

Sunday, March 31, 2024, 10:30am

**Easter Sunday** 

with Baptism



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# Welcome

Welcome to St. Francis'! Whether this is your first time at St. Francis', you attend sporadically, or you have been here since our founding in the 1990's, we rejoice that you are with us today!

You may be surprised to know that you won't find the word "Easter" in the Bible, yet our yearly celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus is profoundly biblically centered. Jesus teaches that he will make all things new and call all people to him. Through his life of loving and listening to God, his suffering, death, and resurrection, all creation has access to new light and life. A new relationship with God is possible over and over again. This is what we celebrate, for we are new people with a new relationship to God through Jesus Christ.

No matter where you are in your journey of faith, St. Francis' has a place for you! If you would like more information about St. Francis' or the Episcopal Church, please fill out a "Get to Know You" form. You can always find this form and everything you need to know about St. Francis' on our website www.stfranciseureka.com.

In the hope of the Risen Christ,

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti

Vicar

# The Way of Love

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. Each week in our lenten liturgy, we have focused on one of the seven ancient practices for a Jesus-centered life: Turn, Pray, Learn, Bless, Rest, Go and Worship. Throughout Lent we have focused on the same practices and their intersection in our lenten Christian Formation, our sermon and our offertory song. On this Easter Sunday, we focus on the practice of **Go: cross boundaries and live like Jesus.** No feast day in the Christian year encompasses this practice more than Easter.

We love pictures and videos, and we love sharing what we do on social media. When attending our events or services, you agree to our using pictures of you and any children in your charge on social media and elsewhere. If you prefer not to be included in photos or video, please inform a staff member or usher.

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#### **OPENING ACCLAMATIONS**

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our heart by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

## Gloria



We praise you,
 we bless you, we adore you,
 we glorify you,
 we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 O God, almighty Father. REFRAIN

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. **REFRAIN** 

3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. TO AMEN



The Collect	LUKE 24:2, FROM WOMEN'S UNCOMMON PRAYERS
Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	O Risen Christ, your agony on the cross was the birth pangs of a new creation: Give us the courage of the women who first discovered your empty tomb, that we may marvel with them at the wonder and glory of your resurrection and proclaim that glory to others; in the name of the Source, the Word, and the Spirit.
People	Amen.

# THE LESSONS

# THE FIRST LESSON

Reader	A reading from the book of Isaiah.	25:6-9
	On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,	
	of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.	
	And he will destroy on this mountain	
	the shroud that is cast over all peoples,	
	the sheet that is spread over all nations;	
	he will swallow up death forever.	
	Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,	
	and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,	
	for the Lord has spoken.	
	It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that	he might
	save us.	
	This is the Lord for whom we have waited;	
	let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.	
	The Word of the Lord.	
People	Thanks be to God.	

THE PSALM OF THE DAY



- 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." ANTIPHON
  14 The Lord is my strength and my song,
  and he has become my solution
- 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! ANTIPHON
- 17 I shall not die, but live,
  and declare the works of the Lord.
  18 The Lord had punished me sorely,
  - but he did not hand me over to death. ANTIPHON
- 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. **ANTIPHON**
- 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. **ANTIPHON**

# The Second Lesson

Reader

A reading from the book of 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.

People Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ANTIPHON** Stand

**CHRIST HAS ARISEN** 

Stand and sing verses 1 and 2.



# The Gospel

# Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. 16:1-8

#### People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### **GOSPEL ANTIPHON**

**CHRIST HAS ARISEN** 

Sing verses 3 and 4 from the previous page.

#### **SERMON** Sit

THE REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI

#### HOLY BAPTISM

## PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Presider The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents We present Willa Madeleine to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you by your presence and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ? Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Presider Is there anyone else here present who desires to be baptized? Presider waits for a response and then continues.

Presider Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Presider Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? Parents and Godparents I do.

Presider Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? Parents and Godparents I do.

Presider Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents I do.

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support the candidate in her life in Christ?

People We will.

Presider Let us join with Willa, parents and Godparents who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

# **THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT** *Stand*

Presider	Do you believe in God?
People	I believe in God, creator of heaven and earth.
Presider	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People	I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
	He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
	He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
	He descended to the dead.
	On the third day he rose again.
	He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
	He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
Presider	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People	I believe in the Holy Spirit,
	the holy catholic Church,
	the communion of saints,
	the forgiveness of sins,
	the resurrection of the body,
	and the life everlasting.
Presider	How will you connect to Christ in community?
People	With God's help I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.
Presider	How will you resist evil and turn to Christ?
People	With God's help I will persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

Presider	How will you show Christ in your life?
People	With God's help I will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.
Presider	How will you seek and serve Christ in your life?
People	With God's help I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself.
Presider	How will you preserve God's creation?
	With God's help I will cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the
People	beauty and integrity of all creation.

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Cantor begins the Prayers for the Candidate by singing the response one time through.



Deacon Let us now pray for this sibling of ours who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

- Intercessor Open her heart to our grace and truth.
- People O God, hear us; hear our prayer.
- Intercessor Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

Intercessor	Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People	O God, hear us; hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People	O God, hear us; hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Send her into the world in witness to your love.
People	O God, hear us; hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People	O God, hear us; hear our prayer.
Presider	Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in
	the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.
People	Amen.

# THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Presider ble	esses the v	vater, s	saying

- Presider The Lord be with you.
- People And also with you.
- Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues.

# The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the Presider, who then pours water upon the candidate saying

PresiderI baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.PeopleAmen.

Presider Let us pray.

Abiding God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Willa your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

People Amen.

Then the Presider places a hand on candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

PresiderYou are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.PeopleAmen.

