

**First English Lutheran Church
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion
Easter Sunday
April 9, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” - Setting by Michael Burkhardt
“Salvation unto Us Has Come” - David Schack / Johann Walther
“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” - Camil Van Hulse

INTROIT

“Easter Morning, Joyous Dawning” - Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-1887

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed!

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

“The Day of Resurrection!” Red Book #361

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

page 120 in the front of the red book

THIS IS THE FEAST

page 122 in the front of the red book

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us

from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation may sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:1-6

God's final word is always "Yes." Because God's love is everlasting, God always remains faithful. Ancient Israel is assured that it will be rebuilt and have plentiful crops. The people of God too will ultimately be reunited.

¹At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

²Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword

found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

³the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,

and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

⁵Again you shall plant vineyards

on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant,

and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶For there shall be a day when sentinels will call

in the hill country of Ephraim:

"Come, let us go up to Zion,

to the Lord our God."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died,

and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When 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.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

“Hail Thee, Festival Day!”

refrain; st. 1; refrain

Red Book #394

GOSPEL Matthew 28:1-10

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And 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. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then 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, O Christ.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

"Hail Thee, Festival Day!" refrain, st. 2, refrain

Red Book #394

The congregation may sit.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"

Red Book #385

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 and the Son,
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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

By your Spirit, gracious God, help us set our mind on things that are above and to live in newness of life. Shake us out of envy and resentment, indifference and bitterness, and give us each a part in working out your good purpose for this world as we wait for a new creation. Hear us, O God: **Your mercy is great.**

By your mercy, lead survivors of war, and disaster to places of rest and peace. Today, we remember the people of Turkey, Syria, Ukraine, Afghanistan, and Yemen; and communities in this nation suffering because of tornadoes. Hear us, O God: **Your mercy is great.**

By your power, guard this nation. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, and every evil course of action. Amidst our differences, help us listen for your voice and to work with one another for the good of all. Hear us, O God: **Your mercy is great.**

With your everlasting love, look upon all those for whom hope seems like a distant dream, and especially on those who are sick, in prison, or who seek food, shelter, or health care. Work through the hands and hearts of many to supply their needs. Hear us, O God: **Your mercy is great.**

By your grace, make this congregation to know and practice your forgiveness so that the community around us might know how good and loving you are. Hear us, O God: **Your mercy is great.**

By your Son's cross and empty tomb, may we who love you in time be crowned with garlands that never fade. Keep all those who have gone before us in your safe keeping, and bring us to that day when we shall see you face to face. Hear us, O God: **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The congregation may stand.

THE MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

After sharing the peace, the congregation may sit.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made"
(Psalm 118:24, 28)

- Theron Kirk

The congregation may stand.

OFFERING HYMN

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" sts. 1 and 3

Red Book #364

OFFERING PRAYER *led by the assisting minister*

GREAT THANKSGIVING



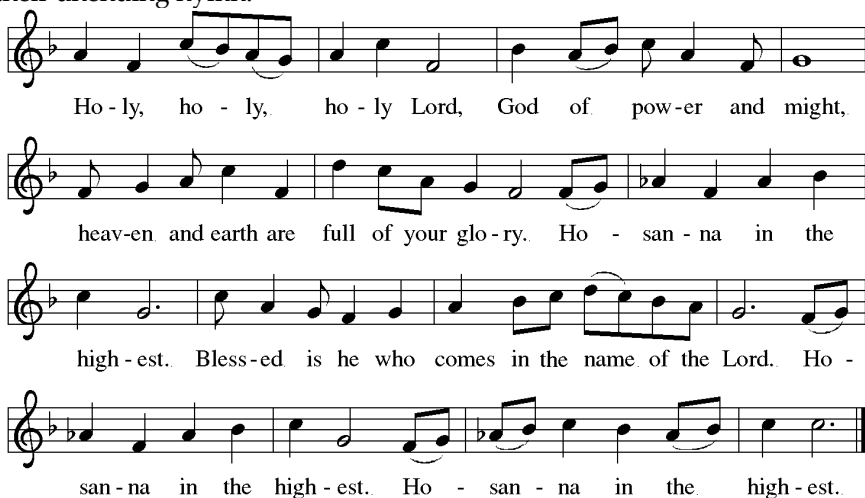
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father....

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.

And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power

to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, invites you to share in this banquet of forgiveness and new life. Come to his table!

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

The congregation may sit.

