

ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Francis Episcopal Church is a diverse community accepting all.

We gather to worship God, grow in faith, and share in fellowship

We go out to serve Christ by serving others.

Safety Expectations for On-site Worship

Wear a Mask: You MUST wear a mask at all times while you are in the building. The mask must cover both nose and mouth and fit snugly to the sides of the face.

Watch your Distance: Maintain at least a 6 foot distance at all times from anyone not in your household, both inside and outside the building.

Singing At present, safety guidance requires that we refrain from congregational singing. The Cantor sings on behalf of us all. You are asked to stand as able for the hymns and service music to join in our sung prayer in your hearts, if not yet with your voice.

Other Announcements

Standing for the Eucharist Prayer in Easter Season: "The Council of Nicaea forbade kneeling for prayer during the Great Fifty Days of Easter when the Eucharist would be celebrated. Standing for this prayer symbolizes our new life in Christ and the congregation's participation in the prayer offered in their name." – (*Commentary on the American Prayer Book*, M.J. Hatchett). Please stand if you are able for the whole of the Great Thanksgiving in Eastertide in honor of this ancient tradition. If you are worshipping on-line, stand to pray at home, too!

Episcopal Community Services Outreach Collection is continuing through the end of April. If you haven't yet donated and are able, please do so. If you use a pledge envelope, please indicate ECS under "other". If you use the "Donate Now" button on our website (aka VANCO), please use the "Special Offering" line and designate ECS for your donation. ECS-NJ is committed to working to achieve a more just and equitable world. Combining social and racial justice advocacy and awareness-raising with resource provision to empower under-resourced communities is an urgent priority. You can learn more about ECS-NJ at <https://dioceseofnj.org/ecs>.

Food Collection for the Food Pantry at St. Paul's, Edison, continues, Please drop off non-perishable food in the container outside the church doors. To contribute financially, send a check with Food Pantry in memo line & on envelope to:

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church
445 Old Post Road
Edison, NJ 08817

Revolutionary Love is a "sweet labor" that loves people who suffer injustice, loves people who cause injustice, and, not least, loves ourselves. Join our Lent and Eastertide Adult Formation as we explore 10 Practices of Revolutionary Love with guidance from activist, civil rights, lawyer, author, and spiritual guide [Valarie Kaur](#). We will resume Zoom shortly after worship today 11th. See p. 3 of the [March Communiqué](#) for more.

Intercessory Prayer Group meets the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM and the third Thursday at 6:00 PM on [St. Francis Zoom](#) The next gathering is this **Thursday, April 22nd at 6:00 PM**. Please contact Fr. Frank Hubbard, therevfah50@hotmail.com for more info.

Celebrations this week: Birthdays Vincent Maiolo 04/12, Princess Thomas 04/14, Vito Pelliccia, Jr. 04/14, Gary Burns 04/16, Audrey McConney 04/17;

Baptism Anniversaries: Elizabeth Rojewski 04/11, Daryl DeRogatis 04/12, Daren Mayer 04/14, David Doll 04/15, and Joy King 04/16.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Second Sunday of Easter, April 11th, 2021

PRELUDE

Christ ist erstanden, vs. 1 BWV 627 -

J. S. Bach

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

OPENING HYMN

GOOD CHRISTIANS ALL, REJOICE AND SING

Hymnal 1982 205

Please stand as you are able.

1 Good Chris-tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Blue Hymnal (1982) S-280

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. *Silence for the People's prayers.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:32-35

Reader *A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Silence to hear the Word of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (133)

Please join in reading the Psalm responsively by half verse.

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when families live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 1:1-2:2

Reader *A Reading from the First Letter of John.*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Silence to hear the Word of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN AGAIN Hymnal 1982 184

Please stand as you are able.



1 Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain!
 2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en - dured the strife,
 3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up - on the cross



Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.
 takes our sin and guilt a - way that with an - gels we may say:
 is ex - alt - ed now to save, wrest - ing vic - tory from the grave.



Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 Al - le - lu - ia!



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, our Pas - chal lamb in - deed,



Christ, to - day your peo - ple feed. Al - le - lu - ia!

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Presider
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the religious authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Presider
People

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

THE PASCHAL TROPARION

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,
and up-on those in the tombs, be-stow-ing life !

REPEAT
3 TIMES

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jack Zamboni

THE NICENE CREED

ALL

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

People

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

Presider

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY HYMN O SONS AND DAUGHTERS, LET US SING *Hymnal 1982 206*

Please stand as you are able.

Antiphon (at the beginning)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1	O	sons	and	daugh -	ters,	let	us	sing!
2	That	night	the	a -	pos -	met	in	fear;
3	When	Thom -	as	first	the	tid -	ings	heard,
4	"My	pierc -	ed	side,	O	Thom -	as,	see;
5	No	long -	er	Thom -	as	then	de -	nied,
6	How	blest	are	they	who	have	not	seen,



1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,
 2 a - midst them came their Lord most dear,
 3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,
 4 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
 5 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 6 and yet whose faith has con - stant been,



1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
 6 for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord;
People And of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1, Enriching our Worship

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 God thanks and praise.

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS

A Mass for Soulful People

LEVAS 255

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God
of hosts. Heav-en and earth are filled with your
glo - - - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is the One who comes in the name of the
Lord, of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

The People remain standing as able.

Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Francis, Clare and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

A PRAYER FOR SHARED COMMUNION

ALL Lord Jesus Christ, our constant companion,
you promised to be with us to the end of the age,
and you make us one with each other
in your Body, the Church.
We thank you for giving us yourself
in this Holy Sacrament,
the seal of your love that is stronger than death.
Grant, then, O Lord, that we all may receive you,
whether met at this table or dispersed in our homes;
and so strengthen the bonds of our common life
that with all your people in every place,
we may praise and serve you
until we come to the joys of your heavenly banquet.
We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

Presider Behold what you are.

People May we become what we receive.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM *I want to walk as a child of the Light*

Kathleen Tomserson

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able.

Presider Let us pray.

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.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE

Hymnal 1982 192

Please stand as you are able.

Unison or harmony

1 This joy-ful Eas-ter-tide, a-way with sin and
 2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je-sus crossed the
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea-son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru-ci-fied, hath
 riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my
 slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

Refrain

sprung to life this mor - row.
 pass - ing life de - liv - er, Had Christ, that once was
 wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in

vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en.

THE DISMISSAL

Presider

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Improvisation on Vruechten