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## Sunday Worship

April 5, 2015 – 10:00 AM

# Easter Sunday

### *The Word of God*



**Welcome** (↑ indicates when to stand) *Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything today. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin. Come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.*

#### Prelude

#### ↑Gathering Song #1: Welcome Happy Morning

"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say: hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today! Lo, the dead is living, God forevermore! Him their true Creator, all his works adore!

(Chorus:) "Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.

Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all, thou from heaven beholding human nature's fall, of the Father's Godhead true and only Son, mankind to deliver, manhood didst put on. (Chorus)

Thou, of life the author, death didst undergo, tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show; come then, true and faithful, now fulfill thy word, 'tis thine own third morning! rise, O buried Lord! (Chorus)

Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain; all that now is fallen raise to life again; show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see; bring again our daylight: day returns with thee! (Chorus)

*Priest:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

↑*All:* O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### ↑Gathering Song #2: Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise - Hymn # 191

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise: sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He, who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born, glorious life, and life immortal, on this holy Easter morn. Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by his mighty enterprise: we with him to life eternal by his resurrection rise.

Christ is risen, Christ, the first fruits of the holy harvest field, which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield: then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave, ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heavenly grace, rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face; that we, with our hearts in heaven, here on earth may fruitful be, and by angel hands be gathered, and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia! to the Savior who has gained the victory; Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity; Alleluia, alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.

### **A Reading from 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* Thanks be to God.

### **↑ Gradual Song: Christ the Lord is Risen Today**

Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day. Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly king? Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save? Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured, Alleluia! Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! when the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia! Praise him, all the heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

### **↑ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John**

(20:1-18)

**All: Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away 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." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon

Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had 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 went back to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one 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." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" 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 Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for 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 that he had said these things to her.

*Priest:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* Thanks be to God.

### *Sermon* (please be seated)

#### ↑The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Priest:* Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

*Priest:* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*All:* I do.

*Priest:* Do you believe in God the Father?

*All:* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Priest:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*All:* 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.

*Priest:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*All:* 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.

*Priest:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*All:* I will, with God's help.

*Priest:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*All:* I will, with God's help.

*Priest:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*All:* I will, with God's help.

*Priest:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*All:* I will, with God's help.

*Priest:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*All:* I will, with God's help.

### ↑Prayers of the People

*Leader:* On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for the people he has redeemed saying, Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross: Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* That all people may receive the good news of his victory: Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* That those born to new life in the waters of baptism may know the power of his resurrection: Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* That those who suffer pain and anguish especially (prayers may be offered silently or out loud) may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ: Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* For Christ Church, Glen Allen that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in the search and selection of a new rector, we pray to you, O Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* For All Souls, Atlee, Amilee Wilmer, Vicar, and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, Daniel Velez-Rivera, vicar, that each of these missions may fulfill every purpose God has for them, we pray to you, O Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* That Centerville Imports, Tim and Ken, owners, would see an increase in business and many vehicles would be safely operating on our roads: Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* That the congregations and clergy of St. Andrew's, Richmond; Grace, Alexandria; St. Paul's Memorial, Charlottesville Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, Alexandria would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit: Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* For the addition of people called and equipped to bring families with children of all ages into the Christian Faith, we pray to you, O Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* That the Spirit of Resurrection would increase in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of love, cooperation, peace, community, and commitment to all people in God's name: Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* That in the undying love of Christ we may be united with all who have died in the faith of Christ: Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the dead, to the mercy and protection of God.

*All:* Amen

### ↑Exchange of Peace

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

## *The Holy Communion*

### Offertory: He Is Risen

He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice: he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice: death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow! Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now, and the passion that he bore sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day; not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray, breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate: we are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state; and a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.

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

### ↑Eucharistic Prayer - from combined sources (please stand)

*Priest:* Christ is risen!

*People:* Christ is risen indeed.

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*All:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Priest:* Blessed are you, strong and faithful God. In the beginning your Word summoned light; night withdrew, and creation dawned. As ages passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared. When the times at last had ripened and the earth grown full in abundance, you created man and woman in your image, the crown of all creation. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will, and

to be fulfilled in your love. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

**All (Sung):** Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You; Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You. To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory; Pour out Your power and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy Holy Holy, Holy Holy Holy, Holy Holy Holy I want to see You (2x)

**All:** All holy God, how wonderful the work of your hands! You restored the beauty of your image when sin had scarred the world. You embraced a people as your own and filled them with a longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail. Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers were satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down. But with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

**Priest:** Father, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over our earthly gifts of bread and wine. On the night he met with death, Jesus came to table with those he loved. He took bread and blessed you, God of all creation; he broke the bread among his disciples and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." When supper had ended, he took a cup of wine; and gave thanks to you, God of all creation; he passed the cup among his disciples and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you, shed for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**All:** Father, we commemorate Jesus, your Son. Death could not bind him, for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness and exalted him as Lord of creation. By his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful to the breaking of bread. Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, your whole church offers thanks and praise. We pray for those here present and all whose lives bring hope to the world.

