**Christ Episcopal Church in Springfield, Ohio**

**Service of the Word**

**The Feast of the Resurrection: Easter Day: April 4th, 2021 at 9 am**

**Introit: “Come, You Faithful, Raise The Strain”-Gaudeamus Partiter/arr. Schelat**

**Prelude: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today- arr. Boone**

**Opening Hymn: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” Hymnal 207**





Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ has risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:*The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* 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*.**

**The Lessons**

**The First Reading: 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."

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

**\*PSALM: 118:1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino***

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.**

**THE SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn: “Christ is made the sure foundation” Hymnal 518**







**Gospel**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 20:1-18).

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

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.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Sermon The Rev. Canon Dr. Lee Anne Reat*

**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,**

 **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.**

 **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**

In peace, we pray to you Lord God. Congregational responses are in **bold.**

*Silence*

Blessed are you eternal God,
**to be praised and glorified forever.**

Hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church.
**May we all be one, that the world may come to know you.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you,
**that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

We remember those who have died.
**Into your hands we commend them.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered eternal glory.
**May we also come to share your heavenly kingdom.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble, especially Faye, Chris, Laura, Bonnie, Alice, Diana, James, Joy, Jane, Joni, Kim, Bobby, Sarah, Traudie, Lexie, and Keith.

**In your presence may they find strength.**

Look with kindness on our homes and families, and all who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially Cathy, Jessica, and Kent.

**Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

Make us alive to the needs of our community, and bless the holy work of Children’s Rescue Center/ The Ark, Christ Church Food Pantry, The Fuller Center for Housing, Safe Harbor House.

**Help us to share one another’s joys and burdens.**

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.
**Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Ken, our Diocesan Bishop; Lee Anne, our priest; Rick, our deacon; and all who minister in Christ, that they may be firmly rooted in your truth and love.

**Inspire us and give us courage to proclaim your Gospel of Resurrection.**

*\**THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

**Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*.***

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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

**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**

**Closing Hymn: “The Day of Resurrection” Hymnal 210**







**Blessing**

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. ***Amen****.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. ***Amen.***

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. ***Amen.***

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

**Announcements**

**Dismissal**

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Postlude:** **“All Glory Laud and Honor” - arr. McNally**

**Easter Flowers**

**Memorials and Thanksgivings**

In memory of Don and Dorothy Wiegel by Julie Wiegel Brust

In memory of Dariel Fahnestock, Russ and Audriel Mumford and Bernice Harbaugh from Keith & Carol Harbaugh and Linda & Larry Hupp & families.

In memory of Ben Schwartz and Dr. Dennis Sullivan by Sally Schwartz and family and Ava Sullivan and family.

In memory of Helen Krott, Paul Krott, William T. Hicks, Bettie Hicks, and John Hicks by Bill and Gretchen Hicks

In memory of Evelyn Stinnett Reed and in thanksgiving for Don and Charlotte and Babs by Fred Reed

In loving memory of William G. Vasileff by Marj. Vasileff

In memory of Henry W. Roberts by Martha Chaney

In memory of Ronald and Lois St. Martin by Anne Strothman

In memory of Ted and Bernice Schmidt, Larry and Jane Sharp by Steve and Denise Sharp

In memory of Jim Beardsell by Anita Beardsell

In memory of Mike Fields by Sue Allender

In memory of Lynn Rigsbee and Norm Silliman

*Thank you for your spiritual presence with us this morning!*

*Although we're physically apart, we are united in prayer, worship, and holy love!*

Priest-In-Charge: The Rev. Dr. Canon Lee Anne Reat

Deacon: The Rev. Dr. Rick Incorvati

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