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## Sunday Worship

April 20, 2014 – 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: 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)

#### **↑Gathering Song #1: 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 he heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

↑**Gathering Song #2: 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. *(Chorus)*

***Instrumental***

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. Today is the day.

***Priest:*** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

↑***All:*** 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.

**A Reading from Acts**

(10:34-43)

Peter began to speak to them: "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."

***Reader:*** The Word of the Lord.

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

## ↑Song of Praise: Agnus Dei

Alleluia, Alleluia, for our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia, Alleluia, for our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia, Holy, Holy are You, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb; Worthy is the Lamb.

You are Holy. Holy are You, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb; Worthy is the Lamb. Amen.  
(repeat)

## ↑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.

## *Message* (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:** That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

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

**All:** Hear our prayer.

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

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** That those who suffer pain and anguish may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* For Tuckahoe Physical therapy that healing and wholeness would be experienced by every client:  
*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* For the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of justice, righteousness, equality, and mutual benefit:  
*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* For the congregations and clergy of Abingdon, White Marsh; Falls Church, Falls Church; Grace Alexandria; and Grace and Holy Trinity, Richmond that each would continually walk in the power of the resurrection:  
*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* That You would add to us those whose ministry, calling and commitment is to see all children come to You:  
*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:  
*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: To Him Who Sits On The Throne**

To Him who sits on the throne and unto the Lamb, to Him who sits on the throne and unto the Lamb. Be blessing and honor and glory and power forever, be blessing and honor and glory and power for ever.

↑**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: Hear our Praises

May our homes be filled with dancing, may our streets be filled with joy; May injustice bow to Jesus as the people turn to pray.

*(Chorus)* From the mountain to the valley, hear our praises rise to You; From the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.

May a light shine in the darkness as we walk before the cross; May Your glory fill the whole earth as the water o'er the seas. *(Chorus)*

Alleluia! *(repeated)*

*(Chorus)*

## ↑Announcements, Prayer Requests & Dismissal

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

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



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**Make yourself comfortable!**

Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with the people of St. Francis Church.

**There is no "one right way" to participate. Join in as much as you want.**

If you wish to sing, all our music is included in the bulletin. We have a lively contemporary band and music is a significant part of our worship experience. However, we recognize that visitors may not know the music. If you and your family are among these, we encourage you to hum along or simply sit back and enjoy the sound.

Filling out a name tag and placing it on your person will permit us all to greet each other by name while visiting here at St. Francis. Likewise, signing our guest roster will permit us to follow-up with you following this Sunday's worship.

If you are a guest today, don't feel obligated to make a financial contribution to the offering.

Rest rooms are located in the entrance Narthex and in the mobile office/classroom building adjacent to the worship hall.

*"We are a welcoming community seeking to share God's unconditional love with all."*

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**Remember in your prayers:**

Libby Clark  
 Christian Families in Pakistan  
 Jean Guerrero  
 Michael Saady  
 Jane, Brian, and Andrew Hahn  
 Jill  
 Sam  
 Valerie & Kyle  
 Ian  
 Family of Wayne Samford

Helen  
 Simon Bauers  
 Michelle Lambert  
 Sonny B.  
 Andrew  
 Clay  
 Jean  
 Karen  
 Amy Williams

Arielle Niemeyer  
 April and family  
 Amanda  
 Chris Keller  
 Nancy  
 Tom  
 David  
 Neale Dickinson  
 Holly Shifflett

**Your Vestry Members are:**

**Senior Warden:** Jack Martin  
**Other Members:** Larry Kidd  
 Register: Marian Elam

**Junior Warden:** Bill Weatherford  
 Richard Walker  
 Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalice carriers 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.

Worship Service

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalice Names</u>	<u>Greeters/ Ushers</u>
20-Apr 10am	Kathy Gammon	Richard Walker	Kathy Gammon, Richard Walker	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
27-Apr 10am	Jack Martin	Bill Weatherford	Jack Martin, Bill Weatherford	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
4-May 10am	Larry Kidd	MJ Weatherford	Susan Kidd, MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
11-May 10am	Richard Walker	Kathy Gammon	Richard Walker, Kathy Gammon	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
18-May 10am	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, MJ Weatherford	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
25-May 10am	Jack Martin	Larry Kidd	Jack Martin, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
1-Jun 10am	Kathy Gammon	Jack Martin	Kathy Gammon, Jack Martin	John and Libby Clark, Susan Kidd

# ~Announcements~

## Upcoming Important Dates:

Sunday, April 20	Easter Sunday Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 23	Prayer walk through The Parke at Centerville*	The Walker's	2:30 p.m.
Friday, April 25	Kindred Spirits	St. Francis	7:30 p.m.

\*For the next several weeks we would like to invite anyone interested in joining our prayer walk through the neighborhood of The Parke at Centerville. We will meet in front of Richard & Hedy Walker's home, 1661 Centerville Parke Lane at 2:30 p.m. The walk should last about 30 to 45 minutes. All are welcome.

Remember to bring your donations for the Food Pantry of Goochland Family Services.

**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>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>or (Loss)</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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