## The Presider lights the baptismal candle from the Paschal Candle.

Presider Let us welcome Willa.

Presider and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

# NEW MEMBER WELCOME

The Presider invites new members to come forward.

Presider	Almighty God, we thank you for the life journey that brought these people to join our church today. We celebrate the unique impact they will make here and already have made here, through their presence, gifts and talents. May this congregation offer support in times of trouble and rejoice with them always. May our church home strengthen their faith and deepen their discipleship. All this we pray in Christ's Holy Name.
People	Amen.
Presider	To the church of St. Francis, do you promise to help them find their place in the body of Christ, to pray with and for them, to welcome them fully in holy friendship, to be angels for them in times of distress and servants to them in times of need? If so, please answer: We promise, with the help of God.
People	We promise, with the help of God.
Presider	Let us, the member of St. Francis, express our welcome and affirm our ministry together.
People	We joyfully welcome you into the common life of our church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and labors of this church. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we grow together in faith and be witnesses to the love of God and the peace of Christ.

# THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS Sit

## The Liturgy of the Table

We return with thanksgiving the gifts God has given us. This includes bread and wine of the earth and financial offerings from our labor. Representatives of the congregation bring these to the common Eucharistic table.

## OFFERTORY

## Hallelujah

Solo by Jude McCart

A crown of thorns placed on His head He knew that He would soon be dead He said did you forget me father, did you? They nailed Him to a wooden cross Soon all the world would feel the loss Of Christ the King before His Hallelujah Hallelujah, hallelujah Hallelujah, hallelujah

He hung His head and prepared to die Then lifted His face up to the sky Said I am coming home now Father to you A reed which held His final sip Was gently lifted to His lips He drank His last and gave His soul to glory Hallelujah, hallelujah Hallelujah, hallelujah Took from His head the thorny crown And wrapped Him in a linen gown And laid Him down to rest inside the tomb The holes in His hands, His feet, and side Now in our hearts, we know He died To save us from ourselves, oh, hallelujah Hallelujah, hallelujah Hallelujah, hallelujah

Three days went by again they came To move the stone to bless the slain With oil and spice anointing hallelujah But as they went to move the stone They saw that they were not alone But Jesus Christ has risen, Hallelujah Hallelujah, hallelujah

## Doxology

The following is sung as ushers present the offerings. Please stand.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above you heavenly host:

praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.
	You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.
	Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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#### 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:

Presider and People

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 the Blessed Mary, St. Francis, 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.

The people sing twice:



\*Pronounced: Ay-men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PeopleOur Father, who art in heaven,<br/>hallowed be thy Name,<br/>thy kingdom come,<br/>thy will be done,<br/>on earth as it is in heaven.<br/>Give us this day our daily bread.<br/>And forgive us our trespasses,<br/>as we forgive those<br/>who trespass against us.<br/>And lead us not into temptation,<br/>but deliver us from evil.<br/>For thine is the kingdom,<br/>and the power, and the glory,<br/>for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

## **FRACTION ANTHEM**



Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-free. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.



**COMMUNION HYMN** 

ALLELUIA, SING TO JESUS

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# **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

After all have received communion the Presider says

PresiderLet us pray.PeopleAlmighty and everliving God,<br/>we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food<br/>of the most precious Body and Blood<br/>of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;<br/>and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

#### THE EASTER BLESSING

Presider May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of the lover, the beloved and the love that exists between them be with you this day and always.

People Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** 

He Is Risen, He Is Risen



#### DISMISSAL

Presider As we go out this day, go and serve the Lord in the joy that abides in this day of resurrection forever! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People We will share the joy of this day! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### Postlude

LAUDATE DOMINUM

**ARR. RICHARD WILLIAMSON** 

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#### **EASTER FLOWERS SPONSORED BY:**

The Anzilotti Family

IN MEMORY OF JOE NIEMANN FROM YOUR FAMILY WHO IS EATING A CHOCOLATE BUNNY IN YOUR MEMORY!

# CAROLE CLARY

#### IN MEMORY OF TOM CLARY

DARRELL GIBBS

IN MEMORY OF JUDY ROWE GIBBS. OFTEN WORDS CANNOT REFLECT THE THOUSAND RECESSES OF THE HEART

WADE AND BECKY HALL IN MEMORY OF LAURIE, KRISSY, AND MELISSA, OUR NIECES

Brigitte Jung

Chris and Mary Ann Kinder in memory of Floyd and Virginia Kinder and Jim and Saundie Hogan

> David Luckes in thanksgiving for Karl, Aaron and Hannah

Patti and Skip Moreland in memory of our parents, Jan Moreland and Frank and Mary Gatti

> GINA AND AL NESSEL IN MEMORY OF NANCY LAMBER AND LEA NESSEL

#### CYNTHIA REESE IN MEMORY OF ROGER REESE

BARB SACCO + FAMILY IN MEMORY OF NICK SACCO

NIP AND NICK SCHAEFFER IN CELEBRATION OF OUR CHILDREN, SOPHIE SUSAN AND NICHOLAS MICHAEL

> SUE SCHMIDT TO OUR GRANNY BUNNY WITH LOVE FROM SUE

#### JIM AND DORIS SCHNEIDER

NANCY SINCLAIR
IN THANKS FOR LAURIE ROWAN, DEAR "SISTER" COUSIN

BILL AND DELLA THOMPSON IN MEMORY OF MYRON THOMPSON, MARY DEATON, ROSE BONICELLI AND BILL FOLEY

> FROM A GRATEFUL PARISH IN MEMORY OF KATHLEEN MCDONALD