all be made alive. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**Collect of the Feast:**

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Hymnal S-280

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Acts 10: 34-43**

In those days, 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."

**Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 (congregation to respond with verses in bold)**

- 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.**

**Epistle Lesson: 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.

**Hymn:** *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

Hymnal 199, verses 1-2 before, 3-4 after

**Holy Gospel St. John 20: 1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her,

"Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*Homily*

*Fr. Timothy Griffin*

*Procession to the Baptismal Font to renew our baptismal vows*

Prayer Book 292

*The Prayers of the People*

*Form IV*

Prayer Book 388

*The Peace*

*Announcements*

*April Birthday Celebrations*

*Offertory: Doxology of Praise (sung to the tune 'All Creatures of our God and King)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise him all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise him above ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***It is desirable that we stand rather than kneel during the Great 50 Days of Easter.***

*Great Thanksgiving Eucharist Prayer D*

Prayer Book 372

*Sanctus*

Hymnal S-130

*Lord's Prayer*

Prayer Book 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread

Fractional Hymn

Hymnal S-155



The 7 day Reservation candle is given this week to the Glory of God, by Valerie Smith , in honor of husband Dale Smith's birthday.

Reminder, there will be NO mid-week Wed Eucharist on 4/8. We will resume on 4/15

There is NO coffee hour after service today. We will resume as usual next Sunday, 4/12. Thank you!

**We pray for healing:**

**in our fellowship for:** Kelly, Monica, Donald, Connie, Joan, Paula, Carlos, Fr. Abraham, Lynette, Eileen, Anna, Gabby, Shirley and Brenda

**In our extended fellowship we pray for:** Katie, Jennifer, Matthew, Deborah, Mary, Diane, Dorothy, Delores, Letiticia, Robert, Ceil, Carol, Frank, John, Eileen, Pete, Joseph, Tammy, Ed, Brooke, Joseph W., Donnie, Bill, Ron, Linda, David and Dale.

**In the food pantry community:**

Dan and Carolyn

**In our diocese, we pray for:**

St. James Episcopal Church, Dundaff, PA  
Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, Danville, PA and  
All clergy of The Episcopal Diocese of The Susquehanna

**In the greater Anglican communion,  
we pray for:**

Kudupi Parish, Kajo Keji ; and  
The Peace of Jerusalem and the  
Anglican Church of Mexico

**Dates to remember:**

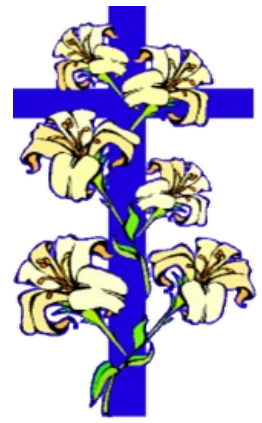
**April 12<sup>th</sup>** - Baptism of Brynn Marcial  
**April 18<sup>th</sup>** - Lasagna takeout dinner 4-5:30pm  
**April 19<sup>th</sup>** - Vestry Meeting following coffee hour after service  
**May 19<sup>th</sup>** - Iron Pigs outing  
**May 30<sup>th</sup>** - Community Yard Sale 8am-1:00pm

Attendance for last week 3/29/26 service:  
in person 40, at least 4 on line

# Happy Easter!!

## He Is Risen! Alleluia

# Easter Flower Memorials



- † In Loving Remembrance of wife: Wilma, Parents A.Dewey & Emma E. Gehres and Brothers and Sisters: Daniel, Harry, Mary Romano, Agnes Chapman, Emma Gallagher, Albert, William, Mossy Watto and John- *Given By Bob Gehres.*
- † In Loving Remembrance of our loved ones – Given by *Connie Graber*
- † In Loving Remembrance of Charlotte Harbst & Family, The Kline Family and The Tepmpest Family- *Given by Toby Harbst*
- † In Loving Remembrance of Maurice & Darlene Dimmick, Truman & Sadie Ritter, Harley & Irene Dimmick, Quentin & Brenda Dimmick, Samuel & Annie Dietz, Gary Ritter and Cpl. William Krumanocker – *Given by The Dimmick family.*
- † In Loving Remembrance of Charles Raab, Al & Jane Raab, Lawrence & Elsie Caddington, Clarence & Elizabeth Pumphrey, Eleanora Payne, and J. Paul Caddington – *Given by Shirley Raab.*
- † In Loving Remembrance of Kenneth W. Holmes, Jr., Thomas E. Finley, Mark W. Holmes, Charles & Dorothy Ebert, Thelma & Kenneth Holmes Sr., Janet & George James, Tracy Holmes and Doug & Barbara Holmes – *Given by Carol Holmes.*
- † In Loving Remembrance of Kenneth W. Holmes, Jr, Dorothy & Charles Ebert, Thelma & Kenneth Holmes, George & Janet James, ‘Teddy’, Doug & Barbara Holmes and Tracy L. Holmes – *Given by Scott Holmes*
- † In Loving Remembrance of Charlotte Harbst, The DeVore and Tempest Families – *Given by Steve and Libby Devore*
- † In Loving Remembrance of Bruce Kelly, Keith, Kevin & Debbie Bodisch, Julia Kelly, Margaret Horvath and the Wagner Family - *Given by Marge Kelly*
- † In Honor of Jennie & Albert Ligi and Kathy Rish - *Given by Lisa Ligi*
- † In Loving Remembrance of parents Ed & Helen Rish and Kathy Rish - *Given By Sue Rish*
- † In Loving Remembrance of parents James & Cozette McGuire, Morton & Ruth Smith, granddaughter Ava Jones, Joe Marakovits and Beth Bradley - *Given by Valerie & Dale Smith*
- † In Loving Remembrance of Nellie Humphrey - *Given by Anna and Gabriella Roman*
- † In Loving Remembrance of Miller Hardy – *Given by Linda Hardy*
- † In Loving Remembrance of Evelyn Glazer – *Given by Kelly Glazer*
- † In Honor of her grandchildren and great-granddaughter; Alycia, Haley, Aiden McKenzie and Gia - *Given by Doreen Wagner*
- † In Loving Remembrance of Charles & Helen Hillenbrand - *Given by Marc Hillenbrand*
- † In Loving Remembrance of William & Patricia DeLay and Donald Xander - *Given by Chad, Angela & Aiden Xander*
- † In Loving Remembrance of Dorothy Cudlip and Anna Kantner – *Given by Lynette Kantner*
- † In Loving Remembrance of James & Maria Kollin, Leonard Kollin, Gertrude & Roberto Fernando, Jocelyn & Antonio Barrios, Edgar & Mary Kollin, Thomas Kollin, Florencio Kollin, Frances & Victor Laoyan, Timothy Griffin, Nathaniel Griffin, Luan Griffin, Kimberly Wehner and Curtis Griffin - *Given By Rev. Timothy Griffin & Rev. Harriett Kollin*
- † In Loving Remembrance of our Family & Friends - *Given by Jay H. Gilbert & Family*