

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A Member of The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, March 31, 2024

10:00 AM Rite II



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Wherever you are on your journey with God or toward God, you are welcome here.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Alleluia from *Exultate Jubilate*

Mozart/arr. AJ Hannon

Alice Johnson Hannon, soprano

Mary Ines, flute

Elaine Grosso, piano

Welcome

Gathering Song

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Hymnal #207

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

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

Gloria

Hymnal #S278

Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: 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.**

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118

1X Choir; 2X Assembly

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad;
Or: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-

lu - ia! this is the day the Lord has
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-

made, let us rejoice and be glad!
Al-le-lu-ia!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia



Gospel: *John 20:1-18*

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

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Sarah A. Conner

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.
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.**

Prayers of the People

(Form II BCP)

Leader: Let us joyfully offer our prayers to the Lord:

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. We give thanks for all those for whom the Easter flowers have been given; and our Sanctuary Lamp is lit in thanksgiving for the birthday of Colton Angelini and in memory of Peter Chipouras. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Presider adds a concluding collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Invitation:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Preparation of the Table Risen Indeed

Alan Pote

Easter Doxology

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
praise God above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and ever where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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


The Lord's Prayer

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.

Fraction

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Fraction Anthem



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please let the priest know if you need a gluten free wafer.

Communion Hymn Now the Green Blade Rises



1. Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2. In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3. Forth he came at East - er, like the ris - en grain,
4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



Wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
Think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
Raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



Love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray
Please stand

People: 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

Presider: The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

Recessional

The Day of Resurrection

Hymnal #210

Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: Hallelujah from *Messiah* Handel
Elaine Grosso, piano Alice Johnson Hannon, organ

You are invited to sing along to this piano/organ duet version of Handel's Hallelujah chorus.

Copies of the music are available.

It is a tradition to stand, if able, during the performance of this piece.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beware of SPAM E-mails and Gift Card requests. From time to time parishioners receive "phishing" emails with requests for gift cards or money, or a request to contact the pastor. The emails look like they're from "Rev. Sarah A. Conner," but they're from a fake email account, not her Good Shepherd account. This is a common scam that targets churches, using the pastor's name. Do not respond to these emails. If you're not sure about an email, please contact the church office.

Sarah Away This Week: Like many clergy, I will take this coming week off. Next Sunday, April 7, we will welcome the Rev. Martin Goshgarian as our supply priest. While away, I will remain on call if there is a pastoral emergency. ~ Sarah

Church of the Good Shepherd fundraiser: Dine at the Mandarin Restaurant on Saturday, April 6th, in person or take out dining. 20% of the proceeds will go the Reading Food Pantry. Transportation can be provided – Call or email Sue Buckley at 617-968-4877 or susan.m.buckley@gmail.com.

Reading Food Bank: Drop off on Sunday or during office hours. There is a box in front of the side altar New Needs List: Laundry Detergent, Tissues, dish detergent, baked beans, jello/pudding mix(regular and sugar free), Market Basket Gift Cards.



The next in person volunteer day will be Friday, May 3, at First Baptist Church, 493 Main St., Malden (no April volunteer day). Volunteers urgently needed. If you are

interested in this volunteer opportunity, contact Sharon and Tony Lopes at 978-710-6927, or via email, lopesantonio622@gmail.com.

Bread of Life Sponsors for March: Joyce and Kevin Witham, Edna and Dave McDonald.

The Bargain Box: The Bargain Box hours are every Friday, 10am-3pm, Saturdays, 10am-1pm. Donations can be dropped off on Wednesdays, from 9am-12pm, or during the store's open hours. For more information contact Martha at jacksnana1@verizon.net or 781-944-6964. **This month, the designated charity is North Reading Food Pantry.**

For Your Prayers This Week: Rebecca Bellistri, Jennifer Bryson, Kim Chabot, Jennifer Chapman, Ruth Clogston, Joe Field, Pete Jeffrey, Gene Kilpatrick, Paul Marean, Chick Meech, Rhonda & JB Miller, Bonnie Morin, Mark Mueller, Mary Muir, Joan Paradis, Kevin Parziale, Greg Powers, Sam Rosendale, Judy Royce, Antonio Santos, Liz Sorrentino, Terry Swanson, Bill Webb.

