Easter Sunday



April 20, 2025 9:00 A.M.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Prelude Organist Phill Sterling

Opening Hymn Jesus Christ is Risen Today 207 (blue book)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE TWO

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires know, 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; thorough Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA S 278 (blue book)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

THE LESSONS

First Reading (seated) Isaiah 65:17-25

Reader A Reading from Isaiah

I am about to create new heavens

and a new earth:

the former things shall not be remembered

or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever

in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,

and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,

and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,

or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it

an infant that lives but a few days,

or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,

and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;

they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;

they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,

and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord-and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,

while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy

on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 (seated)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *

"His mercy endures for ever."

The Lord is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading (seated) Acts 10:34-43

Reader A Reading from Acts

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN The day of resurrection (standing) 210 (blue book)

THE HOLY GOSPEL (remain standing) Luke 24:1-12

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Joseph Hannah

THE NICENE CREED (standing) 358 (red book)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Response: Hear our prayer

THE PEACE

Announcements (seated)

Peparation of the Table He is Risen 180 (blue book)

The Great Thanksgiving (standing) 361 (red book)

SANCTUS S128 (blue book)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM S154 (blue book)

COMMUNION

All baptized persons regardless of denomination, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion will be administered by the (masked) celebrant. The Bread will be intincted (dipped) in the Wine then handed to you. If you desire to receive the Bread only, raise you hand "stop" gesture before presenting your hands for the wafer. If you wish for a blessing instead, please cross your arms across your chest.

Post Communion Prayer 366 (red book)

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

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

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

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

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

CLOSING HYMN Welcome Happy Morning 179 (blue book)

DISMISSAL 366 (prayer book)

Postlude





WELCOME TO GRACE

We welcome all newcomers and visitors and we ask that you complete a card from the welcome table or sign our newcomer book (located in the front of the building). We are glad that you are here with us today.



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CLERGY

Rector - The Reverend Dr. Joseph M. Hannah rector@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org

STAFF

Parish Administrator - Allen Wolf office@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org

Organist - Phill Sterling

Sexton - Cathy McClain

WARDENS

Barb Reeves, Seniorwarden@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org Stacey Wolf, Juniorwarden@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org