**Priest:** Lord of the living and the dead, awaken to the undying light of pardon and peace those fallen asleep in faith, those who have died alone, unloved, and unmourned, all whose faith is known only to you. Gathered with the apostles and all of your saints at last, all creation will be one, and all divisions healed. We shall join in singing your praise through your Son, Jesus the Christ.

**All:** 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. Amen.

**Priest:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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 Priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:*

**Priest:** Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**All:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

**Priest:** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]*

### **Communion Song: Change My Heart, O God**

Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true. Change my heart, O God. May I be like you. You are the Potter. I am the clay. Mold me and make me. This is what I pray. Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true. Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.

**↑Post-Communion Prayer (All - please stand):** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love, where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union, where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

### **↑Blessing**

### **↑Song of Dismissal: Today Is the Day - Lincoln Brewster**

I'm casting my cares aside. I'm leaving my past behind. I'm setting my heart and mind on you, Jesus. I'm reaching my hands to yours, believing there's so much more, Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, its good.

(Chorus) Today is the day you have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. Today is the day you have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. And I won't worry about tomorrow; I'm trusting in what You say. Today is the day. Today is the day.

I'm putting my fears aside. I'm leaving my doubts behind. I'm giving my hopes and dreams to you, Jesus. I'm reaching my hands to yours, believing there's so much more, Knowing that all you have in store for me is good, its good.

### *Instrumental*

(Chorus) Today is the day you have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. Today is the day you have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. And I won't worry about tomorrow. I'm giving you my fears and sorrows. Where You lead me, I will follow; I'm trusting in what You say.

Today is the day. Today is the day. Today is the day.

*Priest:* Alleluia. Go in peace to serve the Lord and each other.

*All:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Remember in your prayers:**

Larry Kidd  
The Symphony Retirement Community

Linda Eggleston  
Christians in the Middle East

Robin and John Snow  
Paula Gordon



**Your Vestry Members are:**

**Senior Warden:** Jack Martin

**Other Members:** Larry Kidd

**Register:** Marian Elam

**Junior Warden:** Richard Walker

Libby Clark

**Treasurer:** Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalicers for April, May and early June. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

<u>Worship Service Date</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalicers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
29-Mar	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker	Susan Kidd, Richard Walker	Larry Kidd
2-Apr	Bobbie Leviness	Jack Martin	Jack Martin, Marian Elam	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
3-Apr	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
5-Apr	Kathy Gammon	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd

# ~Announcements~

## Upcoming Important Dates:

Sunday, April 12	Sunday Worship followed by Pot Luck luncheon	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 12	The Parke Huddle	Walker's	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 14	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 18	Sunday Worship	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

**Food Collection** for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please bring non-perishable food to donate. Place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

## Reconciliation Follow-Up: Hand-in-Hand Listening Sessions

At the diocesan Annual Council meeting in January, Bishop Shannon Johnston announced the start of a new racial reconciliation initiative for the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia in 2015. The first step in this initiative is a series of listening sessions to take place across the Diocese, and we want our church to be represented at these important events. You're invited to join in one of three Hand-in-Hand Listening Sessions that will take place this spring in northern and central Virginia. Additional sessions will take place in the eastern and western portions of the Diocese in the fall. These gatherings will be an opportunity for participants to speak their hearts and minds in a safe, non-reactive environment. Registration is not necessary, but you can indicate which session you'll attend on the diocesan website at [thediocese.net/events](http://thediocese.net/events).

- Thursday, April 16: Epiphany, Richmond, 7-8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 18: Trinity, Fredericksburg, 10-11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, April 23: The Falls Church, Falls Church, 7:30-9 p.m.

## Our Missional Communities:

**The Parke:** The Parke outreach meets on April 12, 2015 at 5:30 pm for a huddle at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker, 1661 Centerville Parke Lane, Manakin Sabot 23103. Contact Richard Walker at [richardandhedy@yahoo.com](mailto:richardandhedy@yahoo.com).

**Symphony** meets on April 26, 2015 at 8:45am at Symphony Manor of Richmond 12411 Gayton Rd; Richmond 23238. Contact Bobbie Leviness at 400- 7895

**Financial Update**—If there are any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	<b>Operating Funds</b>		<b>Net Gain</b>
	<u><b>Deposits</b></u>	<u><b>Expenses</b></u>	<u><b>or (Loss)</b></u>
<b>2014</b>			
<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>\$21,208.00</b>	<b>\$23,067.26</b>	<b>(\$1,859.26)</b>
April	\$3,847.00	\$1,577.82	\$2,269.18
May	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
June	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>\$3,847.00</b>	<b>\$1,577.82</b>	<b>\$2,269.18</b>
<b>2014 Year-To-Date</b>	<b>\$25,055.00</b>	<b>\$24,645.08</b>	<b>\$409.92</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<u><b>Beginning</b></u>	<u><b>Ending</b></u>	
<b>YTD 2014</b>	\$32,916.73	\$33,326.65	<b>\$409.92</b>



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