Birthdays this Week: Tyler Wishart, Ben Hannon, Colton Angelini, Danielle Silva, Susan Eis, Millie Teed.

Book of Remembrance: Floyd Campbell, Albert J. Bosnian, Florence Howell, Katherine A. Jeffrey, Mae Tebeau, William & Isabel Troughton, Ann Francis Ruth Stevenson, Judith Marie Burgess, George Crouse.

Sanctuary Lamp: In Celebration of the birthday of Colton Angelini, given by Jane Farrar, and in memory of Peter Chipouras, given by Elaine Grosso.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Churches of the Charles River Deanery*
Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill (Newton), Boston College Campus Ministry, Chestnut Hill, St. Dunstan’s Church, Dover, Christ Church, Needham, Church Periodical Club.

Today’s Lay Ministers in Liturgy: Lector: Elaine Hodgson; Ushers: Petra Conboy, Martha Wishart, Bill Phelan, Bob Farrar; Altar Guild: Ruby Cox; Flower Delivery: Band of Angels; Lay Eucharistic Minister: Barbara Brigante; Special music: Tim McLaughlin, Soprano Sax.

Choir Members:	Jane Hannon	Elaine Grosso
	Mary Ines	Norma Strack
	Kathryn Ines	Neil Kelly
	Jacqui Paradis	Bob Sorrentino

Medical Emergency: *If there is a medical emergency during worship, please notify one of our ushers. An AED is located in the hallway, and they have a phone available to dial 911*

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF..

Robert Brigante, given by Barbara Brigante

My parents, Fred & Eleanor Atwood, & my son, David Carney, given by Barbara Carney

Richard Conboy, given by Petra Conboy

Morgan Cox, Frank Dumont, Rick Parziale, Cleo Fredette, Ray Fraser, Linda Hague, given by Ruby Cox.

Our beloved parents and sister Contance Smith, given by Sue & Spencer Dalby

Our parents, given by Jane & Bob Farrar

Warren & Betty Fraser, given by Nancy Fraser

Our loved ones, given by Elaine & Bob Hodgson

Kathy Jeffrey, Joe Michelson, Lisa Cunningham, my beloved grandparents, & Java, Bucky and Lyric, given by Andrea Jeffrey.

Our parents & Denise Brescia, given by Neil & Jan Kelly

Bob & Nancy Lindgren, given by their children and grandchildren

Our parents & all our departed loved ones, given by Tony & Sharon Lopes

Our loved ones, given by the Marlin Family

Joseph and Caroline McDonald, Manuel Torres, Diana Asencio, given by David & Edna McDonald.

Robert McGovern, Francis McGovern, Mildred & Leslie McGovern, given by Leslie McGovern

Raymond Palm, given by Randall & Erica Palm

Tom Parr, given by Mary Parr

Philip Royce, given by Judy Royce

Ellen Sortor & Bill McLaughlin, given by the Sortor-McLaughlin family.

Loved ones, given by Joan Wall

Domenic & Filomina Dantone, Christina Iannetti, Alden Seabury Ward, given by Karen Ward.

My mother, Lillian Smith, given by Martha Wishart

Bruce Woodbury, Jack & Bess Wilkinson, given by Brenda Woodbury

AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR..

Peggy Cox for the wonderful gift of friendship, given by Barbara Carney

Our children and grandchildren, given by Sue & Spencer Dalby

Our children and grandchildren, given by Jane & Bob Farrar

Specialist Zoie Haskell, United States Army, given by Carolyn Haskell

All the blessings of our life, given by Elaine & Bob Hodgson

Our children and grandsons, Cameron and Brayden, given by Neil & Jan Kelly

Our children and grandsons, given by Tony & Sharon Lopes

Our family & loved ones & our grandnieces & nephews, given by David & Edna McDonald

Our families, especially our grandnephews & nieces, given by Kathy McDormand & Paul Marean

My family and grandson, Logan Richard, given by Joan Wall.

My Good Shepherd family, given by Karen Ward

My children and grandchildren, given by Martha Wishart



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Alice Johnson Hannon, Music Director
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