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT *at the center aisle*

All are welcome to Holy Communion today. Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. The ushers will invite you forward to receive. Gluten free wafers are available; please let the pastor know if you wish to receive them. If you are able to receive either bread or wine (but not both), please know that you still receive the full communion.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

Red Book #379

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

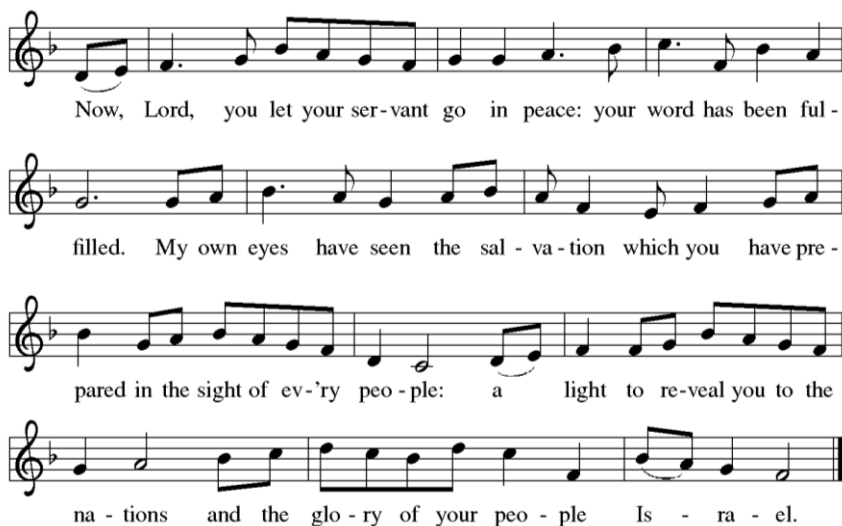
Red Book #373

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

CANTICLE AFTER COMMUNION



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *led by the assisting minister*

THE SENDING

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life
fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"

Red Book #382

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news of the risen Christ!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Lass tuns erfreuen"

- Setting by John Eggert

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Mollie Hibbs	Assisting Minister
Tracy Gullickson	Reader
Schaney Kamerer, Claudia van Driel	Torchbearers
Christiaan van Driel	Crucifer
Claudia van Driel	Acolyte
Signe Mitchell	Organist
Jim Cunningham	Trumpeter
Harry Cunningham	Choir Director
Sue Morrow	AV Assisting Minister
Melody Kamerer	PowerPoint Minister
Carl Devore, Susan Farrell, and Jan Nieto	Ushers
Jack and Amy Beiler	Counters
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild

Join us for an Easter breakfast in the Social Hall after worship today!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 4/10	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Tues., 4/11		<i>Easter holiday for Caitlyn in church office</i>
	10:00 AM	Sabbatical Committee
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wed., 4/12	9:30 AM	Music Planning Meeting
	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting
Thurs., 4/13	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Fri., 4/14		
Sat., 4/15	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun., 4/16	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Social Hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter flowers are given to the glory of God by:

Myrna Hamil
Brandi Stein
Sandy Lefebvre
Tracy Gullickson
Zema Schaney
Jan Nieto

Larry Hamil
Pr. Kimberly van Driel
Signe Mitchell
Karen Domanski
Judy Vilcheck
Marilyn Shoup

Susan Farrell, in memory of Gretchen
Deb & Jeff Gallagher, in memory of loved ones
Jessie Kameron, in memory of Jared Schaney
Sue Morrow, in memory of family

If you ordered Easter flowers, you may pick them up after the worship service.

Next Sunday, April 16, is Pr. Kimberly's last Sunday before her sabbatical begins. Sabbaticals are a focused time of prayer, study, and rest that allow congregations and pastors to renew their sense of calling from God—and their ministry together. But, sabbaticals are also a little unusual in our wider culture. At social hour on April 16th, Pastor Kimberly will host a conversation about sabbatical plans to complete the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

Volunteers are needed to bake cakes for Community Dinner! If you'd like to help, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the social hall. Please see Tracy Gullickson, MaryAnn Swanson, or Jan Nieto if you have any questions.

Butler Meals on Wheels will host a Fundraiser Dinner on Tuesday, April 18th from 4-7 p.m. at St. Peter's Anglican Church. The cost is \$12 and includes penne pasta, meatballs, bread, drinks & dessert.

Support First English's ministry: In thanksgiving to God, financial contributions to the congregation can be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the worship space or made online at www.firstenglishbutler.org/giving.

PRAYERS

Lucas; Jonathan Peterson; Robin McVay; Maread Magee; Alysia Shaffer; Donny Bayless; Rose Cooper; Sue Lehw; Beth Weber; family of Madaline Golic; family of Joyce Mitchel; Ann Johnson; Jeff Turner;

family of Ryan Glagola; family of Pete Huff; Mary & Steve and foster children; Janice Krause; Vonnie Baker; Shirley Mould; Dave Adams; Tracy Steadman; family of Paul Throm; Jim Cunningham; Gracie Love; Thelma Hassler; family of David Hartle; family of Chris Holman; family of Hazel Warheit; 6-month-old baby girl in Ohio; Karen Knepp; Zachary Sutton; Tony Sequite; Kyle Badger; those affected by hurricane Ian; Brian Salisbury; Mark Vogel & family; continued healing for Graham Cannon; Stan Graff; Aryl Bashline; Patrick Frank; Holly Schubert; Ellen Dodge; Tad Sellers; Claudia; Pam Patterson; Tom Olson

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Christ's resurrection: the fulfillment of God's promise to David

Psalms 16

In your presence there is fullness of joy. (Ps. 16:11)

1 Peter 1:3-9

New birth to a living hope through the resurrection

John 20:19-31

Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ

ZOOM MEETING INFO

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